

1-2 May 2019 Current Affairs



1) On 1 May 2019, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) listed Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief Masood Azhar as a designated global terrorist, thus giving India a huge diplomatic victory. What is the name of the UNSC Committee that gave this listing to Masood Azhar? – [UNSC Sanctions Committee 1267](#)

(UNSC Sanctions Committee 1267 is a committee established under UNSC Resolution 1267 which was adopted on 15 October 1999. Its primary task is to impose sanctions, including financial, on individuals and entities associated with terror outfits. On 1 May 2019 JeM chief Masood Azhar was listed as a global terrorist by this committee. This was the fourth attempt to designate Masood as a global terrorist after three such attempts were thwarted by China on technical grounds.)



2) In the worst attack on security forces in last decade in Maharashtra, 16 people, including 15 security personnel, were killed in an IED blast on 1 May 2019. This incident took place in which Maoist-infested district of Maharashtra? – [Gadchiroli](#)

(In one of the worst retaliatory attacks on the anti-naxal security forces, Maoist insurgents blew up an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) killing 15 jawans and a civilian in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district on 1 May 2019. This incident took place when a unit of the Quick Response Team (QRT) of the Gadchiroli police was on its way to provide reinforcements to a police station in the district after naxals had torched 36 vehicles meant to assist road construction work earlier in the night)



3) Naruhito became the new Emperor of Japan as he succeeded to the Chrysanthemum Throne on 1 May 2019, following the abdication of his father, Akihito, on 30 April 2019. He is overall themember of the Japanese dynasty – [126th](#)

(Emperor Naruhito is the 126th member of the Japanese dynasty, which is the world's oldest reigning dynasty. He is also the first Japanese emperor to have been born after World War II)

4) The US oil sanctions on which two countries came into effect from 2 May 2019 that is expected to push oil prices globally? – [Iran and Venezuela](#)

(United States' oil sanctions on Iran and Venezuela came into effect from 2 May 2019. The sanctions were imposed for these countries' alleged role in threatening regional stability. Iran and Venezuela are members of OPEC and reduced oil availability from these two countries is expected to push oil prices all over the world as Saudi Arabia has restrained its oil production. On the other hand Indian refiners have started looking for sources of new crude oil supply to feed their refineries)

5) What was the total gross GST collection in April 2019, which is the highest-ever GST collection in a month? – [Rs. 1.13 lakh crore](#)

(GST collection scaled all-time high of over Rs 1.13 lakh crore in April 2019, up from Rs 1.06 lakh crore in the previous month of March 2019. This was announced by the Union Finance Ministry on 1 May 2019. The total gross GST revenue collected in April 2019 is Rs 1,13,865 crore of which Central GST is Rs 21,163 crore, State GST (SGST) is Rs 28,801 crore, Integrated GST is Rs 54,733 crore and cess is Rs. 9,168 crore)

3-4 May 2019 Current Affairs



1) What is the name given to the extremely severe cyclonic storm that made landfall in eastern India on 3 May 2019 and affected the states of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal? – [Fani](#)

(Fani is the name given to the category 4 extremely severe cyclonic storm that made landfall in Odisha in India on 3 May 2019. This name was suggested by Bangladesh. Fani is the second named storm and the first severe cyclonic storm of the 2019 North Indian Ocean cyclone season. It formed from a tropical depression that formed west of Sumatra in the Indian Ocean on 26 April 2019. Over 1.1 million people were evacuated in Odisha as precautionary measure. At least 8 persons were killed due to Fani in Odisha. Heavy rainfall was recorded in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal while the cyclonic storm is moving towards Bangladesh)

2) From 1 May 2019 which bank moved into a new interest regime under which interest rate on savings accounts of some categories has been linked with repo rate? – [State Bank of India](#)

(From 1 May 2019, India's largest bank State Bank of India (SBI) moved to a new interest rate regime on large savings account deposits as well as short-term loans. The bank linked its interest rate on savings account with balance above Rs. 1 lakh and short-term loans like overdraft and cash credit facility to Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) repo rate. Thus interest will automatically change as and when RBI changes its repo rate. This will help in better transmission of RBI's policy rates into the banking system.)



3) Who took over as the new Vice Chief of the Air Staff (Indian Air Force – IAF) on 1 May 2019? - [Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria](#)

(Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria took over as Vice Chief of the Air Staff on 1 May 2019, succeeding Air Marshal Anil Khosla. Bhadauria has over 4,250 hours of experience on 26 types of fighters and transport aircraft)

4) Indian market regulator SEBI barred NSE from accessing capital markets for six months and also directed it to deposit nearly Rs. 1,000 crore in an investor fund. What is the reason for these strictures on the NSE? – [Due to lapses in its algorithmic trading systems and co-location services](#)

(SEBI disclosed that NSE had failed to ensure equal and fair access to all members when they were using its algorithmic trading platform and co-location services between 2011 and 2014)



5) Which entity purchased Mumbai's iconic RK Studios as was announced on 3 May 2019? – [Godrej Properties Limited](#)

(Godrej Properties Limited on 3 May 2019 announced that it had acquired iconic RK Studios spread around 2.2 acres in Mumbai's Chembur area for undisclosed amount. Launched in 1948, the studio served as the headquarters of movie legend Raj Kapoor's film production company, RK Films, and many blockbuster movies were shot on its premises, particularly in the 1970s and 80s. Godrej Properties plans to convert the 71-year old property into a residential and retail development)

5-17 May 2019 Current Affairs



1) Which Indian retired judge was appointed a judge of Fiji Supreme Court, as was disclosed on 16 May 2019? - [Justice \(retired\) Madan B. Lokur](#)

(Justice (retired) Madan B. Lokur has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Fiji as a judge of its non-resident panel. Fiji is a small island nation in the Pacific Ocean. He was judge of the Supreme Court of India and had demitted office on 31

December 2018. He will join in his new role on 15 August 2019 and will have tenure of three years)

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2) Mumbai Indians (MI) won their record fourth IPL title as they defeated Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in the finals of IPL 2019 by 1 run on 12 May 2019. Who was adjudged player of the series for this edition of IPL? – [Andre Russell](#)

(Kolkata Knight Riders' all-rounder Andre Russell was adjudged player of the series (Most Valuable Player) of IPL 2019 as MI became the most successful franchisee by winning IPL title for fourth time on 12 May 2019. Russell scored 510 runs and took 11 wickets in this edition of IPL. On the other hand David Warner (Sunrisers Hyderabad) won the Orange Cap for the leading run-scorer of the tournament with 692 runs and Imran Tahir (CSK) won the Purple Cap for finishing as the leading wicket-taker of the tournament with 26 wickets. Shubham Gill (KKR) was named the Emerging Player of the Tournament.

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3) Who was named new Chairman of ITC two days after death of erstwhile Chairman Y.C. Deveshwar on 11 May 2019? – [Sunil Puri](#)

(ITC Group's MD Sanjiv Puri was on 13 May 2019 named company's new Chairman. He replaced Y.C. Deveshwar who passed away on 11 May 2019. Deveshwar had stepped from executive role in 2017 but had continued as non-executive Chairman of the highly diversified company)

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4) The Indian Air Force (IAF) on 11 May 2019 received the first unit of which iconic US attack helicopter? - [AH-64E Apache](#)

(The first AH-64E Apache attack helicopter built for India was formally handed over to the Indian Air Force (IAF) at Boeing production facility in Mesa, Arizona in USA on 11 May 2019. IAF has contracted 22 Apache helicopters from the US Govt and Boeing in September 2015. The first batch of these helicopters is scheduled to be shipped to India by July 2019)

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5) 5 banks were imposed a combined fine of \$1.2 billion by the European Union on 16 May 2019 on what charges? – [Foreign exchange rigging](#)

(On 16 May 2019 the European Union imposed a combined fine of \$1.2 billion on Barclays, Citigroup, JP Morgan, MUFG and Royal Bank of Scotland over foreign exchange rigging. Individual traders at the banks had allegedly formed two cartels to manipulate the spot foreign exchange market for 11 currencies. They exchanged sensitive information including client orders and their open risk positions)

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6) India's fastest train Vande Bharat Express achieved which milestone, as was disclosed by Indian Railways on 16 May 2019? – [It completed 1 lakh km without missing a single trip](#)

(India's fastest train Vande Bharat Express, that runs between New Delhi and Varanasi Junction, has completed one lakh running kilometres without missing a single trip. The train, which can achieve a top speed of 160 kmph, was flagged off by PM Narendra Modi on 15 February 2019. The train has been manufactured by the Integral Coach Factory in Chennai)

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7) During May 2019 which submarine was launched into the water to become Indian navy's fourth Scorpene submarine? – [INS Vela](#)

(Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vela, the navy's fourth Scorpene submarine, was launched into the water in Mumbai on 7 May 2019. It will undergo rigorous tests and trials, both in harbour and at sea, before delivery to the Indian Navy. Mazagon Dock Ltd is assembling six Scorpene submarines in partnership

with French shipbuilder, Naval Group (formerly DCNS). The first Scorpene (French for Scorpion), INS Kalvari, was commissioned into operational service by on 14 December 2017. The second and third, INS Khanderi and Karanj, will join the fleet soon, after completing their on-going sea trials)

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8) According to disclosures made by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) on 14 May 2019, which northeastern state has 35% of India's graphite deposits? - [Arunachal Pradesh](#)

(Geological Survey of India (GSI) on 14 May 2019 revealed that 35% of India's graphite deposits are found in Arunachal Pradesh. This is the highest graphite deposit in any state. The country has currently been importing graphite and so, Arunachal Pradesh could be the leading producer of graphite in the country in future)

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9) During May 2019 who became first woman to be appointed to the ICC panel of Match Referees? - [G. Suvarna Lakshmi](#)

(India's G. Suvarna Lakshmi was named as the first woman on the ICC panel of Match Referees. She is a former South Central Railway cricket player. She has been a match-manager assisting the Match Referee in few ODIs and T20Is)

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18-22 May 2019 Current Affairs



1) What is the total voter turnout in 2019 Lok Sabha elections, which is the highest ever voter turnout in the history of general elections in India? - [67.10%](#)

(The 2019 Lok Sabha elections witnessed a voter turnout of 67.10% (interim), which is the highest ever voter turnout in the history of general elections, as per data released by the Election Commission of India (ECI) on 21 May 2019. The previous highest voter turnout of 66.44% was recorded in 2014. The seven-phase 2019 elections began on 11 April 2019 and concluded on 19 May 2019)

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2) Which country on 17 May 2019 became the first Asian country to legalise same-sex marriage? - [Taiwan](#)

(Taiwan has become the first Asian country to legalise same-sex marriage following a vote by country's legislature on 17 May 2019. In May 2017, the island country's constitutional court had ruled that same-sex couples had the right to legally marry. Taiwan's parliament was given a two-year deadline and was required to pass the changes by 24 May 2019.

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3) I.M. Pei, who passed away at the age of 102 on 16 May 2019, was an iconic personality associated with which field? - [Architecture](#)

(I.M. Pei, the versatile, globe-trotting Chinese-American architect who revived the Louvre Pyramid in Paris, died on 16 May 2019 at the age of 102 years. His other famous works include Mesa Laboratory at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado, Dallas City Hall, Bank of China Tower (Hong Kong), Miho Museum (Japan) and Museum of Islamic Art (Qatar). He was born in Guangzhou (China) in 1917 and he came to the United States in 1935 with plans to study architecture)

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4) Former Formula One (F1) driver Niki Lauda, who passed away on 20 May 2019, had won how many F1 championships? - [Three](#)

(Former Formula One driver NikiLauda (Austria) passed away at the age of 70 on 20 May 2019. Lauda, who had suffered serious burns in a near-fatal crash at German Grand Prix in 1976, won three championships (1975, 1977 and 1984). He was also the founder of airline company Lauda Air that operated from 1985 to 2013 before being merged into Austrian Airlines.



5) Indian Hotels Co. Ltd (IHCL), the owner of Taj luxury hotel chain, signed agreement with which Singapore entity to jointly invest around Rs. 4,000 crore over three years? - [GIC Pte Ltd](#)

(IHCL on 17 May 2019 signed a strategic partnership with Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC Pte Ltd to jointly invest around ₹ 14,000 crore over three years. The investment platform will acquire fully operational hotels of IHCL in the luxury, upper upscale and upscale segments in India. The equity contribution from IHCL will be at 30% and the balance will be contributed by GIC)

23-31 May 2019 Current Affairs



1) The NarendraModi-led National Defence Alliance (NDA) scored a historic win in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections by winning as many as 353 seats while the BJP itself won a record 303 seats. The Congress-led United Progressive Alliance was humiliated in these elections with just 91 seats in its kitty. With this huge win NarendraModi thus became the first non-Congress Prime Minister to get re-elected with a stronger majority. Who was the last Indian Prime Minister to achieve this distinction? – [Indira Gandhi](#)

(In 1971 Indira Gandhi of the Congress was the last Indian Prime Minister to get re-elected with a stronger majority. After almost 48 years NarendraModi thus became the first to achieve this distinction as his BJP won a record 303 seats out of 542 to swept aside a formidable opposition in 2019 Lok Sabha elections. This main opponent Rahul

Gandhi (Congress) lost his traditional Amethi seat to Smritilrani. On 30 May 2019 Modi along with his 57 council of ministers was administered oath of office and secrecy by President Ramnath Kovind.



2) Who took over as the new Chief of Andhra Pradesh on 30 May 2019? - [Y S Jaganmohan Reddy](#)

(YSR Congress chief Y S Jaganmohan Reddy took the oath as the second chief minister of Andhra Pradesh post its bifurcation on 30 May 2019. His party had bagged 151 of the 175 seats in the assembly elections trouncing Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Earlier N Chandrababu Naidu had tendered his resignation after his party's debacle in Assembly as well as Lok Sabha elections. YSR Congress won 22 of the 25 Lok Sabha seats)



3) Who took over as the new Chief Minister of Sikkim on 27 May 2019 to replace the long time CM PK Chamling? – [Prem Singh Tamang](#)

(Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) chief Prem Singh Tamang, better known by his popular name PS Golay, replaced long time Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling as he took over Sikkim's Chief Minister on 27 May 2019. His party SKM won 17 seats in 32 seats Sikkim Assembly while Chamling's Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF) bagged the remaining 15 seats. Chamling holds the record for being the longest serving Chief Minister having served as CM for 24 years)

4) Who took over as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh on 29 May 2019? – [Pema Khandu](#)

(Pema Khandu of the BJP took over as the new Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh on 29 May 2019. He was incumbent CM and was administered

the oath of office by Governor Brig. (Retd.) B.D. Mishra. Khandu led his party BJP in winning 41 seats in the 60-member Assembly in the elections held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections on 11 April 2019)

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5) Which Chinese tech company was banned in the United States during May 2019 for charges of intellectual property theft and data security? – [Huawei](#)

(Huawei, the top Chinese tech company, was banned in the US during May 2019. US President Donald Trump on 15 May 2019 signed an executive order that effectively bans Huawei from accessing US supply chains. Later Google pulled Huawei's Android license which means company's future phones will be cut off from the most widely used operating system in the world and the Google universe)

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6) What was the GDP growth rate of India during January-March 2019 quarter as was disclosed on 31 May 2019? – [5.8%](#)

(With just 5.8% growth rate, India's economy grew at its slowest pace in more than four years in the January-March 2019 quarter. This was disclosed by the data released by the Finance Ministry on 31 May 2019. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation cut its growth estimate for the fiscal year that ended on 31 March 2019 to 6.8%, the lowest in five years, from a previously projected 7%)

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