



CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MAY 2024

Awards

The Indian military peacekeeper serving with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) who has been awarded the prestigious 2023 United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award – **Major Radhika Sen**

The Bengaluru based medical institution which has been awarded the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024 by the World Health Organization – **NIMHANS**

The book written by German writer Jenny Erpenbeck, translated by Michael Hofmann, which has been named the winner of the International Booker Prize 2024 – **Kairos**

The film written and directed by Payal Kapadia, which has become the first film from India to win the Grand Prix at 77th Cannes Film Festival in France – **All we imagine as light**

The short film written and directed by Chidanand Naik, a student of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), which has received the Cannes' La Cinef Award for Best Short at 77th Cannes Film Festival in France – **Sunflowers were the first ones to know**

The Indian author, recipient of Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan, who has been awarded the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship – **Ruskin Bond**

The Palestinian journalists covering Gaza who have been chosen to be awarded the 2023 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize – **Niloofar Hamedi, Elaheh Mohammadi and Narges Mohammadi**

Defence

The former Indian Army officer serving as staff member of United Nations Department of Safety and Security who has been killed in the attack by Israel on Gaza – **Colonel (Retd.) Waibhav Anil Kale**

The Defence PSU on whose completion of 250 years of establishment (1774) a commemorative coin has been released by the Govt of India – **Mazgaon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd**

The 7th edition of India-France Joint Military Exercise conducted from 13 to 26 May 2024 at Umroi in Meghalaya is named – **Exercise Shakti**

Sports

The mountaineer from Bhopal who has become the oldest Indian woman to climb Mt Everest by doing it at the age of 55 years on 19 May 2024 – **Jyoti Ratre**

The Indian badminton players who have won the Men's Doubles title at the Thailand Open 2024 defeating Chinese pair of Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi – **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty**

The chess player from Tamil Nadu who has become the 85th person to secure the Grandmaster norm – **P Shyaamnikhil**

The country which has won the 2024 Sultan Azlan Shah hockey tournament defeating Pakistan in the finals at Ipoh, Malaysia – **Japan**

The mountaineer from Nepal who has broken his own record of climbing Mt. Everest for the most number of times by doing it for the 29th time on 12 May and 30th time on 22 May 2024 – **Kami Rita Sherpa**

The Indian bowler who has become the first Indian cricketer to take 350 wickets in T20 matches (International and IPL matches included) – **Yuzvendra Chahal**

The team which has won both the 2024 Thomas Cup and Uber Cup badminton championships defeating Indonesia in both the finals in Chengdu, China – **China**

The Captain of the Indian squad announced for the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup to be held in June 2024 – **Rohit Sharma**

The West Indies cricketer who has been banned by ICC for five years for violating anti-corruption codes – **Devon Thomas**

Persons

The Indian-born aviator and commercial pilot who has become the first Indian space tourist by flying aboard a spacecraft of Blue Origin NS-25 – **Gopi Thotakura**

The President of Iran who along with its Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian died in an helicopter crash near village Uzi in East Azerbaijan in Iran – **Ebrahim Raisi**

The former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar and Rajya Sabha MP from Bihar who passed away on 13 May 2024 – **Sushil Kumar Modi**

Miscellaneous

The city in which the World Hydrogen Summit 2024 was held from 13 to 15 May 2024 – **Rotterdam, Netherlands**

The three European nations which have formally recognized Palestine as a State – **Spain, Norway and Ireland**

The tropical cyclone which arose in Bay of Bengal and made a landfall in Bangladesh and killed over 50 people in Bangladesh and India in May 2024 was named – **Cyclone Remal**

The Lok Sabha constituency in which Union Ministry of Home Affairs has given its approval to the Uttar Pradesh government's renaming of 8 railway stations – **Amethi**

The State which has suspended licenses of 14 medicines of Patanjali Ayurveda Ltd – **Uttarakhand**

BHISHMA Portable Hospital

1. The hospital was tested by the Indian Air Force at Agra by air-dropping it and making it operational within 12 minutes.
2. The portable hospital has been developed as part of Project BHISHMA (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri).
3. It consists of a fully equipped operation theatre, mini-ICUs, ventilators, blood-testing equipment, an X-ray machine, and even a cooking station.
4. A shelter facility and power generator make it entirely self-sufficient during emergencies.
5. The life-saving equipment are packed in a set of mini-cubes and a combination of these mini-cubes is used to set up a mobile hospital capable of performing life-saving surgery.

UNESCO Memory of the World

Three Indian literary works were added to UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register during the tenth meeting of the Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific (MOWCAP), held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Ramcharitmanas by Goswami Tulsidas

Panchatantra by Vishnu Sharma

Sahṛdayāloka-Locana by Acharya Anandvardhan

New GI Tags

Kutch Ajrakh (hand block painting) of Ajrakhpur, a village in Kutch, Gujarat

First Pig Kidney Transplant

- The first man to receive a genetically modified pig kidney transplant died on 11 May 2024, two months after the operation.
- Richard Slayman, 62, underwent the surgery in March 2024.
- The operation was carried out at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Boston (USA). The kidney from the pig had undergone 69 genome edits to make it suitable for use in humans.

Important Days of May 2024

<p>World Asthma Day: 02 May 2024 (1st Tuesday of May) Theme: Asthma Education Empowers Designated by: Global Initiative for Asthma First Observed in: 1998</p>
<p>World Press Freedom Day: 03 May 2024 Theme: A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the face of the environmental crisis Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1994</p>
<p>World Red Cross and Crescent Day: 08 May 2024 Theme: Keeping Humanity Alive Designated by: International Committee of the Red Cross First Observed in: 1948</p>
<p>World Migratory Bird Day: 11 May 2024 Theme: Insects Designated by: AEWASecretariat First Observed in: 2006</p>
<p>International Nurses Day: 12 May 2024 Theme: Our Nurses, Our Future Designated by: International Council of Nurses First Observed in: 1974</p>
<p>International Day of Families: 15 May 2024 Theme: Families and Climate Change Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1994</p>

<p>World Telecommunication and Information Society Day: 17 May 2024 Theme: Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2007</p>
<p>World Hypertension Day: 17 May 2024 Designated by: World Hypertension League First Observed in: 2005</p>
<p>World Bee Day: 20 May 2024 Theme: Bee engaged with Youth Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2018</p>
<p>World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development: 21 May 2024 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2003</p>
<p>International Day for Biological Diversity: 22 May 2024 Theme: Be part of the plan Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p>World Football Day: 25 May 2024 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2024 Note: 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the first international football tournament in history with the representation of all regions, which took place on May 25, 1924, during the summer Olympic games held in Paris.</p>
<p>International Day for UN Peacekeepers: 29 May 2024 Theme: Fit for the future, Building better together Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2003</p>
<p>World No Tobacco Day: 31 May 2024 Theme: Protecting children from tobacco industry interference Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 1987</p>

Indian Premier League 2024

- Participants - 10
- Matches - 74
- Winners - Kolkata Knight Riders (3rd title)
- Runners-up - Sunrisers Hyderabad
- Most valuable player - Sunil Narine (Kolkata Knight Riders)
- Most runs (Orange Cap) - Virat Kohli (Royal Challengers Bengaluru) (741)

- Most wickets (Purple Cap) - Harshal Patel (Punjab Kings) (24)

Books in News

Night Watch, by Jayne Anne Phillips (Knopf) (the book has been awarded 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction)

Abbreviations in News

BHISHM – Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri

www.leadthecompetition.in