

Highlights of 19 May 2026 Current Affairs

- The Indian government has made changes to the Citizenship Rules with the introduction of stringent disclosure norms for applications from passport holders of Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan. In the Constitution of India, Part II (Citizenship) contains Articles related to citizenship, from Article 5 to Article 11.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with Norway's highest civilian award, the **Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit**, for his contribution to India–Norway relations. The award was presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by King Harald V of Norway at a special ceremony. This marks his 32nd international honour from different countries across the world.
- India and Norway have launched a green strategic partnership aimed at doubling bilateral trade by 2030 and accelerating investment under the Indian EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA). The agreement seeks to achieve \$100 billion in investments and create at least one million jobs in India over the next 15 years.
- Aaron Rai, an English golfer of Indian origin, won the PGA Championship.
- The Haryana Cabinet has cleared new industrial policies under the flagship **Make in Haryana Industrial Policy 2026**, which will replace the previous 2020 industrial policy. The new policy aims to attract an estimated ₹5 lakh crore investment in the state and generate over 10 lakh jobs in the next five years.
- Tushar Kumar, the youngest ever man of Indian origin, has been elected as the Mayor of the Eastern England town of Elstree and Borehamwood. Tushar was a former student of Political Science at King's College London.
- DFCCIL has signed an MoU with IFHE Hyderabad to advance logistics, warehousing, AI, research, innovation, and skill development.
- HDFC Bank has crossed 1 crore monthly active users on its WhatsApp chat banking platform.
- Arvind Kumar has assumed charge as Director (Finance) of National Fertilizers Limited.
- Desh Bhagat University has hosted the Multi-District Rotary Peace Summit 2026.
- CT Group and IIT Ropar Technology Business Incubator Foundation have signed an MoU to promote innovation, startup incubation, mentorship, entrepreneurship, and industry–academia collaboration among students and faculty.
- Priruz Khambatta chairman of Rasna Group had launched his book Ashoi to highlight the values and principles for achieving balance in modern life.
- Chennai's Chepauk Cricket Stadium will host the Big Bash League opening match this December, as Cricket Australia officials visited the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Tamil Nadu to inspect the facility.
- Former Indian basketball captain Jennifer Paes, mother of former Indian tennis player and Olympic bronze medallist Leander Paes, passed away after a prolonged illness.
- Italian Jannik Sinner won the Italian Open by defeating Norway's Casper Ruud. In the men's doubles, Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori clinched the title by beating Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos.
- The Indian U-18 hockey team defeated the Australian U-18 hockey team 6–3 to level the four-match series at 1–1