

Important Current Affairs May 2017

1st May 2017

- Twitter partners with Bloomberg for - Streaming news 24/7
- Maruti, Honda, Toyota kick off new fiscal with a - Strong growth

2nd May 2017

- THAAD missile defense system operational in - South Korea
- Tarang Sanchar web portal for information on Mobile Tower Radiation launched by - DoT
- INSA Medal for Young Scientist 2017 winners announced in - Last week of April
- Padma Venkataraman bestowed with - Avvaiyar award
- First city in world to get its own Microsoft Font - Dubai
- First north-eastern club to win 2016-17 I-League - Aizawl FC

3rd May 2017

- Railway Bridge taller than Eiffel Tower to be built over - Chenab River
- 64th National Film Awards presented by - President PranabMukherjee
- Patanjali Research Institute in Haridwar inaugurated by--PM Narendra Modi

- Vidya Veerta Abhiyan launched by - Prakash Javadekar
- Shabana Azmi starrer 'The Black Prince' awarded at - film fest in Houston
- Who has been appointed as Chairman of Public Accounts Committee ? - Mallikarjun Kharge

4th May 2017

- IBBI constitutes Technical Committee to lay down Technical Standards for - Performance of core services
- National Steel Policy 2017 approved by - Union Cabinet
- Central Sector Scheme SAMPADA approved by - CCEA
- Cooperation between Indian and Japan on Railway Safety approved by - Union Cabinet
- The Highway Saga & SRISHTI exhibitions inaugurated by - Gadkari

5th May 2017

- South Asia Satellite successfully launched by - ISRO
- Express WiFi in India launched by - Facebook
- Deal signed by Russia, Iran and Turkey to - deal on Syrian crisis
- Who has been appointed as Chairman of Tea Board of India ? –
- Prabhat Kamal Bezboruah

- Braj Bihari Kumar to succeed economist S K Thorat as - ICSSR Chairman

6th May 2017

- PepsiCo India forays into Dairy Products with - Oats-Based Milk Beverage
- Who has been appointed Vice Chancellor of Ashoka University? - Pratap Bhanu Mehta

7th May 2017

- Assent to Ordinance for resolution of non-performing asset crisis in banking system was given by - President
- Which state was declared as Disturbed Area under AFSPA for 3 more months - Assam
- Express Wi-Fi service was launched in India by - Facebook

8th May 2017

- Two Indian warships visited Egyptian port city on - 5th May 2017
- Every house in Haryana to get a - smart ID
- Bharti Airtel and Ola Cabs tie-up to offer - Integrated digital services
- Country's 1st bio refinery plant inaugurated by - Gadkari

9th May 2017

- Union Home Minister addresses the Review Meeting of - Left Wing Extremism affected States
- Undetonated World War II bombs found - in Germany
- Justice Karnan is the first High Court judge to be sentenced to jail by - Supreme Court
- NBT to host book fairs in - Panchayats
- Which country is elected as President of UN-Habitat, the United Nations' Human Settlements Programme? – India

10th May 2017

- Integrated case management system of Supreme Court launched by - PM Narendra Modi
- Union Government sets up a task force to compute - Reliable and timely employment data
- 29th edition of CORPAT between India and Indonesia begins at - Port Blair
- Konkona Sen Sharma bags Best Director and Best Actress awards at - New York Indian Film Festival

11th May 2017

- First woman senator to breastfeed in Parliament - Larissa Waters

- Ahmedabad to host a mega-event to celebrate - International Yoga Day
- Bridges safe in Kerala - 606
- India, US exchange views on maritime developments in - Asia-Pacific & IOR
- India celebrates 2017 National Technology Day on - 11th May
- Asian Wrestling Championship: India's Harpreet Singh wins bronze in - Greco-Roman weight category

12th May 2017

- Who Flagged Off four Clean Himalaya Expeditions ? - Vijay Goel
- India replacing its Research station in - Antarctica
- Who has been sworn in as President of South Korea? - Moon Jae-in
- World Migratory Bird Day 2017 observed on - 10th May 2017
- International Day of Vesak celebrations in Colombo attended by - Narendra Modi
- International Court of Justice stays - Kulbhushan Jadhav's hanging
- Highest wicket taker in Womens One Day Internationals - Jhulan Goswami

13th May 2017

- Kochi Metro Rail Ltd offers jobs to - Transgender community members
- The first woman senator to breastfeed in Parliament - Larissa Waters
- Who has been appointed as Chairman of FIFA Governance Committee ? - Justice Mukul Mudgal
- Who has been appointed as Secretary of Department of Telecommunications? - Aruna Sundararajan
- National Contact Centre launched by - Election Commission of India
- VVS Laxman awarded honorary life membership of - Marylebone Cricket Club
- TN Government to form a panel to study harmful - 'Seemai Karuvelam' trees
- Brazil declares end to - Zika emergency
- Himachal Pradesh cabinet minister Karan Singh passed away on - 12th May 2017
- IT Department simplifies linking PAN with Aadhaar for - Taxpayers
- New WHO's goodwill ambassador for hepatitis - Amitabh Bachchan
- No school bag day in UP government schools declared by - Yogi Adityanath
- New Chancellor of JNU - V K Saraswat
- IIT Madras generated white light from - Turmeric and Pomegranate

- Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill, 2017 passed by - UP Assembly
- India imposes anti-dumping duty on - glasses and Chinese radiators
- India, Palestine sign five agreements for cooperation in different sectors on - 16th May 2017

14th May 2017

- Light Combat aircraft Tejas successfully test-fires air-to-air missile
- India and UK to sign MoU to increase efficiency of urban transport system

15th May 2017

- Former Puducherry CM Subrahmanyam Ramaswamy passed away on - 15th May 2017
- Indian Coir Sector's export revenue touched all time high in fiscal year - 2016-17
- Busiest airport with 1 flight every 65 seconds - Mumbai airport
- Signs of water on a distant Neptune-sized planet detected by - NASA
- Union Government revises Base Year of WPI to 2011-2012 from 2004-05 on - 12th May 2017

16th May 2017

- Union Government revises Base Year of IIP to - 2011-2012 from 2004-05

- India-Chile expanded PTA to come into effect on - 16th May
- PM Modi launches Narmada river conservation project in MP
- International Day of Families observed on - 15th May
- VO Chidambaranar Port Trust and TANGEDCO sign MoU to - Upgrade Coal Jetties
- New Prime Minister of France - Edouard Philippe
- Bengali is compulsory in all schools in - West Bengal

17th May 2017

- 2017 Spanish Grand Prix won by - Lewis Hamilton
- Public Affairs Index 2017 released on - 12th May 2017
- MoU for cooperation signed between Indian Navy and - Space Application Centre
- Rafael Nadal beats Dominic Thiem to win - 5th Madrid Open title
- Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine against Pneumonia launched by - Union Government
- 2nd NPDRR meeting in Delhi inaugurated by - Home Minister Rajnath Singh
- Mark Twain Prize 2017 for American humour won by - David Letterman

18th May 2017

- NGT orders Rs 5000 fine on over-speeding vehicles in - Kaziranga
- Elephant census begins in - Karnataka
- State of emergency over cholera outbreak declared by - Yemen
- Foundation dedicated to wellness of Mother and Child launched by Suresh Raina
- Indian Railways to install CCTV cameras at over 900 stations under - Nirbhaya fund
- Year of Polar Prediction launched by - World Meteorological Organisation
- India's first smart grid to generate power from renewable energy sources created by - IEST
- Biologist Purnima Devi Barman nominated for - Whitley Awards
- World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2017 observed on - 17th May 2017
- EPFO's Citizens' Charter 2017 launched by - Union Government
- Dinosaur mummy discovered with all skin intact - in Canada
- Separate 24x7 DD Channel for Jharkhand announced by - Venkaiah Naidu
- US-based Indian Ramit Tandon won his - Maiden PSA title
- Trump to address Muslim leaders on - Peaceful Vision Of Islam

- Who has been appointed as Deputy Executive Secretary of UNFCCC ? - Ovais Sarmad
- Former Puducherry CM Subrahmanyam Ramaswamy passed away on - 15th May 2017

19th May 2017

- Prize Money hiked for Champions Trophy by - International Cricket Council
- Operation Clean Money portal launched by - Union Government
- Bhindawas bird sanctuary to be developed as - Tourist resort
- Chitale Committee recommends several measures for Desiltation of - Ganga
- NGT bans open defecation, waste dumping on - Yamuna floodplains
- Number of migrant children travelling alone hits record high: UNICEF
- Framework for South China Sea code of conduct agreed by - China ASEAN
- Cheapest respiratory filter developed by - IIT Delhi scientists
- First Human Antibodies to fight Ebola viruses discovered by - Researchers
- All India Open Rapid FIDE Rating Chess Meet won by - R R Laxman
- GST Rates of 1211 items announced by - GST Council
- Japanese Cabinet approved bill to allow - Japan's first abdication of emperor in 200 years

- Joint HADR Exercise commences at - Naval Station Karwar
- Simbex-17 begins on - 18th May 2017
- Anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of chemical, aluminium foil from China
- Indian-American student Pranay Varada wins - National Geographic Bee Competition 2017

20th May 2017

- Anant Geete inaugurates Test Track Facility developed by - Global Automotive Research Centre
- Indian Army gets M777 howitzers 30 years after - Bofors scandal
- Indian scientist Shrinivas Kulkarni wins - Dan David Prize 2017
- Framework for South China Sea code of conduct agreed - China and ASEAN
- Pan-India implementation of Maternity Benefit Program approved by - Union Government

21st May 2017

- Setting up of Indian Agricultural Research Institute in Assam approved by - CCEA
- Former FBI Director Robert Mueller named Special Counsel for - Russia Probe
- Electrified doubling line between Phephana-Indara and Mau-Shahganj in UP approved by - CCEA
- ICJ stays Kulbhushan Jadhav's execution till - Final order

- World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development 2017 observed on - 21st May 2017
- Manual titled Living conditions in Institutions for Children in conflict with Law released by - WCD Ministry
- New Coal Linkage Policy 2017 approved by - CCEA

22nd May 2017

- International Day for Biological Diversity celebrated worldwide on - 22nd May 2017
- Mumbai Indians beat Rising Pune Supergiant to win - 2017 IPL
- New technique to help deaf-blind IS - 'watch' TV

23rd May 2017

- 19 killed in suspected terror attack following pop concert in - Manchester, UK
- Petroleum Minister co-chairs India OPEC Institutional Dialogue at - Vienna
- US, six Gulf countries sign MoU to - Curb financing terror organisations
- Hindi Advisory Committee recommends - State encouragement to teach Hindi voluntarily
- Series of projects in Gujarat inaugurated by - PM Modi
- Two Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) with Indian taxpayers signed by - CBDT
- Second largest steel producer in the world - India

- Sand Mining in Narmada River banned by - MP Government
- India's Rohan Chakravarty wins - WWF International President's Award
- Free Wi-Fi facility at 28 Railway Stations inaugurated by - Railway Minister
- Environment Ministry charge taken by - Harsh Vardhan
- NASA names bacterium found on ISS after - APJ Abdul Kalam
- High speed Tejas Express launched by - Railways Minister Suresh Prabhu
- UK Humanitarian Award won by - Jacqueline Fernandez
- English Premier League's Player of the Year - N'Golo Kante
- US President calls for complete isolation of - Iran
- Bengaluru FC beat Mohun Bagan to - Lift Federation Cup
- The Largest map of Universe ever created by - Astronomers
- Intel International Science Award 2017 in US won by - India's Prashant Ranganathan

24th May 2017

- MoU signed between US, six Gulf countries to curb - Financing terror organisations
- UN releases the First draft of - Nuclear Ban Treaty

- PM Narendra Modi calls for creation of Asia-Africa growth corridor for - Development of Africa
- ISRO and NASA collaborate to build - Earth-imaging satellite NISAR
- Seventieth World Health Assembly kicks off in - Geneva
- Union Government launches SEVA mobile app for - Quick tracking of coal dispatch
- NGT demands for data on trees in eco-sensitive zone near - Taj Mahal
- US asks citizens to postpone non-essential travel to - Pakistan
- Payments Bank launched - Paytm
- Entertainment, cable, DTH to attract lower taxes under - GST

25th May 2017

- First African to be elected as WHO Director-General - Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- World's smallest nation Nauru ratifies - International Solar Alliance Pact
- Environment Ministry and OzonAction organised "Ozone2Climate" Technology Roadshow in - Agra
- Reader with guidelines for raising happy children released by - WCD Ministry
- Test flight completed by World's largest aircraft - Airlander 10
- Exhibition displaying Stone Sculptures returned by Australia inaugurated by Tourism Minister

- Kiren Rijju unveils - World's first philosophical novel on God
- International Cricketer of the Year award won by - Ashwin
- Controversial godman Chandraswami passed away on - 23rd May 2017
- World Turtle Day 2017 observed globally on - 23rd May
- Hyperloop India to participate in - SpaceX's Hyperloop Pod Competition II
- World's first Robocop recruited by - Dubai Police
- Neil Armstrong's Moon Dust Bag to be sold at an - Auction
- James Bond actor Roger Moore passed away on - 23rd May 2017

26th May 2017

- JDI between Germany and India on alternative medicine approved by - Union Cabinet
- Socialist Lenin Moreno sworn in as - President of Ecuador
- Setting up of AIIMS in Kamrup, Assam approved by - Union Cabinet
- Abolition of Foreign Investment Promotion Board approved by - Union Cabinet
- Two Indian peacekeepers honoured posthumously with - UN Medal
- P V Sindhu elected to Badminton World Federation Athletes' Commission
- Cobra lily rediscovered after 84 years - In Nilgiris

- Sanjay Mitra took charge as - Defence Secretary
- 21 media websites blocked by - Egypt
- India's first underwater rail tunnel completed on - 23rd May 2017
- Who has been appointed as Chairman of IMAI ? - Rajan Anandan

27th May 2017

- Manchester United beat Ajax to claim - 2016–17 UEFA Europa League title
- JE vaccination drive in 38 districts of UP launched by - UP CM Yogi Adityanath
- Who has been appointed as Secretary of CBSE? - Anurag Tripathy
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates India's longest bridge Dholā-Sadiya in Assam
- In-flight Wi-Fi Net access soon to be provided by - Indian Flights
- Indian researchers find a new way to kill - Tuberculosis bacteria
- India's concerns over China's - One Belt, One Road Initiative
- Water conservation campaign launched by - Uttarakhand CM
- ICC Cricket Committee recommends - DRS for T20 Internationals

- Sale of cattle for slaughter banned by - Union Environment Ministry
- 'Best Destination for Romance' award given to - Kerala's Munnar

28th May 2017

- NASA's Juno Mission reveals - Jupiter's deep secrets
- Fifth among top 10 global landmarks is India's - Taj Mahal
- Global Warming Affects - Sea level rising three times as quickly as they were 25 years ago
- Former Punjab DGP Kanwar Pal Singh Gill passed away on - 26th May 2017

29th May 2017

- Construction begins on world's largest telescope in - Chile
- Zbigniew Brzezinski, National Security Adviser to Jimmy Carter, passed away on - 26th May 2017
- Who has been appointed as Jamia Chancellor ?- Najma Heptulla, Manipur Governor
- Delhi Metro's Heritage Line inaugurated on - 28th May 2017
- Former Greek Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis died on - 29th May 2017

- Cyclonic Storm MORA to strike - East-Central Bay of Bengal
- Global Icon Priyanka to be honoured with - Dadasaheb Phalke Academy Award

30th May 2017

- Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga inaugurated by - Defence Minister, Arun Jaitly
- Satyabrata Rout honoured with - Sangeet Natak Akademi Puraskar
- MoUs signed at India-Pacific Islands Sustainable Development Conference are - 8
- Order against Abu Salem in 1993 Mumbai blasts case likely to be announced by - TADA Court
- Borussia Dortmund beat Frankfurt to - Lift 2016-17 German Cup
- India's first Electric Mass Transport Project launched in - Nagpur
- International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2017 observed on - 29th May 2017
- ISRO set to launch India's heaviest rocket - Fat Boy
- 2017 Monaco Grand Prix won by - Sebastian Vettel
- Arsenal beat Chelsea 2-1 to win - 13th FA Cup
- Four agreements signed between Mauritius - India
- South Korea beat China to win - 2017 Sudirman Cup

31st May 2017

- Bail granted to LK Advani, MM Joshi, Uma Bharti on by CBI Court - Babri Masjid Demolition Case
- Hindi Sevi Samman Awards presented by - President of India
- India's own global positioning system NavIC to be operational from - 2018
- MoU signed between Amul and ISRO for - Fodder acreage estimation
- Controversial NGO law in Egypt approved by - President Sisi
- Former Panama dictator Manuel Noriega passed away on - 29th May 2017
- MoU signed between India and Fiji on - Defense Cooperation

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