

Current affairs for 30th May, 2026

1. What is the theme of India's first Culture Working Group meeting under BRICS Presidency 2026?

- [A] Global Peace and Development
- [B] Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- [C] Digital Future for All
- [D] Inclusive Growth and Development

Correct Answer: B [Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability]

Notes:

India hosted the first Culture Working Group meeting under its BRICS Presidency 2026 in New Delhi. Representatives from BRICS countries participated virtually. India's delegation included officials from Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts. India's presidency focuses on cultural cooperation and people-to-people exchanges. The theme is "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability." The initiative aims to promote shared heritage and stronger cultural ties among BRICS nations.

2. Which state has launched India's first State-led Centre of Excellence for Space Technology?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: A [Karnataka]

Notes:

Karnataka has launched India's first State-led Centre of Excellence for Space Technology (CoE SpaceTech Foundation) in Bengaluru. The initiative aims to convert space innovation into scalable and commercial outcomes. The Centre has been established by the Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society in collaboration with the Satcom Industry Association of India. It focuses on advanced research, industry-oriented training, and talent development in space technologies. The Centre will act as a hub for startup incubation and ecosystem building. It promotes collaboration between government, industry, and academia.

3. Atomic Energy Regulatory Board operates under which Act?

[A] Environment Protection Act, 1986

[B] Atomic Energy Act, 1962

[C] Disaster Management Act, 2005

[D] Electricity Act, 2003

Correct Answer: B [Atomic Energy Act, 1962]

Notes:

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board has permitted major equipment erection at Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project Units 5 and 6. The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board is India's premier authority for nuclear and radiation safety. It was established on November 15, 1983, under the Atomic Energy Act, 1962. Its regulatory powers are derived from the Atomic Energy Act and the

Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The main objective of the Board is to ensure safe use of nuclear energy and ionising radiation without risk to people and the environment. Its headquarters is located in Mumbai.

4. Operation Clawing Back has been conducted by which state government to curb illegal wildlife trade?

- [A] Uttarakhand
- [B] Himachal Pradesh
- [C] Assam
- [D] Sikkim

Correct Answer: B [Himachal Pradesh]

Notes:

Operation Clawing Back has been conducted by the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department to curb illegal wildlife trade. The operation targeted organised trafficking of wildlife body parts in Rohru, Himachal Pradesh. Authorities seized 85 leopard claws and five canine teeth during the operation. The illegal trade involved concealing wildlife parts in jewellery items like lockets and amulets. A case has been registered under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972. The operation aims to identify supply chains and prevent further wildlife crime. It highlights strict enforcement measures against illegal wildlife trafficking in India.

5. Recently, which state/UT set a Guinness World Record by unfurling the largest underwater national flag?

- [A] Andaman and Nicobar
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Lakshadweep
- [D] Kerala

Correct Answer: A [Andaman and Nicobar]

Notes:

The Andaman and Nicobar Administration set a Guinness World Record by unfurling the largest underwater national flag at Radhanagar Beach. The tricolour measured about 60 × 40 metres and was deployed through a coordinated effort involving multiple agencies and trained divers. Personnel from the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Andaman and Nicobar Police, and Forest Department participated in the operation. The event was officially certified by Guinness World Records adjudicator Rishi Nath in the presence of Lieutenant Governor D. K. Joshi. The achievement highlights the islands' growing importance as a hub for adventure tourism and marine activities.

6. Where was National Conference on Rare Diseases 2026 held?

- [A] Hyderabad
- [B] Mumbai
- [C] Chennai
- [D] New Delhi

Correct Answer: D [New Delhi]

Notes:

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organised a two-day National Conference on Rare Diseases in New Delhi on May 5–6, 2026 to strengthen India's response. The initiative builds on the National Health Policy (2017) and the National Policy for Rare Diseases (2021), providing a structured framework for management. The policy is implemented through

Centres of Excellence (CoEs), which have expanded from 8 to 15 across India. Financial assistance up to ₹50 lakh per patient is provided, along with customs duty exemptions on life-saving drugs. The UMMID (Unique Methods for Management of Inherited Disorders) initiative promotes genetic diagnosis, counselling, and early detection.

7. Which institution launched the campaign "One Meal a Day with Millets"?

- [A] Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- [B] Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- [C] Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR)
- [D] NITI Aayog

Correct Answer: C [Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR)]

Notes:

Indian Institute of Millets Research, Nutrihub, and Millet Marvels launched the national campaign "One Meal a Day with Millets" to promote millet consumption. The campaign encourages people to include at least one millet-based meal daily and spread awareness about the nutritional benefits of millets. The initiative promotes millets as nutritious and sustainable "superfoods" rich in vitamins, minerals, proteins, and healthy fats. The campaign also aims to improve public health, support sustainable agriculture, and enhance farmers' livelihoods. The National Institute of Nutrition recommended that millets should constitute one-third of cereal consumption in daily diets.

8. The Methane Alert and Response System (MARS) is an initiative of which organization?

- [A] Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- [B] United Nations Development Programme
- [C] United Nations Environment Programme
- [D] International Energy Agency

Correct Answer: C [United Nations Environment Programme]

Notes:

United Nations Environment Programme's International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO) announced the expansion of the Methane Alert and Response System (MARS) to include coal mines and waste facilities. MARS is the world's first public global satellite-based methane detection and notification system. It was launched by the UNEP's International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO). The system was announced at the Conference of Parties (COP) 27 in 2022 and entered pilot phase in 2023.

9. The Urban Testbed and Aerosol Observatory has been established in which city?

- [A] Chennai
- [B] Visakhapatnam
- [C] Mumbai
- [D] Bengaluru

Correct Answer: A [Chennai]

Notes:

The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune established an Urban Testbed and Aerosol Observatory at SRM Institute of Science and Technology under Mission Mausam. The facility was inaugurated in Chennai by Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary of the

Ministry of Earth Sciences on 6 May 2026. The observatory contains around 15 advanced instruments worth more than ₹60 crore and can monitor nearly 50 atmospheric parameters. It will improve weather forecasting by studying aerosols, wind flow, temperature, sea breeze, land breeze, clouds, and rainfall patterns. The Chennai Urban Testbed is the first comprehensive observatory of its kind in India.

10. Which ministry released the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) 2025 report?

[A] Ministry of Finance

[B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

[C] Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

[D] Ministry of Labour and Employment

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation]

Notes:

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) 2025 report. The number of establishments in the unincorporated non-agricultural sector increased from 7.34 crore in 2023–24 to 7.92 crore in 2025, registering 7.97% growth. The “Other Services” sector recorded the highest growth in establishments, followed by manufacturing and trade. The sector provided employment to around 12.81 crore workers, adding over 74.52 lakh jobs compared to the previous survey. Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and Maharashtra accounted for more than one-third of total employment in the sector.