

# PLUTUS ACADEMY

Daily Current Affairs — 29 May 2026

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## 1. National News

### ***Sikkim declared India's fully literate state under ULLAS***

On 27 May 2026, Sikkim was officially declared a **fully literate state** under the *ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram*, with a literacy rate of **99.82 per cent**.

### ***India's first indigenous Hydrogen-Powered Train approved***

Indian Railways approved the rollout of India's first indigenous hydrogen-powered train on the **Jind–Sonipat section** of Northern Railway (Haryana). Designed by RDSO and manufactured by ICF Chennai, the 10-coach broad-gauge trainset is the world's longest and most powerful hydrogen train.

### ***NITI Aayog — first EEE Standing Committee meeting***

NITI Aayog convened the first meeting of the high-powered *Education to Employment and Enterprise (EEE) Standing Committee* to align India's education and skilling ecosystem with future labour-market demand.

### ***National Sports Board notified***

The Union Government notified the **National Sports Governance (National Sports Board) Rules, 2026**, establishing the National Sports Board as the apex regulator for sports federations in India.

### ***Enforcement Directorate strength expanded***

The Government approved a more than **60% increase in the sanctioned manpower of the Enforcement Directorate (ED)** to strengthen probes into money-laundering and economic offences.

## 2. International News

### ***11th NPT Review Conference ends without consensus***

The 11th Review Conference of the **Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)** concluded on 22 May 2026 at UN Headquarters, New York, without a consensus declaration. The UN disarmament chief warned that three consecutive failed reviews raise concerns over the long-term viability of the non-proliferation regime.

### ***India–China 35th WMCC meeting in Beijing***

India and China held the 35th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (**WMCC**) in Beijing on 27 May 2026 to review the LAC situation.

### ***India–Japan Strategic Partnership reaffirmed***

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaffirmed the 'vital role' of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership during a meeting with the Japanese Foreign Minister.

## 3. News related to Indian Banking and Finance

### ***RBI keeps Repo Rate unchanged at 5.25%***

The RBI Monetary Policy Committee, in its first bi-monthly review for FY 2026-27, kept the **repo rate unchanged at 5.25%** for the second consecutive meeting, with a *neutral stance*. Real GDP growth projected at **6.9%**; CPI inflation at **4.6%** for the current fiscal.

### **Canara Bank — Government Nominee Director**

Shalini Pandit was appointed as Government Nominee Director on the Board of **Canara Bank** with effect from 14 May 2026.

### **BPCL leadership**

Sanjay Khanna took charge as Chairman and Managing Director of **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**.

## **4. News related to International Banking and Finance**

### **ECB holds rates steady**

The European Central Bank kept its three key policy rates unchanged, with the **deposit facility rate at 2.15%**, citing inflation close to its 2% target.

### **US Federal Reserve maintains cautious tone**

The US Federal Reserve and the Bank of England maintained steady policy rates through April–May 2026; the Fed is projected to move toward a neutral setting of around **3.25%** later in 2026.

## **5. International Sports Events**

### **FIFA World Cup 2026 countdown**

The **FIFA World Cup 2026**, jointly hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico, is set to begin in June 2026. It will be the first edition with an expanded **48-team field**.

### **IPL 2026 Final on 31 May**

The IPL 2026 Final is scheduled for **31 May 2026** at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad. **RCB** have qualified for the final; the other finalist will be decided in Qualifier 2 today.

## **6. Major National & International Appointments**

- **P. Jawahar** — Chairman, MPEDA.
- **Shalini Pandit** — Government Nominee Director, Canara Bank.
- **Dileep Sanghani** — Chairman, IFFCO-MC Crop Science.
- **Srikanth Velamakanni** — Chairman, NASSCOM.
- **Sanjay Khanna** — CMD, BPCL.
- **William Walsh** — CEO, IndiGo (from April 2026).

## **7. Resignations / Dismissals**

- **Pieter Elbers** resigned as IndiGo CEO; Rahul Bhatia served as Interim CEO before William Walsh's appointment.
- **Campbell Wilson** stepped down as CEO of **Air India** before completing his five-year term.

## **8. Major Inventions and Discoveries**

### ***Chandrayaan-3 wins 2026 AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award***

India's Chandrayaan-3 mission — which achieved the historic soft landing near the Moon's South Pole on 23 August 2023 — has been awarded the prestigious **2026 AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award** at the AIAA ASCEND 2026 Conference, Washington DC.

### ***ISRO unveils new space technology for Gaganyaan***

On 27 May 2026, ISRO unveiled new technology to enhance life-support systems and orbital manoeuvring for the **Gaganyaan** mission.

### ***Solar power by Women Self-Help Groups***

India's first solar power project operated by women self-help groups — a **1 MW plant at Venkatapuram, Telangana** — was inaugurated on 27 May 2026.

## Daily Current Affairs Quiz — 29 May 2026

Answer the following 5 questions in the format of SSC / Bank PO examinations.

**Q1. Which Indian state was declared a *fully literate state* on 27 May 2026 under ULLAS?**

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Goa

**Q2. The RBI repo rate, as of its first bi-monthly MPC review of FY 2026-27, stands at:**

- (a) 6.00%
- (b) 5.50%
- (c) 5.25%
- (d) 4.75%

**Q3. India's first indigenous hydrogen-powered train will operate on which railway section?**

- (a) Mumbai - Pune
- (b) Jind - Sonipat (Haryana)
- (c) Lucknow - Kanpur
- (d) Chennai - Bengaluru

**Q4. India's Chandrayaan-3 mission has been honoured with which prestigious international award in 2026?**

- (a) Nobel Prize in Physics
- (b) AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award
- (c) IAF Hall of Fame Award
- (d) Von Karman Award

**Q5. Where is the FIFA World Cup 2026 being jointly hosted?**

- (a) Qatar, UAE and Saudi Arabia
- (b) Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay
- (c) United States, Canada and Mexico
- (d) Germany, France and Italy

### Answer Key

1. (b) Sikkim | 2. (c) 5.25% | 3. (b) Jind–Sonipat | 4. (b) AIAA Goddard Astronautics Award | 5. (c) United States, Canada and Mexico