



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 25, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

Jaishankar-Rubio Talks Strengthen India-US Strategic Partnership Ahead of Quad Meeting

- During his official visit to India, Marco Rubio held high-level talks with S. Jaishankar ahead of the Quad Foreign Ministers Meeting, highlighting the growing strength of the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership.
- Discussions covered artificial intelligence, defence cooperation, trade, energy security, critical minerals, and counter-terrorism.
- India also raised concerns over recent US visa and immigration policy changes affecting students and professionals.
- Both nations emphasized cooperation on Indo-Pacific security, maritime stability, and supply chain resilience, reflecting deeper strategic alignment through the Quad partnership involving India, the US, Japan, and Australia.

AWARDS

UN Military Gender Advocate Award

- Major Abhilasha Barak has been awarded the 2025 United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award for her outstanding contribution to women empowerment, community outreach, and gender sensitization during her deployment with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.
- Serving as Commander of the Female Engagement Team, she worked closely with women and girls in conflict-affected communities and promoted gender-inclusive peacebuilding.
- A pioneering combat helicopter pilot in the Indian Army, she becomes India's third recipient of this prestigious UN honour, highlighting India's growing leadership in gender-inclusive peacekeeping and global humanitarian efforts.

Sansad Ratna Awards

- The Sansad Ratna Awards 2026 have recognized outstanding performances by Members of Parliament and Parliamentary Standing Committees for their legislative contribution and public service.
- This year, 10 Lok Sabha MPs, 2 Rajya Sabha MPs, and 4 Parliamentary Committees were selected for the honour.
- Notable awardees include Medha Kulkarni and Smita Uday Wagh, whose dedication received special appreciation.
- Instituted in 2010 by the Prime Point Foundation and inspired by A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the awards are based on parliamentary data such as debates, questions, attendance, and committee participation.

ECONOMY NEWS

India's Cold Water Fisheries Emerge as Key Growth Engine for the Blue Economy Vision

- India's Cold Water Fisheries sector is emerging as a key pillar of the Blue Economy Vision, driving economic growth, employment, and sustainable development in Himalayan and hill regions.
- From trout farming in Jammu & Kashmir to scientific aquaculture in Ladakh and the Northeast, the sector supports food security, biodiversity conservation, and tourism.
- India has identified 278 cold-water fish species, while government support through PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and rising trout production are transforming cold water fisheries into a modern, investment-driven aquaculture success story.

DEFENCE

India's First 300-km Rocket System

- India achieved a major defence milestone as Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched Suryastra, the country's first indigenous 300-km Universal Rocket Launching System, and inaugurated a major private defence manufacturing complex in Shirdi, Maharashtra.
- Developed to enhance long-range precision strike capability, Suryastra strengthens India's combat readiness and strategic independence.
- The new facility by NIBE Limited will produce advanced artillery, missile, space defence, and autonomous systems.
- Backed by initiatives like Make in India, Aatmanirbhar Bharat, and iDEX, these developments boost defence self-reliance, technological innovation, and India's growing role in global defence manufacturing.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Thyroid Day

- Every year on 25 May, the world observes World Thyroid Day to raise awareness about thyroid health, early diagnosis, and treatment of thyroid disorders affecting millions globally.
- The thyroid gland regulates metabolism, energy, growth, heart rate, and hormone balance, making it vital for overall health.
- In India, nearly 4.2 crore people are estimated to suffer from thyroid disorders, with women being more vulnerable.
- Common conditions include hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, goitre, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, and thyroid cancer.
- Experts emphasize the importance of iodine intake, healthy lifestyle habits, regular screening, and early detection to prevent serious health complications.

Rash Behari Bose Birth Anniversary

- On the birth anniversary of Rash Behari Bose, India remembers one of the foremost architects of the country's revolutionary freedom struggle against British rule.
- Born on 25 May 1886 in present-day West Bengal, he played a major role in the Ghadar Movement, the Delhi Conspiracy Case, and later founded the Indian Independence League in Japan.
- Rash Behari Bose also laid the foundation for the Indian National Army before handing leadership to Subhas Chandra Bose.
- His efforts transformed India's freedom movement from domestic resistance into a global anti-colonial campaign, making him a pivotal figure in India's independence history.

World Football Day

- On 25 May 2026, the world observed World Football Day, celebrating football's power to unite people across cultures, generations, and borders.
- Established by the United Nations through Resolution A/RES/78/281 in 2024, the day marks the centenary of the first global football tournament at the 1924 Summer Olympics.
- The observance highlights football's role in promoting peace, gender equality, youth empowerment, public health, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Supported by FIFA and global football institutions, the sport is recognized as a powerful tool for social inclusion, diplomacy, and international cooperation worldwide.

