

## Daily Current Affairs: 9 May 2026 Important Current Affairs

Today is May 9, 2026. In today's report, we will discuss significant national and international events that are crucial for your competitive exam preparations. Stay with us for regular current affairs updates.

### Awards and Honours

#### 01 UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize 2026

The 2026 UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize has been awarded to the **Sudanese Journalists Syndicate**. This honor recognizes the immense courage and dedication shown by journalists while working under the dire conditions of the ongoing civil war in Sudan.

Since the conflict began, over 680 incidents of journalist harassment have occurred in Sudan, and 34 journalists have lost their lives. The prize has been awarded since 1997 in memory of Colombian journalist Guillermo Cano Isaza. Notably, the 2025 prize was awarded to the Nicaraguan newspaper 'La Prensa'.

#### Related Static GK

- **UNESCO:** Headquarters in Paris (France), established in 1945.
- **Prize Money:** The award carries a cash prize of 25,000 USD.
- **Current Director General:** Audrey Azoulay.

### Reports and Indices

#### 02 World Migration Report 2026

According to the latest report by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), **India** emerged as the world's largest **remittance** recipient in the 2024 fiscal year, receiving a total of 137 billion USD.

India is the only country in the world to cross the 100-billion-dollar mark. Mexico follows in second place with 68 billion USD, and China is third with 48 billion USD. Meanwhile, the United States remains the top country for

sending remittances.

### ☑ Related Static GK

- **IOM:** Headquarters located in Geneva, Switzerland.
- **Establishment:** The organization was founded in 1951.

## 03 Cyber Crime in Bengaluru

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report, 'Crime in India 2024', identifies **Bengaluru** as the city with the highest number of recorded cybercrime cases among Indian metros. A total of 17,561 cases were registered in 2024.

Bengaluru has a cybercrime rate of 206 per 100,000 population, with 72.6% of these incidents involving financial fraud. Mumbai and Hyderabad occupy the second and third spots, respectively.

### ☑ Related Static GK

- **NCRB:** Functions under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs; headquarters in New Delhi.
- **Establishment:** Established in 1986.

## National and Economy

## 04 New FRP for Sugarcane

The Central Government has fixed the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane at **365 rupees per quintal** for the 2026 season. Per the Sugarcane Control Order 1966, sugar mills are legally obligated to purchase sugarcane from farmers at this minimum rate.

These prices are typically recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). It is worth noting that while the Centre provides MSP for 23 crops, it sets an FRP for sugarcane.

### ☑ Related Static GK

- **CACP:** Formed in 1965, it operates under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- **Sugar Production:** India is the world's second-largest producer of sugarcane.

## 05 Mission Zero Thalassemia

On the occasion of World Thalassemia Day on May 8, the Union Health Ministry launched '**Mission Zero Thalassemia**'. The initiative aims to make India thalassemia-free by 2035.

The mission includes screening camps in tribal and rural areas, as well as providing free blood transfusion facilities to patients. The 2026 theme is "Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed, Supporting the Unseen."

### Related Static GK

- **Thalassemia:** A hereditary anemia-related blood disorder.
- **World Thalassemia Day:** Observed every year on May 8.

## Science and Technology

## 06 India's First SpaceTech Unicorn: Skyroot Aerospace

After securing 60 million dollars in fresh funding, **Skyroot Aerospace** has become India's first SpaceTech unicorn. The startup's valuation has now crossed the 1 billion dollar mark.

The company is currently gearing up to launch India's first private orbital rocket, 'Vikram-1', from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre.

### Related Static GK

- **Founders:** Pawan Kumar Chandana and Naga Bharath Daka.
- **Headquarters:** Hyderabad, Telangana.

## 07 NASA's New MPD Thruster

For future Mars missions, NASA has successfully tested a powerful 120-kilowatt **Lithium-fed plasma engine**, officially known as the Magnetoplasmadynamic Thruster (MPD Thruster).

Utilizing an advanced electromagnetic propulsion system, this engine will provide high velocity to spacecraft, significantly reducing travel time to deep space and Mars.

### ☑ Related Static GK

- **NASA:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, headquartered in Washington D.C.
- **Establishment:** Founded in 1958.

## International and Defense

### 08 Second Joint Commanders Conference 2026

The second **Joint Commanders Conference 2026** was held in **Jaipur**, Rajasthan, on May 7-8, marking the first anniversary of 'Operation Sindoor'.

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and CDS General Anil Chauhan attended the event. Discussions covered critical topics like cyber warfare, the military application of AI, and future combat strategies.

### ☑ Related Static GK

- **India's First CDS:** General Bipin Rawat.
- **Rajasthan:** Capital is Jaipur, known as the 'Pink City'.

### 09 World's First Smart Island Monitoring System

Ecuador has implemented the world's first Smart Island Monitoring System in the **Galapagos Islands**. The system uses artificial intelligence and satellite imagery to provide 24/7 surveillance of the islands.

The primary goal is to protect the marine ecosystem by preventing illegal fishing and wildlife poaching.

### ☑ Related Static GK

- **Ecuador:** Capital is Quito, currency is the US Dollar.
- **Galapagos:** A UNESCO World Heritage site.

### 10 India-EU Free Trade Agreement

The proposed **Free Trade Agreement** (FTA) between India and the European Union is scheduled to take effect from January 2027. The target is to boost current bilateral trade from 136 billion dollars to 200 billion dollars.

This agreement is expected to lower tariffs on Indian exports and expand business opportunities in the international market. For the best exam preparation, review these key facts thoroughly and participate in the relevant quizzes on our portal.

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