

Highlights of 31 May 2026 Current Affairs

- The Punjab Government has introduced two bills in the upcoming monsoon session to regularize about 65,000 outsourced workers in the state from 51 different departments. These are the Punjab State Outsourced Personnel (Transition to Contractual Engagement) Bill, 2026, and the Punjab Contractual Personnel (Absorption Against Sanctioned Vacancies) Bill, 2026.
- D.K. Shivakumar has become the 25th Chief Minister of Karnataka after Siddaramaiah resigned from the post.
- According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6), Arunachal Pradesh has the highest alcohol consumption in India, with 50.5 percent of men consuming alcohol. It also ranks first in women's alcohol consumption at 23.2 percent, followed by Telangana and Sikkim. Mizoram records the highest tobacco use among both men and women. In North India, Himachal Pradesh is the top consumer of alcohol at 30.2 percent, while Chandigarh has the highest obesity rate.
- Every year on 31 May, World No Tobacco Day is celebrated, and the theme for 2026 is 'Unmasking the Appeal.'
- Indian Government has exempted the custom duty of cotton from June 1 to till October 30 to reduce input costs across the textile and apparel sector.
- The Indian Air Force airlifted the sacred relics of Lord Buddha's principal disciples to Mongolia. The relics are of Arhant Sariputra and Arhant Maudgalyayana, two of Lord Buddha's foremost disciples.
- Indian Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh stated that the BrahMos missile deal with Vietnam has been signed, and the deal with Indonesia is in its final stage.
- Indian double Olympic bronze medalist Manu Bhaker and Samrat Rana won the silver medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the World Cup.
- India's first-ever rock check dam on the Indus River has been inaugurated in Ladakh, located at Upshi in Leh district, to help address the region's water crisis.