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Polity

TVK Leader Vijay Sworn in as Tamil Nadu CM

- Actor-turned-politician **C. Joseph Vijay** was sworn in as **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister** on **10 May 2026**.
- His party, **Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK)**, formed a coalition government with the **Congress**.
- The historic swearing-in took place at **Nehru Stadium, Chennai**, ending decades of Dravidian party dominance.
- Nine other senior leaders from the TVK-led alliance also took their ministerial oaths.
- **Static GK: Article 164** of the Constitution deals with the appointment of the Chief Minister by the Governor.

Defence

ICGS Achal Commissioned in Goa

- The **Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Achal** was officially commissioned at **Goa Shipyard Limited**.
- It is a newly built **51-metre Adanya-class Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV)** for maritime security.
- This vessel enhances India's coastal surveillance and rapid response capabilities in the **Arabian Sea**.
- It features advanced navigation systems and is designed for search, rescue, and anti-smuggling operations.
- **Static GK: The Indian Coast Guard** was established on **1 February 1977** under the Ministry of Defence.

Economy

UN Report Retains India as Fastest-Growing Economy

- The **UN's World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP)** mid-year update projected India's growth at **6.4%**.
- India continues to be the **fastest-growing large economy** amid a global slowdown of **2.4%**.
- Resilient private consumption and **robust services exports** are cited as primary growth drivers.
- The report predicts India's inflation will slow down to **4.3% in 2025**, within the RBI target.
- □ Static GK: The **WESP report is produced annually by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)**.

Sports

J&K CM Inaugurates India Golf Carnival 2026

- Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister **Omar Abdullah** inaugurated the **India Golf Carnival 2026** in Srinagar.
- The mega sporting event is hosted at the prestigious **Royal Springs Golf Course** on **10 May 2026**.
- Organized by **Innovative Sports & Leisure (ISL)** in partnership with the **J&K Tourism Department**.
- The tournament aims to boost premium sports tourism and international footfall in the Kashmir Valley.
- □ Static GK: The **Royal Springs Golf Course** is nestled beautifully against the backdrop of the **Zabarwan mountains**.

International

India to Host 4th India-Africa Summit

- India announced it will host the **4th India-Africa Summit** later in **May 2026** in New Delhi.
- The summit resumes after an **11-year gap**, expecting participation from over **40 African heads of state**.
- India aims to ramp up development aid, projecting a **\$10 billion Line of Credit (LOC)** for Africa.

- The move counters expanding Chinese influence while boosting cooperation in health, agriculture, and defence.
- **Static GK: The first India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS) was held in New Delhi in 2008.**

Science & Tech

First Orbital Data Centre Satellite Partnership

- India unveiled its first **orbital data centre satellite** initiative in a landmark public-private collaboration.
- Space start-ups **Pixxel** and **Sarvam** partnered to build this revolutionary space-edge computing platform.
- It enables real-time data processing in low earth orbit, eliminating the latency of downlink transfers.
- Global tech firms show massive interest for rapid earth observation analytics and satellite-driven AI processing.
- **Static GK: Pixxel previously launched Shakuntala and Anand, India's leading commercial hyperspectral imaging satellites.**

Diplomacy

External Affairs Minister Jaishankar Concludes Suriname Visit

- Indian EAM **S. Jaishankar** concluded a strategic three-nation Caribbean tour in **Suriname** on **10 May 2026**.
- He officially handed over a major **India-assisted Agro Passion project** to the Surinamese government.
- Bilateral talks emphasized strengthening the India-Suriname developmental partnership and exploring green energy ties.
- Jaishankar reaffirmed India's commitment to supporting the **Global South** with resilient agricultural technologies.
- **Static GK: The capital of Suriname is Paramaribo, and its official language is Dutch.**

State Schemes

Bihar Launches Traffic Challan Settlement Scheme 2026

- The **Bihar government** officially introduced the **Traffic Challan One-Time Settlement Scheme, 2026**.
- The scheme grants up to **50% financial relief** on heavily pending traffic e-challan fines.
- It was notified to clear severe backlogs in the state's transport penalty database efficiently.
- Vehicle owners have a limited window to settle their pending dues without facing legal prosecution.
- **Static GK: Under the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, digital e-challans became strictly enforceable nationwide.**

Appointments

Jayen Mehta Elected First Chairman of SPCDF

- **Jayen Mehta** was unanimously elected as the first chairman of **SPCDF** in May 2026.
- **SPCDF** stands for the **Sardar Patel Cooperative Dairy Federation Limited**, a new cooperative body.
- He previously served as the **Managing Director of Amul (GCMMF)** with extensive dairy sector experience.
- His leadership aims to consolidate dairy cooperatives and enhance milk procurement strategies across western India.
- **Static GK: India is the world's largest milk producer, accounting for about 24% of global milk production.**

Defence

India Tests Advanced Agni Missile with MIRV

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully tested an advanced **Agni missile** variant.

- The test showcased indigenous **MIRV (Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle)** technology capabilities.
- A single MIRV-equipped missile can deploy multiple warheads to hit distinct targets hundreds of kilometers apart.
- This strategic test significantly bolsters India's nuclear deterrence and precise long-range strike capabilities.
- ▣ **Static GK: Mission Divyastra was DRDO's first test flight of the Agni-5 MIRV missile in 2024.**

International

Paraguay President Visits Taiwan Science Park

- Paraguayan President **Santiago Pena** visited the **Southern Taiwan Science Park** in Tainan.
- He was accompanied by Taiwan's President **William Lai** on this high-profile technology diplomacy tour.
- The leaders inspected facilities of contract chipmaker **TSMC (Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co)**.
- Paraguay seeks to replicate Taiwan's successful integration of government, academic, and industrial resources.
- ▣ **Static GK: Paraguay is Taiwan's last remaining official diplomatic ally in the South American continent.**

Sports

Carolina Hurricanes Sweep Flyers in Stanley Cup Playoffs

- The **Carolina Hurricanes** defeated the **Philadelphia Flyers 3-2** on **10 May 2026**.
- They completed a best-of-7 series sweep in the **Eastern Conference Second Round** of the playoffs.
- **Jackson Blake** scored the crucial winning goal during overtime at the **Xfinity Mobile Arena**.
- Carolina becomes the fifth team in **NHL history** to record an **8-0 start** to the postseason.

- **Static GK:** The **Stanley Cup** is the oldest existing professional sports trophy in **North America**.

Economy

SIP Inflows Grow 10x with Youngsters and Women

- The **Groww IIF Investor Festival 2026** revealed a massive **10x growth in SIP inflows**.
- Groww CEO **Lalit Keshre** highlighted rapid participation expansion beyond metro cities to tier-2 towns.
- **Women investors** now account for nearly **25% of all new market entrants** in India.
- Retail mutual fund AUM soared from ₹12 lakh crore in 2016 to over **₹80 lakh crore in 2026**.
- **Static GK:** **SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India)** regulates all mutual fund operations within India.

Geopolitics

Escalation in US-Iran Tensions in Strait of Hormuz

- Heavy clashes erupted between **US and Iranian naval forces** in the strategic **Strait of Hormuz**.
- The US disabled two **Iranian-flagged tankers** in the **Gulf of Oman** citing blockade violations.
- Iran's **Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)** threatened heavy retaliatory strikes against regional US bases.
- Energy markets experienced turmoil as the **CENTCOM blockade** restricted 58 commercial vessels since April.
- **Static GK:** The **Strait of Hormuz** connects the **Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman**.

Obituary

Karnataka Minister D Sudhakar Passes Away

- Karnataka's Planning and Statistics Minister **D Sudhakar** passed away on **10 May 2026**.
- He was **66 years old** and suffered from a prolonged severe lung infection.
- He was a senior **Congress leader** and the sitting MLA from the **Hiriyur constituency**.
- He breathed his last at the **Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS)** in Electronic City.
- □ **Static GK: Article 164(1)** allows a Minister to hold office during the pleasure of the Governor.