

Daily Current Affairs 23 May 2026: International Booker | AI Ministry | Supreme Court

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International and National Awards

01 International Booker Prize 2026

Taiwanese author Yang Shuang-zi has won the International Booker Prize 2026 for her acclaimed novel, 'Taiwan Travelog'. The book, originally written in Mandarin, was translated into English by Lin King.

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- The International Booker Prize is awarded to fiction translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland.
- The award was first established in 2005.

Administration and Law

02 India's First AI Ministry in Kerala

In a landmark move, Kerala has become the first Indian state to form a dedicated ministry for Artificial Intelligence. P. K. Kunhalikutty has been appointed as the first AI Minister. The ministry aims to integrate technology into health, education, and traffic systems.

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- The current Governor of Kerala is Arif Mohammad Khan.
- AI-related initiatives fall under the Digital India mission, as there is no specific AI law in the Constitution.

03 Supreme Court Judge Count

To expedite judicial proceedings, President Droupadi Murmu issued an ordinance under Article 123. The total strength of Supreme Court judges has now been increased from 34 to 38, including the Chief Justice.

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- The Supreme Court was inaugurated on 28 January 1950.
- The current Chief Justice is D. Y. Chandrachud.

Sports News

04 Indian Super League 2025-26

East Bengal FC has made history at Kolkata's Kishore Bharati Krirangan. By defeating Inter Kashi in the final, they secured their maiden ISL title, marking their first major national tournament win in 22 years.

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- The ISL began in 2014.
- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) acts as the governing body for football in India.

Defense and Security

05 Naval Vessel 'Sanghamitra'

The Indian Navy has launched a new Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel, 'Sanghamitra'. It was constructed by the Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE).

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- GRSE was established in 1884.

- The Indian Navy Day is observed annually on 4 December.

06 Indian War Memorial in South Korea

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated an Indian War Memorial at Imjingak Park, South Korea. This monument honors the contribution of Indian medical teams during the Korean War (1950-1953).

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- The Korean War ended on 27 July 1953.
- The capital of South Korea is Seoul.

Economy and Science

07 'Rain Mumbai' Weather Derivatives

To help mitigate financial risks based on rainfall forecasts, NCDEX has introduced 'Rain Mumbai'. This is India's first SEBI-approved exchange-traded weather derivative.

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- SEBI was established in 1988.
- NCDEX is a commodity exchange.

08 Private Marine Gas Turbine Repair Facility

Bharat Forge is setting up India's first private-sector facility for repairing marine gas turbines in Visakhapatnam. This will play a vital role in upgrading Indian Navy vessel engines.

Health and Heritage

09 Ebola Emergency

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a health emergency in Congo and Uganda due to the 'Bundibugyo' Ebola strain. This strain was first identified in 2007.

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- The WHO headquarters is located in Geneva, Switzerland.

10 12th Century Hero Stone

A 12th-century 'Veeragallu' (Hero Stone) has been discovered in Madiyur village, Karnataka. It dates back to the reign of King Vishnuvardhana of the Hoysala dynasty.

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- The capital of the Hoysala dynasty was Belur.

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