



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 30, 2026

NATIONAL

Indian Railways Launches New 18-Star Logo

- Indian Railways will operationalize the South Coast Railway (SCoR) on 1 June 2026, making it the country's 18th railway zone. Headquartered in Visakhapatnam, SCoR has been formed by reorganizing parts of East Coast Railway and South Central Railway.
- It will include the Guntakal, Guntur, Vijayawada, and Visakhapatnam divisions. Indian Railways has also unveiled a new 18-star logo representing its 18 zones.
- The headquarters at Mudasarlova, Visakhapatnam, is being developed at a cost of ₹183.58 crore and will serve parts of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu.

India Launches First SkyCast System at Delhi Airport to Reduce Flight Delays

- Indira Gandhi International Airport has launched the advanced SkyCast System under Mission Mausam to improve aviation safety and real-time weather forecasting.
- Inaugurated by Jitendra Singh, the system monitors fog, visibility, wind, turbulence, and atmospheric conditions using technologies like Radar Wind Profiler, SODAR, Microwave Radiometer, and Lidar-based Ceilometer.
- SkyCast aims to reduce flight delays, diversions, and cancellations caused by poor weather, especially during Delhi's winter fog, while helping pilots and

airport authorities make safer operational decisions through real-time atmospheric intelligence.

Government Launches Common Landing Portal to Help Citizens Find Unclaimed Financial Assets

- The Department of Financial Services has launched the Common Landing Portal to help citizens search and trace unclaimed financial assets through a single online platform.
- Developed with the PSB Alliance, the portal supports the government's "आपका पैसा, आपका अधिकार (Your Money, Your Right)" campaign.
- Users can search for unclaimed bank deposits, insurance claims, shares, mutual funds, and unpaid dividends without visiting multiple websites.
- The initiative aims to improve financial awareness, transparency, and convenience while simplifying the process of recovering rightful funds and assets.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh Unveils Commemorative Book on Operation Sindoor

- Rajnath Singh has released a commemorative volume on Operation Sindoor, documenting the experiences of 100 military personnel who participated in the mission.
- The publication highlights India's joint military capabilities, strategic preparedness, and coordination among the Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- Unlike traditional military histories, the book focuses on first-hand accounts from soldiers, sailors, airmen, special forces personnel, and support staff involved in the operation.
- Compiled under the guidance of Anil Chauhan, the volume serves as both a historical record and a tribute to the armed forces, showcasing the importance of integrated defence operations and military professionalism.

DEFENCE

Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar Appointed 48th Vice Chief of Naval Staff

- Ajay Kochhar assumed charge as the 48th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS) of the Indian Navy on May 29, 2026.
- With over 37 years of naval service, he brings extensive experience in naval warfare, fleet operations, and strategic leadership.
- Previously, he served as Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- A specialist in Gunnery and Missile Systems, he commanded major naval assets including INS Vikramaditya and received prestigious honours such as the PVSM, AVSM, and Nau Sena Medal for his distinguished service.

Rajesh Kumar Singh Takes Additional Charge as DRDO Chairman After Samir Kamat's Retirement

- The Central Government has appointed Rajesh Kumar Singh as the additional Secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development, and Chairman of DRDO, effective 31 May 2026, following the retirement of Samir V. Kamat.
- Approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, Singh will continue as Defence Secretary while leading Defence Research and Development Organisation.
- During Kamat's tenure (since August 2022), DRDO advanced research in quantum computing, stealth UCAVs, EMALS, electric warship propulsion, space-based ISR, and defence innovation.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of UN Peacekeepers: Recognizing Service and Sacrifice in Conflict Zones

- The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is observed annually on 29 May to honor the courage, professionalism, and sacrifices of UN peacekeepers serving worldwide.
- Established by the United Nations General Assembly, it commemorates the first UN peacekeeping mission, United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (1948).
- Over 2 million peacekeepers have served in more than 70 missions globally.
- Known as the Blue Helmets, they protect civilians, support peace agreements, human rights, elections, and humanitarian efforts. India remains one of the largest troop contributors, with about 4,200 personnel currently deployed.

Goa Statehood Day 2026: Celebrating 39 Years of Goa's Journey as India's 25th State

- Goa celebrates its 39th Statehood Day on May 30, 2026, marking the anniversary of becoming India's 25th state on May 30, 1987.
- Previously administered as a Union Territory after its liberation from Portuguese rule in 1961 through Operation Vijay, Goa attained statehood to recognize its distinct cultural, linguistic, and historical identity.
- The day is celebrated with cultural programs, government events, and tributes to freedom fighters.
- Known for its rich heritage, tourism industry, and high literacy rate, Goa remains India's smallest state by area, with Panaji as its capital and Konkani as its official language.

