



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 01, 2026

NATIONAL

- **Government Notifies New Citizenship Rules, Streamlines OCI and Application Processes.**
- ✓ The Government of India, through the Ministry of Home Affairs, has notified the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2026, updating the Citizenship Rules, 2009 to streamline citizenship and OCI-related processes with a stronger digital focus.
- ✓ A key change clarifies that minor children cannot hold both Indian and foreign passports simultaneously, reinforcing citizenship norms. The rules also mandate complete online submission for OCI registration and renunciation, eliminating manual paperwork.
- ✓ The introduction of e-OCI allows applicants to receive either a physical or digital OCI registration, while simplifying procedures by removing duplicate document requirements.
- ✓ Additionally, OCI renunciation now requires online declaration and card surrender, and applicants may opt into biometric-based fast-track immigration for quicker and more secure entry processing.

APPOINTMENTS

- ✓ **IMPORTANT DAYS**

➤ **International Labour Day**

- ✓ The global community observed International Labour Day, commonly known as May Day, on May 1, 2026, to highlight workers' rights, recognize workforce contributions, and address modern occupational issues.
- ✓ Theme 2026: The International Labour Organization (ILO) designated the current year's theme as 'Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment'.
- ✓ Commemorates the May 1, 1886 strike resolution passed by the Marxist International Socialist Congress.
- ✓ Observed as a national public holiday on May 1 to focus on labour laws, fair wages, and safe working conditions across the country.

AWARDS

➤ **Whitley Award (2026)**

- ✓ Indian Scientist Parveen Shaikh has won the Whitley Award 2026 from the Whitley Fund for Nature for protecting the endangered Indian Skimmer.
- ✓ The award, presented at the Royal Geographical Society by Princess Anne, highlights global recognition of grassroots conservation.
- ✓ The Indian Skimmer, with over 90% of its population in India, faces threats from habitat loss and river disturbances. Shaikh's "guardian model" trains local villagers to protect nests, improving survival rates and boosting population recovery.

