

Highlights of 7 May 2026 Current Affairs

- Shashi Shekhar Vempati, former CEO of **Prasar Bharati**, has been appointed as the **Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)**. As noted in previous current affairs, **Prasoon Joshi** became the Chairman of **Prasar Bharati**, succeeding Shashi Shekhar Vempati, who has now taken charge as the Chairperson of the CBFC.
- The Punjab Government has acquired a pair of **Asiatic lions** and a pair of **Royal Bengal tigers** for its zoos. The tigers — male *Badal* and female *Bijli* — were brought from **Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park, Nagpur**, and will be housed at the **Tiger Safari in Ludhiana Zoo**.
A pair of Asiatic lions — male *Dheera* and female *Chanchal* — was brought from **Rohtak Zoo** and will be housed at **Chhatbir Zoo, Zirakpur (Mohali)**. With this arrival, the total strength of lions in Chhatbir Zoo has become **four**.
Additionally, Chhatbir Zoo witnessed the birth of three female cubs — *Garima*, *Gunjan*, and *Ghazal* — in November last year. With these additions, the total population of lions in Punjab has reached **four**, while the number of tigers in the state stands at **seven**.
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has signed a contract with the European missile maker **MBDA** for locally carrying out maintenance, repair, and mid-life overhaul of **MICA missiles**. These missiles are carried by the **Rafale jets** and **Mirage jets** of the IAF. These missiles are classified as **beyond-visual-range missiles** and have a range of **80 km** when fired from a jet in the air.
- The **Government of India** under the Prime Minister of India has amended in the act of *Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971* to grant a status “**Vande Mataram**” the same statutory protection as the national anthem “*Jana Gana Mana*”. The amendment mandates the rendition of all six stanzas of the song at government events, schools, during the arrival and departure of the **President of India**, and in cinema halls, although people are not expected to stand.
“*Vande Mataram*” the national song of India was written by renowned writer from Bengal Shri **Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay**.
- **Ted Turner**, the founder of CNN in 1980, who transformed the news business by launching CNN as a 24-hour television news model, has died at the age of **87**.
- The **Indian young boxers’ team** won **27 medals** at the **Asian Championships (U-15 and U-17)** held in **Tashkent**.
- The **IPL** has announced its schedule for the three qualifiers and the final. **Qualifier 1** will be held at the **Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) Stadium, Dharamshala**, on **May 26**. **Qualifier 2** and the **Eliminator** will take place at the **Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) Stadium, Mullanpur (Mohali)**, on **May 27** and **May 29**, respectively. The **final** match of the IPL has been shifted from **Bengaluru** to **Ahmedabad**.