



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 28, 2026

### NATIONAL

#### New PDS Scheme

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, has approved the SARTHAK-PDS scheme with a total outlay of ₹25,530 crore for the next five years. SARTHAK-PDS stands for Scheme for Assistance in Ration Transport and Handling-Income with Automation in Public Distribution System and aims to modernize India's Public Distribution System (PDS) through better logistics, digital governance, and technology-driven reforms.
- The scheme merges existing initiatives related to foodgrain transportation and SMART PDS modernization, and will remain operational until March 31, 2031.
- The scheme focuses on improving food security delivery, reducing leakages, strengthening Fair Price Shops (FPS), and ensuring efficient last-mile distribution under the National Food Security Act framework, which covers over 81 crore beneficiaries.
- Key reforms include the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), blockchain, real-time monitoring systems, unified national PDS databases, predictive analytics, and AI-based grievance redressal, making the ration distribution system more transparent, efficient, and technology-enabled.

#### 51st PRAGATI Meeting

- Narendra Modi chaired the 51st PRAGATI meeting to review major infrastructure and governance projects across India. PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) is a digital platform that improves coordination between the Centre and States for faster execution of public projects.
- During the meeting, the Prime Minister reviewed seven key projects worth nearly ₹30,000 crore across the railways, power, and road sectors spanning nine states, with emphasis on timely execution and better inter-agency coordination.
- The meeting also focused on rooftop solar expansion, the Ken-Betwa River Inter-linking Project, Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, and development of the VadHAVAN Port as a multi-modal logistics hub. PM Modi encouraged innovative infrastructure models such as installing solar panels over canals to improve clean energy generation, reduce water evaporation, and optimize land use, while stressing stronger monitoring and mission-mode implementation for sanitation, water security, and renewable energy projects.

## **Supreme Court Declares Trauma Care a Fundamental Right Under Article 21**

- The Supreme Court of India, in the case SaveLIFE Foundation vs Union of India, recognised access to trauma care as part of the Right to Life under Article 21 of the Constitution.
- The Court directed the Centre and States to implement major reforms in emergency healthcare, including integration of emergency helplines into 112, creation of a National Trauma Registry, and mandatory compliance with the National Ambulance Code.
- It also strengthened protections for Good Samaritans and ordered implementation of the PM RAHAT Scheme for cashless treatment of road accident victims, aiming to improve India's trauma response and emergency medical infrastructure.

# APPOINTMENTS

## Supreme Court Collegium Recommends Five New Judges

- The Supreme Court Collegium, led by the Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, has recommended the appointment of five new judges to the Supreme Court following the expansion of the court's sanctioned strength from 34 to 38 judges.
- The move aims to address rising case pendency, reduce judicial workload, and improve the speed of case disposal.
- If approved, the working strength of the Supreme Court will rise significantly, leaving only a small number of vacancies.
- The recommended names include Justice Sheel Nagu, Justice Shree Chandrashekhar, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Justice Arun Palli, and senior advocate V Mohana.
- Among them, V Mohana's elevation is historic, as she is set to become only the second woman directly elevated from the bar to the Supreme Court after Justice Indu Malhotra, marking an important milestone in gender representation in India's higher judiciary.

