

## Daily Current Affairs: 2 May 2026 Important Current Affairs

In this report, we cover the significant national and international current affairs for May 2, 2026. These updates are tailored to help aspirants stay informed and prepared for their upcoming competitive examinations.

### Awards and Recognitions

#### 01 Whitley Awards 2026

Two Indian women have received the prestigious Whitley Award 2026, also known as the "Green Oscar," for their exceptional grassroots conservation work.

- **Barkha Subba:** Recognized for her work in preserving the **Himalayan Salamander** in the Darjeeling region of West Bengal.
- **Parveen Sheikh:** Honored for her conservation efforts for the **Indian Skimmer** bird along the Chambal River, which spans Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan.

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- The London-based Whitley Fund for Nature, established in 1994, is a charity that provides financial backing to environmental leaders globally.

#### 02 Real-Time Payment Recognition

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has officially recognized India's **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** as the largest real-time payment system in the world.

- During the 2025-26 fiscal year, UPI processed 24,162 crore transactions, amounting to roughly **₹314 lakh crore**.
- Presently, UPI accounts for about 85% of all digital payments in India.

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- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) manages UPI. The IMF was formed in 1944 following the Bretton Woods Conference.

## Appointments

### 03 National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)

The Central Government has appointed Justice **Anupinder Singh Grewal** as the new Chairperson of the NCLT. His tenure will last for five years or until he reaches the age of 67.

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- Formed under the Companies Act of 2013, the NCLT is a quasi-judicial body that addresses corporate disputes, mergers, and insolvency issues.

### 04 DGP of Telangana

Senior IPS officer **C.V. Anand** assumed the role of Director General of Police (DGP) for Telangana effective May 1, 2026.

### 05 Infosys Leadership

**Nitin Paranjpe** has been named the new Vice Chairman of Infosys. Nandan Nilekani continues to serve as the Chairman and Co-founder.

## National Reports and Infrastructure

### 06 NITI Aayog Report

According to NITI Aayog's report, "**Moving Towards Effective City Government**," India's 47 cities with populations over 10 lakh contribute nearly 60% to the country's GDP. The report suggests empowering mayors and

strengthening municipal financial frameworks.

## 07 India's First Green Methanol Plant

The country's first green methanol plant is currently under construction in Kutch, Gujarat.

- This facility will produce methanol using **Prosopis juliflora**, an invasive weed found in the region.

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- *Prosopis juliflora* is an invasive species that damages local ecosystems. Methanol is also commonly utilized as marine fuel.

## Culture and Important Days

## 08 International Labour Day (May 1)

This day is observed globally to protect workers' rights, commemorating the 1886 Haymarket Riot in Chicago and the struggle for an eight-hour workday. In India, the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan first celebrated this day in 1923 in Chennai.

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- Article 23 of the Indian Constitution prohibits forced labor, while Article 24 prohibits child labor.

## 09 Ippapuvu Panduga (Mahua Flower Festival)

This tribal festival is celebrated in the Adilabad district of Telangana. Foods derived from Mahua (Ippa) flowers are known for their high nutritional value.

## Arts

Renowned painter **M.G. Doddamani** has been selected for the Karnataka Lalit Kala Academy Honorary Award. He is well-regarded for his paintings focusing on Mahatma Gandhi and constitutional values.

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