

# Daily Current Affairs

## 04 May 2026

### International Firefighters Day 2026

- International Firefighters Day 2026 will be observed on the 4th of May worldwide. The day is dedicated to honoring the courage, sacrifice and the commitment of firefighters around the world.
- These real life heroes risk their lives daily to protect people, property and the environment. The day also serves as a tribute to those firefighters who lost their lives on duty.
- The origin of International Firefighters Day can be traced to a tragic incident in the Victoria, Australia in the year 1998 where the five firefighters lost their lives while battling for wildfire.
- This initiative has gained worldwide support and in year 1999 marked the first observance for this day.



## Thomas Cup 2026

- India's campaign in the Thomas Cup 2026 comes to an end as they have suffered the 0-3 defeat against the France in the semifinals of the tournament. With this loss team India must settle with the bronze medal for this edition.
- Lakshya Sen injury has proved costly to the Indian team as they are not able to win a single match in the semis. But on the other side France has created history by entering to their first ever Thomas Cup final.
- The clash of the semifinal was turned out to be one sided and the Indian shuttlers are unable to match the intensity of the French team. Players like HS Prannoy, Kidambi Srikanth and Ayush Shetty all lost their matches in the three straight games.
- Earlier India has finished third in 1952, 1955, and 1979, making this another notable addition to their record.



## Prasoon Joshi Named Chairman of Prasar Bharati

- The Government of India has appointed Mr. Prasoon Joshi as the new Chairman of the Prasar Bharati. This appointment was announced on 2nd May 2026 and it can be seen as step towards creativity and innovation into the India's public broadcasting system.
- He has strong background in literature, advertising and cinema and his leadership is expected to bring fresh energy in the digital age.

- It was established under the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990 and it is operational since 1997. It is India's statutory autonomous public service broadcaster.
- All India Radio – Which is India's one of the largest radio networks worldwide and reaching millions in multiple languages.
- The Doordarshan – It offers news, entertainment, education and cultural programming across India.
- Prasar Bharati has also launched the Waves OTT platform and reflects its push toward free to air digital broadcasting services.



## Largest Underwater Tricolour

- The Andaman and Nicobar Islands has made the Guinness World record by unfurling the world's largest underwater national flag at the Radhanagar Beach. On 3rd May 2026 this event was taking place at the Swaraj Dweep in the Havelock Island.
- This achievement showcased the commendable coordination between the agencies and divers. The size of the Indian flag is around 60 by 40 metres and the Tricolour was deployed under the sea and earned the official recognition from Guinness World Records.



## First Barrier-Free Tolling System

- India has launched the first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system in Gujarat. This system was implemented by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and it went live at the Chorayasi Toll Plaza on the Surat–Bharuch stretch of NH-48.
- On the opening day around 41,500 vehicles passed through seamlessly without stopping and it marks the important shift towards the faster, smarter and technology driven toll collection.
- This newly introduced Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) system will eliminate the need for physical toll booths. The vehicles can now pass through toll points without any stopping, and it ensures uninterrupted movement.
- The Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) which captures vehicle number plates for the identification.
- And the FASTag System which enables electronic toll payment directly from the vehicles linked accounts.
- **Key Compliance Rules**
- The payment of the E-Notice must be paid within 72 hours.
- If the commuters fail to pay the fine it will result in double toll charges.
- Also, the continued non-payment may lead to FASTag blacklisting.
- The vehicle services may be restricted via the VAHAN platform.



## Sikkim First Paperless Judiciary in India

- Respectable Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has announced that Sikkim has become the **India's first fully paperless judiciary**. This declaration was made during a national conclave in Gangtok, Sikkim and highlighting the India's push towards digital justice delivery.
- This transformation has ensured that court processes are no longer dependent on physical paperwork and making justice more accessible and efficient.
- Major digital tools and systems have played an important role.
- e-Courts Project: Which have modernized court processes across India.
- Also, AI tools like SUPACE and SUVAS for research and translation.
- Virtual hearings and online case management systems have important roles.
- A paperless judiciary refers to the system where all court processes are conducted digitally without any physical documents.
- **Key Features**
  - E-filing of the cases
  - Digital records and documentation
  - Virtual hearings
  - Online access to judgments
- **Benefits**
  - The faster case processing
  - Will reduce the costs and paperwork
  - Also have greater transparency



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. International Firefighters' Day is observed every year on:**

- A. 1 May
- B. 3 May
- C. 4 May
- D. 5 May

**Answer:** C. 4 May

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**2. International Firefighters' Day originated after a tragic incident in:**

- A. Canada
- B. Australia
- C. USA
- D. UK

**Answer:** B. Australia

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**3. India secured which position in the Thomas Cup 2026?**

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Bronze
- D. Fourth

**Answer:** C. Bronze

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**4. Which country defeated India in the Thomas Cup 2026 semifinals?**

- A. Japan
- B. Denmark
- C. France
- D. China

**Answer:** C. France

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**5. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Prasar Bharati in May 2026?**

- A. Amitabh Bachchan
- B. Prasoon Joshi
- C. Anurag Thakur
- D. Shashi Tharoor

**Answer:** B. Prasoon Joshi

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**6. Prasar Bharati was established under which Act?**

- A. Broadcasting Act, 1985
- B. Prasar Bharati Act, 1990
- C. Media Regulation Act, 1992
- D. Communication Act, 1988

**Answer:** B. Prasar Bharati Act, 1990

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**7. The world's largest underwater national flag was unfurled at:**

- A. Goa Beach
- B. Marina Beach
- C. Radhanagar Beach
- D. Kovalam Beach

**Answer:** C. Radhanagar Beach

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**8. India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system was launched in:**

- A. महाराष्ट्र
- B. गुजरात
- C. राजस्थान

D. उत्तर प्रदेश

**Answer:** B. Gujarat

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**9. Which technology is used in MLFF tolling for vehicle identification?**

A. GPS Tracking

B. RFID only

C. ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition)

D. Barcode Scanner

**Answer:** C. ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition)

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**10. Which state became India's first fully paperless judiciary?**

A. Kerala

B. Maharashtra

C. Sikkim

D. Tamil Nadu

**Answer:** C. Sikkim

