

Weekly Current Affairs

May 2026 — Week 2 (10–16 May)

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1) International Current Affairs

Measles Outbreak in Bangladesh – 336 Child Deaths, 50,000+ Cases

Bangladesh is facing its deadliest measles outbreak in decades — more than **50,000 confirmed and suspected cases** since March 15, with **336 child deaths**, primarily among children aged 6 months to 5 years. Authorities launched an emergency vaccination campaign on April 5 with WHO and UNICEF, vaccinating **nearly 17 million children** so far.

India Assumes Chair of Common Criteria Development Board (CCDB) – April 2026 to April 2028

India assumed the **Chairmanship of the CCDB** for two years from April 2026, confirmed at the CCRA meeting in Tokyo. The CCDB manages global IT security evaluation standards — the **Common Criteria (CC)** and **Common Evaluation Methodology (CEM)**. India joined the CCRA on **September 16, 2013**; the **STQC Directorate (MeitY)** is India's official certification body. The CCRA enables mutual recognition of IT security certificates without re-certification.

PM Modi Visits UAE – USD 5 Billion Investment Commitments

PM Modi visited the **UAE on May 15, 2026**, meeting President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. UAE entities announced **USD 5 billion investments** in India across banking, infrastructure, and finance.

Key Agreements:

Cochin Shipyard Limited & Drydocks World — **Ship Repair Cluster at Vadinar.**

CDAC India & G42 — **8 Exaflop Super Compute Cluster.**

Virtual Trade Corridor using the MAITRI digital platform.

UAE to enhance participation in India's **Strategic Petroleum Reserves to 30 million barrels.**

IOCL and ADNOC signed a long-term **LPG supply arrangement.**

2) National Current Affairs

Karnataka's Wisdom Valley – Rs 15,500 Crore Knowledge City at Bengaluru Airport

Karnataka proposed **Wisdom Valley** at Bengaluru Airport City near Kempegowda International Airport — **Rs 15,500 crore, 463 acres**, proposed by Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission. Will include a business park, global innovation hub, education and health district, convention centre, and concert arena.

PM Modi Visits Telangana – India's First PM MITRA Park at Warangal (Rs 1,700 crore)

PM Modi dedicated **~Rs 9,400 crore** worth of projects in Telangana on May 10, 2026.

Key Projects:

PM MITRA Park, Warangal: India's first fully functional PM MITRA Park — Rs 1,700 crore under 5F vision: Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign.

Zaheerabad Industrial Area, Sangareddy: Under Hyderabad-Nagpur Industrial Corridor — Rs 2,350 crore, 3,245 acres.

NH-167 four-laning: Gudebellur to Mahabubnagar (Hyderabad-Panaji Economic Corridor) — Rs 3,175 crore.

C. Joseph Vijay Sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

C. Joseph Vijay, president of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), was sworn in as **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister** at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai by Governor **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar**. Nine Cabinet members simultaneously sworn in; Ministry to expand after floor test, potentially forming the State's **first coalition government**.

India's Big Cat Conservation – Five Thematic Events Ahead of IBCA Summit 2026

Big Cat	Event Location	State
Asiatic Lion	Gir	Gujarat
Cheetah	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
Leopard	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
Snow Leopard	Gangtok	Sikkim
Tiger	Chandrapur	Maharashtra

Key facts: India holds **70%+ of world's wild tiger population**. The **Asiatic Lion survives exclusively in India**. India launched the world's **first intercontinental large carnivore translocation** under Project Cheetah.

India's First Mega Greenfield Shipyard – MoU Signed at Thoothukudi

A tripartite MoU signed for **India's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard at Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu** between HD Korea Shipbuilding (HD KSOE), NSHIP-TN, and Sagarmala Finance Corporation (SMFCL) under the India-South Korea maritime framework "**VOYAGES**". Annual capacity: **2.5 Million Gross Tonnage (GT)**; will anchor the Thoothukudi Shipbuilding Cluster.

India's First SME-Led Semiconductor Facility – Bhiwadi, Rajasthan

India's first **SME-led semiconductor ATMP/OSAT facility of Sahasra Semiconductors** was virtually inaugurated at Bhiwadi, Rajasthan on May 15, 2026 by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, along with an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) by ELCINA.

3) Andhra Pradesh Current Affairs ★ Priority Section

AP Launches Product Perfection Clusters (PPCs) – Local Products to Global Brands

AP initiated **Product Perfection Clusters (PPCs)** to help MSMEs achieve global quality standards, developed in **Amaravati, Visakhapatnam, and Tirupati**.

Products Identified Across Sectors:

Pharmaceuticals: Tenofovir Alafenamide API — Hetero Drugs and Laurus Labs at JN Pharma City.

Electronics: Inverter AC and compressors — Daikin, LG, Lloyd, Blue Star at Sri City.

Defence: Solid rocket propellant and medium-calibre ammunition — Premier Explosives at Sriharikota.

Semiconductors: ASIP Technologies unit in Tirupati.

Agriculture & Exports: Araku Coffee, 3,000+ tobacco leaf units (Guntur), Chimakurthy Black Galaxy granite, Madhavamala wood craft (Tirupati region), gold jewellery, cashew kernels.

Visakhapatnam Port – India's Top Seafood Export Hub for FY 2025–26

Visakhapatnam Port retained **India's top position in marine exports** in FY 2025-26 — handling **5.12 lakh metric tonnes** (more than **26%** of India's total 19.32 lakh MT) per MPEDA data. The **National Traceability Framework (2025)** strengthened compliance for EU and China exports, providing a competitive edge in high-value marine markets.

AP Sets Rs 1,27,506 Crore State Own Revenue Target for 2026–27

CM Naidu directed all revenue departments to boost collections. SOR grew from Rs 1,04,345 cr (2024-25) → Rs 1,10,643 cr (2025-26, ~6% growth) → target: **Rs 1,27,506 crore in 2026-27**.

Major SOR Contributors:

GST: Rs 33,679 crore | **Stamps & Registration:** Rs 11,047 crore | **Mines Dept:** Rs 10,300 crore.

What is SOR? Income earned directly by a state through its own taxes (SGST, Excise, Stamp Duty, Motor Vehicle Tax, Mining Royalties) and non-tax sources — *excluding* Central grants.

AP Cabinet Approves 25 Major Projects Worth ~Rs 2 Lakh Crore

The AP Cabinet approved 25 major investment projects worth nearly **Rs 2 lakh crore**, from Reliance Industries, Apollo Tyres, Royal Enfield, and Carrier Airconditioning — covering solar manufacturing, AI data centres, automobile manufacturing, and AC production.

Other Notable Approvals:

AP FIRST: Established with IIT Tirupati and IISER Tirupati.

Defence R&D; facility in Amaravati.

Rs 790.38 crore for Madakasira Branch Canal expansion.

904 Mobile Medical Units under the 104 Diagnostic Programme.

Sanjeevani digital healthcare system.

Integrated Horticulture Development Plan (~Rs 1 lakh crore) to transform Rayalaseema into a global horticulture hub.

AP Selected as 'Best Tourism Promotion State' at Global Travel Market 2026

AP Tourism Department won the **Best Tourism Promotion State** award at **Global Travel Market 2026 (GTM 2026)**, one of South India's largest travel expos, for its aggressive promotion strategy, policy reforms, infrastructure development, and large-scale global branding campaigns.

AP Wins 5 National Panchayat Awards – Joint Second in Country

At the **National Panchayat Awards 2025** (announced May 9, 2026), AP won **5 awards — jointly second-highest** after Karnataka (6 awards).

AP's Five Award-Winning Panchayats:

Srungavaram: 1st Rank — Good Governance Panchayat.

Bokkasam Palem: 1st Rank — Women-Friendly Panchayat.

Chemmullapalli: 2nd Rank — Poverty-Free & Enhanced Livelihoods Panchayat.

Kuppam: 3rd Rank — Best Block Panchayat.

Gundamala: 3rd Rank — Self-Sufficient Infrastructure Panchayat.

4) Polity & Governance

Governor's Role in a Hung Assembly – Article 164 and S.R. Bommai Judgment

Tamil Nadu 2026 elections brought this into focus: TVK as single largest party but needing coalition support. A **hung Assembly** is when no single party wins majority (more than half the total seats). The Governor's role is defined under **Article 164 of the Constitution**.

Key Constitutional Points:

Sarkaria Commission (1988) — Order of Preference: (1) Pre-poll majority alliance → (2) Single largest party that can demonstrate majority → (3) Post-poll alliance.

S.R. Bommai v. Union of India (1994): Supreme Court held that the *floor of the House* — not the Governor's personal discretion — is the most objective test for majority.

Tamil Nadu 2026: Governor Arlekar sought letters from 118+ MLAs (majority in 234-member Assembly) before inviting C. Joseph Vijay to form government.

Supreme Court Launches 'One Case One Data' and AI Chatbot 'Su Sahay'

"**One Case One Data**" integrates judicial administration from taluk courts to the Supreme Court into a single interconnected system. "**Su Sahay**" is an **AI-powered chatbot** on the Supreme Court website to help citizens navigate judicial procedures without needing legal assistance.

5) Economy

Three Jan Suraksha Schemes Complete 11 Years – Over 94 Crore Enrolments

PMSBY, PMJJBY, and APY completed **11 years on May 9, 2026** (launched May 9, 2015).

Scheme	Coverage	Status as of April 2026
PMJJBY	Life insurance of Rs 2 lakh (any cause of death)	27.43 crore enrolments; Rs 21,512.50 crore claims settled
PMSBY	Accidental death/disability cover up to Rs 2 lakh	58.09 crore enrolments; 1,84,662 claims (Rs 3,667.52 crore) settled
APY	Pension Rs 1,000-5,000/month after age 60	9.04 crore enrolments

Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (BMIP) Formally Launched

The **Dept of Financial Services** launched the **BMIP** with total coverage of **USD 1.5 billion**, backed by a sovereign guarantee of **USD 1.4 billion (Rs 12,980 crore)**. **GIC Re** appointed as administrator. Covers Hull & Machinery, Cargo, P&I, and War Risk Insurance for Indian-flagged or Indian-controlled vessels amid Middle East geopolitical tensions.

MSP for Kharif Crops 2026–27 – Paddy at Rs 2,441; Sunflower Seed Highest Rise (+Rs 622)

CCEA approved MSPs for **14 Kharif crops** at at least **1.5 times the weighted average production cost** (as per Budget 2018-19). **Sunflower Seed** received the highest increase — **+Rs 622/quintal**.

Crop	MSP 2026-27 (Rs/quintal)
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Paddy (Common)	Rs 2,441
Bajra	Rs 2,900
Ragi	Rs 5,205
Tur / Arhar	Rs 8,450
Moong	Rs 8,780
Groundnut	Rs 7,517
Sunflower Seed (+Rs 622 — highest rise)	Rs 8,343
Cotton (Medium Staple)	Rs 8,267

India–IFAD Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP) 2026–2033

Government of India and IFAD launched a new **COSOP 2026-2033** at Bharat Mandapam, aligned with **Viksit Bharat @2047**. The 8-year strategy focuses on: (1) scaling successful rural development models across India and the Global South, and (2) enhancing social, economic, and climate resilience of rural communities.

6) Science & Technology

NavIC Satellite Atomic Clock Failure – Operational Capacity Below Minimum

Another atomic clock on a **NavIC** satellite stopped functioning, reducing operational capacity below the minimum of **4 satellites required** for full coverage. The affected satellites use **Swiss-made SpectraTime rubidium atomic clocks**. ISRO is developing **indigenous rubidium atomic clocks** — already integrated in the newer NVS-01 satellite — to reduce foreign dependence.

India's First Orbital Data Centre Satellite 'Pathfinder' to Launch in 2026

Pixxel partnered with **Sarvam** to launch **Pathfinder** — India's first **orbital data centre satellite** (200 kg class, late 2026). It carries **data-centre-class GPUs** and a **hyperspectral imaging camera**. Unlike conventional Earth observation satellites, this processes AI models *in orbit*, transmitting only final insights to ground stations. The mission tests whether ground-grade computing hardware can survive LEO challenges: heat dissipation, radiation, and power storage.

7) Environment

India's First Block-Level Monsoon Forecast System – 3,196 Blocks in 15 States

IMD launched India's first **block-level monsoon forecast system**, providing farmers and local administrations onset forecasts at block level — far more precise than earlier state/district forecasts. Currently covers **3,196 blocks across 15 States and 1 UT** (monsoon core zone).

System Details:

Technology: AI analysis + century-old meteorological data + global weather models + blended forecasting.

Developed by **Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology** under Ministry of Earth Sciences.

Provides **probabilistic forecasts for 4 weeks**.

UP-specific: Separate **10-day, 1 km resolution** model enabled by UP's automatic weather station network.

8) Schemes

PMGSY-IV Launched – 25 Years of Rural Road Connectivity

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched **PMGSY-IV** on May 10, 2026 at Bhairunda, Madhya Pradesh — on **PMGSY's 25th anniversary**. Madhya Pradesh ranked first nationally with **90,766 km of roads** completed over 25 years, ahead of Rajasthan and UP.

MGNREGA Replaced by Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) – July 1, 2026

The **Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025** was notified on May 11, 2026 for nationwide rollout from **July 1, 2026**. From that date, **MGNREGA (2005) stands repealed**. FY 2026-27 allocation: **Rs 95,692.31 crore** — the **highest-ever budget estimate** for a rural employment programme.

Coal Gasification Scheme – Rs 37,500 Crore to Gasify 100 MT of Coal by 2030

Cabinet approved the **Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal/Lignite Gasification** with **Rs 37,500 crore** to support the target of gasifying **100 Million Tonnes of coal by 2030**. Reduces imports of LNG, urea, ammonia, methanol, and coking coal. Incentives capped at **20% of plant and machinery cost**, disbursed in 4 milestone-linked instalments. Coal linkage tenure extended to **30 years**.

9) Defence

ICGS Achal Commissioned – New Adanya-Class Fast Patrol Vessel

Indian Coast Guard commissioned **ICGS Achal** on May 9, 2026 at **Goa Shipyard Limited** — latest vessel in the **Adanya-class Fast Patrol Vessel** series. "Achal" means "firm".

New CDS and New Chief of Naval Staff Appointed

Post	Appointed Person
Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)	Lt. General NS Raja Subramani (Retd)
Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)	Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan

10) Awards & Honours

National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026 – Presented on International Nurses Day

President of India presented the **National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026** to nursing personnel at Rashtrapati Bhavan on **May 12, 2026**. The awards were **instituted in 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** to recognise meritorious services of nursing professionals.

DigiLocker Awards – Five States Felicitated for Outstanding Integration

State	Key Achievement in DigiLocker Integration
Karnataka	73% e-services integrated; highest accounts — 2.7 crore users

Gujarat	65% services; digital disability certificates for free bus transport
Kerala	117+ services onboarded in less than 7 days
Nagaland	"Digital Rising State" — 32+ services within one month
Rajasthan	Family Register Jan Aadhaar with DigiLocker — 7.5 crore citizens benefited

11) Committees & Conferences

India to Host ITU Plenipotentiary Conference PP-2030 – Proposal Accepted in Geneva

India participated in the **ITU Council 2026 meeting in Geneva (April 28 – May 8)** and proposed hosting **ITU PP-2030** — the ITU's highest decision-making conference. The ITU Council (48 member states) accepted India's proposal; final approval awaited at **ITU PP-2026 in Doha**. India has been an ITU Council member since **1952**.

India Reaffirms Two-State Solution at BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting, New Delhi

EAM **S. Jaishankar** reiterated India's support for a **two-state solution** to the Israel-Palestine conflict at the **BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting in New Delhi**. Attended by Iranian FM Araghchi, Russian FM Lavrov, and Brazilian FM Vieira.

12) Important Days

National Technology Day – 11 May | Theme 2026: "Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth"

Observed every **May 11** — marking India's **Pokhran-II nuclear tests (Operation Shakti, 1998)**. In 2026, it marks **28 years since Pokhran-II**.

International Nurses Day – 12 May | Theme 2026: "Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives."

Observed every **May 12** — **birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale**, founder of modern nursing.

13) Miscellaneous

Amma Ariyan to Premiere at Cannes – Only Indian Film Selected for World Premiere

The restored 4K version of **Amma Ariyan**, directed by **John Abraham**, will premiere at **Cannes Film Festival on May 16** — the **only Indian feature film** selected for world premiere there this year. Restoration by the **Film Heritage Foundation**. Original film was produced through public contributions by the **Odessa Film Collective**.

Suvendu Adhikari – First BJP Chief Minister of West Bengal

Suvendu Adhikari sworn in as West Bengal's **first BJP CM** on May 10, 2026 — coinciding with **Rabindranath Tagore's birth anniversary**. He is the **9th CM of West Bengal**, heading the 18th Legislative Assembly.

Key Appointments and Books

Periasamy Kumaran	New India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.
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Tushar Mehta	Solicitor-General launched two courtroom humour books: The Lawful and The Awful, and The Bench, The Bar and The Bizarre.
'Apnapan'	Book by Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on his 35-year association with PM Narendra Modi.

Quick Revision Table — May 2026 Week 2

Toppers' Strategy: AP rows highlighted in blue (★). Selected high-relevance topics only — not all topics. One complete sentence per row. Rewrite weekly in your notebook.

Topic	One-Line Summary
★ AP – Product Perfection Clusters	AP is developing PPCs in Amaravati, Visakhapatnam, and Tirupati to help MSMEs achieve global quality standards across pharma APIs, electronics, defence propellants, semiconductors, Araku Coffee, Chimakurthy granite, and gold jewellery.
★ Visakhapatnam Port – No.1 Seafood Hub	Vizag Port retained India's top seafood export position in FY 2025-26, handling 5.12 lakh MT (26%+ of national volume of 19.32 lakh MT); National Traceability Framework 2025 boosted EU and China compliance.
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★ AP National Panchayat Awards 2025	AP won 5 national panchayat awards (joint 2nd after Karnataka's 6): Srungavaram (1st Good Governance), Bokkasam Palem (1st Women-Friendly), Chemmullapalli (2nd Poverty-Free), Kuppam (3rd Block), Gundamala (3rd Infrastructure).
PM MITRA Park – Warangal (India's First)	India's first PM MITRA Park dedicated at Warangal, Telangana (Rs 1,700 cr) under 5F vision: Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign; PM Modi also inaugurated Zaheerabad Industrial Area (Rs 2,350 cr) and NH-167 four-laning (Rs 3,175 cr).
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Governor – Hung Assembly (Art. 164)	In a hung Assembly, Governor follows Article 164; Sarkaria Commission order: pre-poll majority first, then single largest party, then post-poll alliance; S.R. Bommai (1994) SC ruling: floor of the House — not Governor's discretion — tests majority.
SC – One Case One Data & Su Sahay	SC launched "One Case One Data" (integrates judicial admin from taluk courts to SC in one system) and "Su Sahay" (AI chatbot on SC website for citizens to navigate legal procedures).
Big Cat Thematic Events – IBCA Summit 2026	MoEFCC organising 5 big cat thematic events: Lion (Gir, Gujarat), Cheetah (Bhopal, MP), Leopard (Bhubaneswar, Odisha), Snow Leopard (Gangtok, Sikkim), Tiger (Chandrapur, Maharashtra) as precursor to IBCA Summit 2026.
Thoothukudi Mega Shipyard – VOYAGES	Tripartite MoU signed for India's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard at Thoothukudi (HD KSOE + NSHIP-TN + SMFCL) under India-ROK framework "VOYAGES"; capacity 2.5 million GT annually.
CDS & CNS Appointments	Lt. Gen. NS Raja Subramani (Retd) appointed new Chief of Defence Staff; Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan appointed new Chief of the Naval Staff.
National Technology Day – 11 May	Observed May 11 to commemorate Pokhran-II nuclear tests (Operation Shakti, 1998); 2026 marks 28 years; theme: "Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth".
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