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Appointments

Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan Appointed Next Navy Chief

- **Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan** was appointed as the next **Chief of the Naval Staff** on **9 May 2026**.
- He will officially assume his new office on **31 May 2026**.
- This crucial appointment ensures continuity in India's **maritime security** and modern naval operations.
- **Static GK: The Indian Navy was founded on 26 January 1950; Navy Day is celebrated on 4 December.**

Defence

Lt Gen N S Raja Subramani Appointed as India's Next CDS

- **Lieutenant General N S Raja Subramani** was appointed as India's new **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)** on **9 May 2026**.
- He will succeed **General Anil Chauhan** to lead the country's tri-services command.
- The role is critical for integrating the **Army, Navy, and Air Force** into unified theatre commands.
- **Static GK: The post of CDS was created in 2019; General Bipin Rawat was the first CDS.**

Defence & Space

India Tests Maiden Nuclear-Capable ICBM Off Odisha Coast

- India successfully test-fired a maiden **nuclear-capable Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)** on **9 May 2026**.
- The strategic launch was conducted from **APJ Abdul Kalam Island** off the coast of **Odisha**.
- This test significantly enhances India's **nuclear deterrence** and long-range strike capabilities.
- **Static GK: APJ Abdul Kalam Island was previously known as Wheeler Island before its renaming in 2015.**

Polity

Supreme Court Proposes Permanent Woman VP in SCBA

- On **9 May 2026**, the **Supreme Court** proposed creating a permanent **woman Vice-President post** in the **SCBA**.
- The **Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA)** is the primary representative body for apex court lawyers.
- This progressive step aims to ensure **gender parity** and better female representation in judicial leadership.
- **Static GK: Article 124 of the Indian Constitution deals with the establishment of the Supreme Court of India.**

Economy

Cabinet Hikes Sugarcane FRP to ₹365 Per Quintal

- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** approved an FRP hike for **sugarcane farmers** on **9 May 2026**.
- The **Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP)** was increased to **₹365 per quintal** for the **2026-27** season.
- This decision supports millions of farmers and ensures a stable supply for the **sugar industry**.
- **Static GK: Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra are the top two sugarcane-producing states in India.**

State Polity

Tamil Nadu Assembly Elections 2026 Yield Hung Assembly

- The **Tamil Nadu 2026 Assembly election** results declared on **9 May 2026** resulted in a **hung assembly**.
- Actor Vijay's **TVK party** emerged as the largest bloc, winning **108 seats**.
- The party fell short of the **118-seat majority mark** required in the **234-seat house**.
- **Static GK: A hung assembly occurs when no single political party or pre-poll alliance secures an absolute majority.**

Schemes & Health

Health Ministry Launches Digital Platform 'JANANI'

- The **Ministry of Health** launched the **JANANI** platform on **9 May 2026**.
- It stands for **Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care**.
- The portal digitally maintains health records of women during their **reproductive age** to improve maternal care.
- **Static GK: The National Health Mission (NHM) was launched by the Government of India in 2013.**

Environment

Kerala Initiates Advanced Oil Spill Contingency Plan

- On **9 May 2026**, **Kerala** announced its robust **Oil Spill Contingency Plan**.
- The plan was initiated following severe shipwreck incidents off the **Kerala coast** in recent months.
- It aims to rapidly mitigate **marine pollution** and protect sensitive coastal ecosystems.
- **Static GK: The Indian Coast Guard is the nodal agency for responding to oil spills in Indian waters.**

International Relations

India and Japan Sign Quantum Tech & Health Pact

- **India** and **Japan** signed strategic cooperation agreements on **9 May 2026**.
- The pact focuses on advancing **quantum technology** and collaborative **health research**.
- This strengthens the bilateral partnership and accelerates innovation in **emerging technologies**.
- 📌 **Static GK: Tokyo is the capital of Japan, and its currency is the Japanese Yen.**

Science & Tech

IIT Madras Opens First International Centre in USA

- The **IIT Madras Global Research Foundation** inaugurated its first international centre on **9 May 2026**.
- The facility is located in **Menlo Park, California, USA**.
- It aims to integrate India's **deep-tech innovations** into global research and investment ecosystems.
- 📌 **Static GK: IIT Madras was established in 1959 with technical assistance from the former West Germany.**

Environment & Science

India's First Urban Testbed and Aerosol Observatory Launched

- The **Ministry of Earth Sciences** inaugurated India's first **Urban Testbed and Aerosol Observatory** on **9 May 2026**.
- It is established at the **SRM Institute of Science and Technology** in **Chennai**.
- The facility will track air quality and study complex **urban atmospheric dynamics**.
- 📌 **Static GK: The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) is headquartered in Pune, Maharashtra.**

Reports & Indices

NCRB Releases 'Crime in India 2024' Report in May 2026

- The **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)** released its annual report on **9 May 2026**.
- The report reveals India recorded **58.86 lakh cognisable crimes**, a **6% decline** from the previous year.
- Among metropolitan cities, **Delhi** recorded the highest number of cognisable offences.
- **Static GK:** The **NCRB** was established in **1986** and operates under the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.

Economy & Infrastructure

MIF Signs MoUs to Establish Maritime Innovation Hubs

- The **Maritime India Foundation (MIF)** signed key MoUs on **9 May 2026**.
- Partnerships were formed with **IIT Madras, IIT Bombay, and IMU Chennai**.
- The agreement paves the way for new **Maritime Innovation Hubs (MIH)** to boost port technologies.
- **Static GK:** The **Sagarmala Programme** was approved by the Union Cabinet in **2015** to enhance port-led development.

Defence & International

10th India-Australia Defence Policy Talks Held

- The **10th India-Australia Defence Policy Talks** concluded in **New Delhi** on **9 May 2026**.
- Officials discussed enhancing **Indo-Pacific maritime security** and joint military interoperability.
- The dialogue reinforces the **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** between the two nations.
- **Static GK:** The joint military exercise between the armies of India and Australia is called **AUSTRA HIND**.

State Policies

Maharashtra Approves Compressed Biogas Policy 2026

- The **Maharashtra Government** approved the **Compressed Biogas (CBG) Policy 2026** on **9 May 2026**.
- The policy promotes producing clean energy from **agricultural residue and municipal waste**.
- It aims to reduce carbon emissions and decrease reliance on imported **fossil fuels**.
- **Static GK: Biogas is primarily composed of Methane (CH₄) and Carbon Dioxide (CO₂).**