

Weekly Current Affairs

May 2026 — Week 1 (4–9 May)

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1) International Current Affairs

Mexico City Sinking at ~25 cm Per Year – NASA Satellite Imagery

New NASA satellite imagery confirms that **Mexico City is sinking at nearly 25 cm per year**, making it one of the world's fastest-subsiding metropolitan areas. Built on an ancient lake bed, excessive groundwater extraction and rapid urban development have caused the underlying aquifer to shrink — physically pulling the land surface downward.

Vietnam President's State Visit to India – Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

Both countries **elevated bilateral ties to an Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** and signed **13 MoUs** across strategic, economic, digital, and cultural domains.

Key Outcomes:

New bilateral trade target of **USD 25 billion by 2030**.

Vietnam joined India's **Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)**.

Establishment of a **Site Interpretation Centre at My Son Sanctuary** — a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Vietnam.

Apple Launches Clean Energy Initiatives in India – Rs 100 Crore Investment

Apple announced clean energy and environmental initiatives in India, partnering with **CleanMax** with an initial investment of **Rs 100 crore** to expand renewable energy infrastructure, reduce plastic pollution, and promote green entrepreneurship.

2) National Current Affairs

BRO Project Deepak – 66th Raising Day, Shimla

Project Deepak of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its **66th Raising Day on May 4, 2026 in Shimla**. Established in 1961, it operates in the strategically vital districts of **Kinnaur, Kullu, and Lahaul-Spiti** and built the historic **Hindustan-Tibet Road** and key stretches of the **Manali-Leh Highway**.

2026 Assembly Election Results – Major Political Realignments

| State / UT | Result | Total Seats |
|-------------|--|-------------|
| Tamil Nadu | TVK (C. Joseph Vijay) emerged single largest party — 107 seats ; dramatic electoral debut | 234 |
| Kerala | Congress-led UDF returned to power after 10 years — 102 seats | 140 |
| West Bengal | BJP historic victory — 206 seats | 294 |
| Puducherry | NDA retained power — 18 seats | 30 |
| Assam | BJP-led NDA — third consecutive term — 102 seats | 126 |

India's First Commercial Mini/Micro-LED Display Facility – India Semiconductor Mission

The Union Cabinet approved two new semiconductor projects in Gujarat under **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)** on May 5, 2026 — cumulative investment **~Rs 3,936 crore**, generating **2,230 skilled jobs**.

Two Approved Projects:

Crystal Matrix Limited, Dholera: India's first commercial **Mini/Micro-LED display facility** using Gallium Nitride (GaN) technology.

Suchi Semicon, Surat: OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test) facility for discrete semiconductors.

Total ISM projects cleared: **12** | Cumulative investment: **~Rs 1.64 lakh crore.**

Somnath Swabhiman Parv 2026 – 1,000 Years and 75 Years

Somnath Temple (first of the twelve Jyotirlingas) marks two milestones in 2026: **1,000 years since the first recorded attack in 1026** and **75 years since its consecration after Independence on 11 May 1951**. After Independence, **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** resolved to rebuild the temple, ceremonially consecrated by President **Rajendra Prasad**. PM Narendra Modi, as Chairman of the Somnath Trust, will visit on May 11, 2026.

3) Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs ★ Priority Section

AP Announces Labour Addas and Construction Worker Welfare – International Workers' Day

CM N. Chandrababu Naidu announced **15 Labour Addas in the first phase** across AP — worker gathering points and skill development hubs. Announced at Pamidimukkala, Krishna district, on May 1 (International Workers' Day).

Construction Worker Welfare Benefits:

Rs 25,000 for marriage of workers and their daughters | Rs 20,000 on childbirth.

Rs 60,000 on natural death | Rs 20,000 for funeral expenses.

Rs 5 lakh each to 35 construction workers under P4 initiative.

New ESI hospitals at Achyutapuram, Guntur, Kurnool, Sri City, and Amaravati.

4 labour courts functioning for speedy dispute resolution.

ASI Restores 1,000-Year-Old Siddheswara Swamy Temple in Krishnapatnam, Nellore

ASI undertook restoration of the **1,000-year-old Siddheswara Swamy Temple in Krishnapatnam**, Nellore district — historically serving as a feudatory rulers' meeting place in the 18th century, now within the limits of modern **Krishnapatnam Port**. Old port historically known as **Gandagopalapatnam**.

Vijayanagara-Era Tank Inscription Unearthed at Kullur, Nellore

ASI unearthed a historic **tank inscription at Kullur, Kaluvoya mandal, Nellore** from the reign of **Venkatapathiraya of the Vijayanagara Empire**. It records the renovation of the **Anantasagaram tank** and the construction of an eastern weir; mentions the region was historically known as **Kulluri Seema**.

Gudimallam Parasurameswara Temple – India's Earliest Known Siva Shrine

The **Gudimallam Parasurameswara Swamy Temple** (~21 km SE of Tirupati) is India's **earliest known Siva temple**, dating to the **2nd century CE (later Satavahana period)**. Its centrepiece is a **1.6-metre Siva Linga** in **Urdhvaretah** iconography. In **April 2026**, the temple held its **first remembered Kumbhabhishekam**.

Historical Layers:

Excavations (1973) by I.K. Sarma revealed stone rings, pottery, and a silver punch-marked coin.

Preserves inscriptions from the **Bana dynasty**; major stone reconstruction during **Yadavaraya period (1126-27 CE)**.

Currently protected by ASI | Currently an active place of worship.

AP's Rs 1 Lakh Crore Aerospace & Defence Push – DRDO Hub at Puttaparthi

AP State Cabinet approved **350 acres at Puttaparthi, Sri Sathya Sai district** for a **DRDO-led defence manufacturing facility**. Expected to attract **~Rs 1 lakh crore** in aerospace and defence investment. DRDO and ADA will also establish an **aircraft integration and flight testing complex** at Puttaparthi with Ministry of Defence in-principle approval.

AP Aerospace and Defence Policy 4.0 (G.O.Ms. No. 111, June 27, 2025):

Target: Rs 1 lakh crore investment | 1 lakh employment | MSME clusters (hub-and-spoke model).

Focus: Missile systems, aircraft manufacturing, naval production, drones, robotics.

State support for Puttaparthi: 150+200 acres | Runway extended to 10,000 feet.

Facility will advance the **Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme** and future indigenous UAVs.

Royal Enfield to Set Up Rs 2,200 Crore Manufacturing Facility in Tirupati District

Royal Enfield's **first major manufacturing expansion outside Tamil Nadu** — Rs 2,200 crore plant in **Satyavedu Mandal, Tirupati district**, approved by the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB).

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| Location | Satyavedu Mandal, Tirupati (Vanelluru: 233.76 acres + Rallakuppam: 42.38 acres) |
| Investment | Rs 2,200 crore |
| Capacity | 9 lakh additional units |
| Employment | ~5,000 direct and indirect jobs |
| Timeline | Phase I by 2029 Phase II by 2032 |

'Mee Intiki – Mee Doctor' – Doorstep Healthcare for 5 Lakh Poor Families

AP Governor S. Abdul Nazeer launched **Mee Intiki – Mee Doctor** in Vijayawada on **World Red Cross Day**. Provides **primary healthcare services at the doorstep** for poor families in inaccessible areas.

Programme Details:

Coverage: **5 lakh poor families** | Duration: **3 years** | Area: **7 districts of AP**.

Focus: Pregnant women, children aged 0-6 years, and bedridden persons.

4) Polity & Governance

Supreme Court Judges to Increase from 33 to 37 – Cabinet Approves Bill

Union Cabinet approved the **SC (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026** to increase judges from **33 to 37** (excluding the Chief Justice of India) under **Article 124(1)**, with the objective of reducing case pendency.

Evolution of SC Judge Strength (excluding CJI):

1956: 10 | 1960: 13 | 1977: 17 | 1986: 25 | 2008: 30 | 2019: 33 | **2026 (proposed): 37**

When Does a Chief Minister Cease to Hold Office? – Constitutional Provisions

Key Provisions (came into focus after election results):

Article 164(1): CM holds office "during the pleasure of the Governor" but continues only while enjoying the confidence of the Legislative Assembly.

Floor Test: Conducted if doubts arise about a government's majority.

Article 172: State Legislative Assembly term is 5 years — CM and Council of Ministers automatically cease after this.

Challenging results: Under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, results can be challenged in the High Court on grounds of corrupt practices or electoral irregularities.

5) Economy

NSE Launches Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) – Digital Gold on Exchange

The **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** launched **Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs)** on May 4, 2026 — **dematerialised securities** representing ownership of physical gold, tradeable through existing demat accounts. Underlying gold stored in **SEBI-accredited vaults**; two-way conversion between physical gold and EGRs is possible.

UDGAM Portal – 30 Banks Integrated to Trace Unclaimed Deposits

RBI informed the Supreme Court that **30 banks are integrated with the UDGAM portal**, covering **~90% of funds** in the **Depositors' Education and Awareness Fund (DEAF)** (created 2014). As of April 2026: **~20 lakh registered users** and **~44 lakh searches**. Note: The portal only traces deposits — claim settlement must be pursued with the bank directly.

6) Science & Technology

Mission Drishti – World's First OptoSAR Satellite Launched by GalaxEye

Mission Drishti, by Indian startup **GalaxEye**, launched May 4, 2026 on SpaceX Falcon 9 from Vandenberg Space Force Base. At **190 kg**, it is India's **largest privately developed Earth observation satellite** and the **world's first OptoSAR satellite** — combining **Electro-Optical (EO)** and **Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)** sensors in a single platform. EO works in visible light; SAR penetrates clouds and operates day or night.

Hantavirus Outbreak – MV Hondius Cruise Ship, Cape Verde

The MV Hondius cruise ship (~150 passengers) was stranded off Cape Verde following a **Hantavirus** outbreak (3 deaths). Hantavirus is a **zoonotic viral disease** transmitted through contact with infected rodents, their urine, droppings, or saliva. The rare **Andes hantavirus strain** can spread person-to-person. No specific vaccine or cure — treatment is supportive.

7) Schemes

ECLGS 5.0 – Rs 2.55 Lakh Crore Credit Guarantee for West Asia Crisis-Hit Businesses

Union Cabinet approved **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0 (ECLGS 5.0)** on May 5, 2026 — providing credit guarantee support via **NCGTC** to businesses facing liquidity stress from the West Asia crisis.

Key Features:

Total credit flow: **Rs 2.55 lakh crore** (incl. Rs 5,000 crore for airlines).

Eligible: MSMEs, non-MSMEs, scheduled passenger airlines (standard accounts as of March 31, 2026).

Coverage: **100% for MSMEs | 90% for non-MSMEs and airlines** | Guarantee fee: **Nil**.

Loan tenor: MSMEs/non-MSMEs — 5 years (1-yr moratorium) | Airlines — 7 years (2-yr moratorium).

Scheme validity: Loans sanctioned up to **March 31, 2027**.

Mission for Cotton Productivity – Rs 5,659 Crore for 5 Years

Union Cabinet approved the **Mission for Cotton Productivity** with **Rs 5,659.22 crore** for 2026-27 to 2030-31, advancing the government's **5F vision: Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign**. Jointly implemented by Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Textiles.

8) Awards & Honours

Andaman & Nicobar Sets Two Guinness World Records in Consecutive Days

Two Records near Swaraj Dweep (formerly Havelock Island):

Record 1: World's largest underwater national flag — approximately **60 x 40 metres**.

Record 2: World's tallest human stack underwater — **22.3 metres**, 14 participants including D.K. Joshi, remaining underwater for **3 minutes**.

9) Committees & Conferences

First International Big Cat Alliance Summit 2026 – New Delhi, June 1–2

India hosts the **first International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit 2026** on June 1-2, 2026 in New Delhi. IBCA is an intergovernmental organisation **headquartered in India**, dedicated to conserving the world's **seven big cats: Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma**. Theme: *"Save Big Cats, Save Humanity, Save Ecosystem."*

5th BRICS Supreme Audit Institutions Leaders' Summit – CAG Auditing 101 Cities

The **CAG of India** is conducting a special audit of **101 cities** to assess ease of living from citizens' perspectives — announced at the **5th BRICS SAI Leaders' Summit** hosted by India under its **BRICS Chairmanship 2026**.

Summit theme: *"Ease of Living with a Focus on Urban Mobility."* Audit partners: IITs, IIMs, and the World Bank.

10) Defence

India–Cambodia Bilateral Military Exercise CINBAX-II 2026

Indian Army contingent departed for the **second edition of India-Cambodia Bilateral Military Exercise CINBAX-II 2026**, held from **May 4-17, 2026** at the Royal Cambodian Air Force Training Centre in **Kampong Speu Province, Cambodia**.

DRDO and IAF Conduct Maiden Flight-Trial of TARA – India's First Indigenous Glide Weapon

DRDO and IAF successfully conducted the **maiden flight-trial of TARA (Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation)** off the Odisha coast on **May 7, 2026** — **India's first indigenous glide weapon system**, converting unguided warheads into **precision-guided weapons**, improving range, lethality, and accuracy against ground targets.

11) Ranks & Reports

NITI Aayog School Education Report – India Has World's Largest School System

NITI Aayog released "School Education System in India: Temporal Analysis and Policy Roadmap for Quality Enhancement" on May 6, 2026. India's school system covers **14.71 lakh schools and 24.69 crore students** — the **largest school education system in the world**.

AP-Specific Findings (Priority for APPSC):

Primary to upper primary transition rate: 52% (2014) → **94.5% (2024)** — dramatic improvement.

Secondary school dropout rate: **52.8% → 15.5%**.

Internet in schools: 12.3% → **99%** — near-universal digital connectivity.

Challenge: Learning levels declined 2017-2021; PARAKH 2024 placed AP among lower-performing states in preparatory grades.

Over **12,900 single-teacher schools** still exist.

Notable initiative: **We Love Reading** — groups students by reading skill level (not grade).

Telangana Records Highest Cybercrime Cases in India in 2024 – NCRB Data

Telangana: 27,230 cybercrime cases in 2024 — highest in India, up **49%** from 18,236 in 2023 and **78%** since 2022. Telangana accounted for **more than one-fourth** of all cybercrime nationally.

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| Telangana | 27,230 cases — 1st in India (49% rise from 2023) |
| Karnataka | 21,993 cases — 2nd |
| Uttar Pradesh | 11,073 cases — 3rd |
| Maharashtra | 9,922 cases — 4th |
| Bengaluru (metro) | 17,561 cases — highest metro city |
| Hyderabad (metro) | 4,009 cases |

12) Person in News

Key Appointments This Week

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| Prasoon Joshi | Appointed Chairman of Prasar Bharati by Ministry of I&B; known for work in advertising, literature, and cinema. |
| Shashi Shekhar Vempati | Appointed new Chairperson of CBFC (Central Board of Film Certification) for a 3-year term. |
| Meena Muthiah (1933-2026) | Educationist and promoter of Tanjore painting; received Living Craft Treasure Award from Poompuhar; passed away in Ooty at age 91. |

13) Important Days

World Thalassemia Day – 8 May | Theme 2026: "Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed"

World Thalassemia Day is observed every year on **May 8**. **Theme 2026: "Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen."** Thalassemia is a **genetic blood disorder** causing low haemoglobin and severe anaemia — requires regular blood transfusions and iron chelation therapy. No cure, but bone marrow transplant offers hope in select cases.

14) Miscellaneous**JANANI Portal – Digital Health Records for Women Across Reproductive Age**

MoHFW launched **JANANI (Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care)** on May 7, 2026 — a digital platform creating **longitudinal digital health records for women** across their reproductive age. Features: **QR-enabled Mother and Child Health (MCH) Cards**, automated alerts for high-risk pregnancies, real-time dashboards, and due-list generation. An upgraded version of the RCH Portal.

Mayank Chakraborty – India's 94th Chess Grandmaster (First from Assam)

Mayank Chakraborty, 16, became India's **94th Chess Grandmaster** and the **first-ever Grandmaster from Assam** — achieved at the Chess Talents Tournament, Stockholm, Sweden.

Quick Revision Table — May 2026 Week 1

Toppers' Strategy: AP Current Affairs rows are highlighted in blue (marked ★). Each row is one complete sentence. Rewrite in your notebook — one table per week = 52 tables = complete one-year recap.

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| ★ AP – DRDO Hub, Puttaparthi | AP Cabinet allocated 350 acres at Puttaparthi (Sri Sathya Sai district) for a DRDO-led defence facility expected to attract ~Rs 1 lakh crore in aerospace investment under AP Aerospace and Defence Policy 4.0. |
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| ★ Royal Enfield – Tirupati | Royal Enfield's first expansion outside Tamil Nadu — Rs 2,200 crore plant in Satyavedu Mandal, Tirupati district (267 acres); adds 9 lakh unit capacity; ~5,000 jobs; Phase I by 2029. |
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| 2026 Assembly Results | TVK won 107/234 in TN (debut); UDF 102/140 in Kerala (after 10 yrs); BJP 206/294 in WB; NDA retained Puducherry (18/30); BJP-led NDA won Assam for a third consecutive term (102/126). |
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