

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2019**

### **Awards**

The Omani writer and academic who has been chosen for the Man Booker International Prize 2019 for her book Celestial Bodies – **Jokha al-Harhi**

The country which has conferred its highest civilian honour named Zayed Medal upon the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **UAE**

The former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation who has been conferred France's highest civilian award Chevalier of the Order of the Legion of Honour – **Dr. AS Kiran Kumar**

### **Defence**

The new Chief of Staffs Committee who has taken over from Admiral Sunil Lamba, Chief of Naval Staff – **Air Chief Marshall BS Dhanoa**

The new Chief of Naval Staff to replace Admiral Sunil Lamba who retired on 31 May 2019 – **Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM, ADC**

The Russian made aircraft of the Indian Air Force which was formally fleet certified to fly on blended aviation fuel containing up to 10% of indigenous bio-jet fuel by CEMILAC (Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification) – **AN-32**

The Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise held from 16 to 22 May 2019 at Singapore – **SIMBEX 2019**

The tri-services joint military exercise conducted by the armed forces of India in Teressa Island in the Andamans was named – **Bull Strike**

The High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) drone which was successfully tested from Interim Test Range (ITR) in Odisha's Chandipur – **Abhyas**

The type of helicopter, the first of which was handed over to the Indian Air Force at Boeing's production facility in Mesa, Arizona, USA – **Apache Guardian AH-64E(I)**

The Indian Army General known for his role in Pakistan's surrender who has been honoured by Israel with a plaque on the Wall of Honour at Ammunition Hill in Jerusalem – **Lt Gen JFR Jacob**

The Rajput class destroyer of the Indian Navy which was decommissioned at a grand ceremony in Naval Dockyard Visakhapatnam – **INS Ranjit**

The country from which India is procuring Kamov-31 Airborne Early Warning and Control helicopters for the Indian Navy – **Russia**

The first part of Indo-French bilateral naval exercise conducted from 01 to 10 May off the coast of Goa was named (2nd part is scheduled at the end of May in Djibouti) – **Varuna 19.1**

## Persons

The stunt and action choreographer of bollywood who passed away on 27 May 2019 – **Veeru Devgan**

The retired Judge of Supreme Court of India who has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Fiji as a judge of its non-resident panel – **Justice Madan B. Lokur**

The Nepali climber who has beaten his own record of conquering Mt. Everest by doing it for the 23rd time and again by doing it for the 24<sup>th</sup> time in May 2019 – **Kami Rita Sherpa**

## Places

The venue of 2-day meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation held from May 21 to 22 and attended by India's external affairs minister Ms. Sushma Swaraj – **Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic**

The Asian country which has become the first in the continent to legalise same-sex marriage – **Taiwan**

The state which has for the first time inducted women commandos named Danteshwari Ladake in its front-line anti-Maoist force – **Chhattisgarh**

## Sports

The team which has won the 2019 Sudirman Cup badminton tournament defeating Japan in the finals in Nanning, China – **China**

The well-known American golfer who has been awarded America's highest civilian award, the Medal of Freedom by the US President Donald Trump – **Tiger Woods**

The All India Football Federation president who has become the first Indian to be elected as the member of FIFA Executive Council for a period of 4 years – **Praful Patel**

The Sri Lankan cricketer who has become the first non-British person to be appointed the President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) for a period of 1 year from 01 Oct 2019 – **Kumar Sangakkara**

## Themes

The theme of United Nations Global Road Safety Week observed from 06 to 12 May 2019 – **Leadership for Road Safety**

The theme of the International Labour Day observed on 01 May 2019 – **Sustainable Pension for All: The Role of Social Partners**

## Miscellaneous

The institute which has developed a microprocessor named AJIT, conceptualised, designed, developed and manufactured in India. – **IIT, Mumbai**

The international software company which has unveiled the World's 1st Election Software named ElectionGuard that lets the voter track his vote till the end – **Microsoft**

The country which has become the first in the world to declare an environment and climate emergency in its Parliament – **United Kingdom**

The new imperial era announced by Japan with Emperor Naruhito taking over the throne from his father Emperor Akihito with effect from 01 May 2019 – **Reiwa**

### **Launch of RISAT-2B**

Launch date: 22 May 2019

Launch station: SHAR, Sriharikota

Launch vehicle: PSLV-C46

RISAT-2B is a radar imaging earth observation satellite weighing about 615 kg. The satellite is intended to provide services in the field of Agriculture, Forestry and Disaster Management.

### **Important Days of May**

<b>World Press Freedom Day: 03 May 2019</b> Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1994 Theme: Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in the Times of Disinformation
<b>World Asthma Day: 07 May 2019 (1st Tuesday of May)</b> Designated by: Global Initiative for Asthma Theme: STOP for Asthma First observed in: 1998
<b>World Red Cross and Crescent Day: 08 May 2019</b> Designated by: International Committee of the Red Cross First Observed in: 1948 Theme: #Love
<b>World Migratory Bird Day: 11 May 2019</b> Designated by: AEWA Secretariat First Observed in: 2006 Theme: Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution Note: International Migratory Bird Day started in 1993 is observed in Canada, Mexico, US and Central America.
<b>International Nurses Day: 12 May 2019</b> Designated by: International Council of Nurses Theme: Nurses: A voice to lead - Health for all
<b>International Day of Families: 15 May 2019</b> Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG13 First Observed in: 1994
<b>World Telecommunication and Information Society Day: 17 May 2019</b> Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Bridging the Standardization Gap First Observed in: 2007

<p><b>International Day of Vesak:</b> 17 May 2019 (Full Moon day of May every year)          Designated by: United Nations General Assembly          First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p><b>International Day for Biological Diversity:</b> 22 May 2019          Designated by: UN General Assembly          Theme: Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health          First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p><b>International Day for UN Peacekeepers:</b> 29 May 2019          Designated by: United Nations General Assembly          First Observed in: 2003          Theme: Protecting Civilians Protecting Peace</p>
<p><b>World No Tobacco Day:</b> 31 May 2019          Designated by: World Health Organisation          First Observed in: 1987          Theme: Tobacco and Lung Health</p>

### Indian Premier League 2019

Held from: 23 March to 12 May 2019

Winners: **Mumbai Indians**

Runners-up: Chennai Super Kings

Player of the series (Most Valuable Player): **Andre Russel** (KKR)

Leading run scorer (Orange Cap): **David Warner** (SRH)

Leading wicket taker (Purple Cap): **Imran Tahir** (CSK)

Emerging Player of the tournament: **Shubman Gill** (KKR)

IPL Fairplay Award: **Sunrisers Hyderabad**

Final match played at: Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Hyderabad

Number of times Mumbai Indians has won the trophy: 4 times (2013, 2013, 2017 and 2019)

### CEAT Cricket Awards 2019

CEAT International Cricketer of the Year: **Virat Kohli**

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CEAT International Bowler of the Year: **Jasprit Bumrah**

CEAT International Test Cricketer of the Year: **Cheteshwar Pujara**

CEAT International ODI Cricketer of the Year: **Rohit Sharma**

CEAT International T20 Player of the Year: **Aaron Finch**

CEAT Outstanding Performance of the Year: **Kuldeep Yadav**

CEAT T20 Bowler of the Year: **Rashid Khan**

CEAT Domestic Player of The Year: **Ashutosh Aman**

International Woman Cricketer of the Year: **Smriti Mandhana**

Junior Cricketer of the Year: **Yashasvi Jaiswal**

CEAT Lifetime Achievement Award: **Mohinder Amarnath**

### **New Chief Ministers**

Sikkim: **Prem Singh Golay**

Andhra Pradesh: **Jagan Mohan Reddy**

Odisha: **Naveenn Patnaik** (5<sup>th</sup> consecutive term)

Arunachal Pradesh: **Pema Khandu**

### **2019 Cannes Film Festival**

Held from: 14 to 25 May 2019

#### **Awards**

Palme d'Or: **Parasite** by Bong Joon-ho (South Korea)

Best Director: **Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne** for Young Ahmed

Best Actress: **Emily Beecham** for Little Joe

Best Actor: **Antonio Banderas** for Pain and Glory

### **Books in News**

Game Changer - **Shahid Afridi**

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