

## Top Current Affairs of the week (12 May - 18 May 2019)

### 1. 11th May: World Migratory Bird Day

- The World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is being observed across the world on the second weekend in May to raise awareness and highlight the need for the protection of migratory birds and their habitats.
- This year, WMBD is being observed on 11th May.
- It has a global outreach and is an effective tool to help raise global awareness of the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and the need for international cooperation to conserve them.

### 2. 12th May: International Nurse day

- International Nurses Day (IND) is an international day celebrated around the world on 12th of May every year to mark the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale.
- Florence Nightingale (the foundational philosopher of the modern nursing) was born on 12th of May in 1820.
- The theme of 2019 is "Nurses – A Voice to Lead – Health for All."

### 3. BharatPe launches India's first UPI Bahi Khata for merchants

- India's first Fintech start-up 'BharatPe' has announced its foray into merchant services with a new app.
- 'BharatPe' enabling payments for merchants through interoperable UPI QR codes,
- The app allows merchants to record their cash/credit (Udhar) sales customer wise, request accounts receivable from customers via SMS payment links, and keep track of accounts payable to suppliers, among other services.
- The BharatPe app also serves as a networking platform for merchants to connect with other BharatPe merchants near them.
- Prominent features on BharatPe's app for merchants include UPI Khata (Ledger), Managing Supplier Bills, Cashback, Settlements and Refer and Earn.

### 4. Mumbai Indians win record 4th IPL title

- Mumbai Indians (MI) became IPL champions for the fourth time after defeating Chennai Super Kings (CSK) by one run in a thrilling final in Hyderabad.
- Last ball dismissal of Shardul Thakur by paceman Lasith Malinga registered a final win for Mumbai over Chennai.
- Chasing a victory target of 150 set by Mumbai, Chennai Super Kings were restricted to 148 for 7 in stipulated 20 overs.
- Earlier, Mumbai made 149 for 8 in stipulated 20 overs.
- CSK Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni has become the most successful wicket-keeper in the history of IPL by taking his dismissals tally to 132, surpassing Dinesh Karthik (KKR).

### Complete list of Awards at IPL 2019:



S. No	Award	Winner (Team)
1.	Man of the Match (Final)	Jasprit Bumrah (MI)
2.	Orange Cap (Most Runs)	David Warner (SH) 692 runs
3.	Purple Cap (Most Wickets)	Imran Tahir (CSK)- 26 wickets
4.	Emerging Player (future star of International Cricket)	Shubman Gill (KKR)
5.	Stylish Player	KL Rahul (KXIP)
6.	Perfect Catch	Kieron Pollard (MI)
7.	Super Striker	Andre Russell (KKR)
8.	Most Valuable Player (earning more points in the whole season)	Andre Russell (KKR)
9.	Fair play Award (best spirit of the game throughout the season)	Sunrisers Hyderabad
10.	Gamechanger of the Match	Rahul Chahar (Mumbai Indians)

### 5. Novak Djokovic wins 2019 Madrid Open title

- Top seed Novak Djokovic of Serbia has won the 2019 Madrid Open title at the Park Manzanares in Madrid, Spain.
- He defeated Tsitsipas (Greece) 6–3, 6–4 in the final.
- Djokovic tied Nadal's record with 33 Masters 1000 singles titles.
- Dutch Kiki Bertens beat two-time Madrid Open champion Simona Halep (Romania) 6-4, 6-4 to take the women's title.

### Related Information:

- The 2019 Madrid Open is a professional tennis tournament (sponsored by Mutua) played on outdoor clay courts at the Park Manzanares in Madrid, Spain (from 3 May–12 May 2019).
- It is classified as an ATP World Tour Masters 1000 event on the 2019 ATP World Tour and a Premier Mandatory event on the 2019 WTA Tour.

### 6. ITC appoints Sanjiv Puri as Chairman

- ITC Ltd. has appointed Managing Director (MD) Sanjiv Puri (56-years) as the Chairman of the company with immediate effect.
- Mr Puri joined the company in 1986 and rose through the ranks like his predecessor.
- He was appointed as Chief executive officer (CEO) in 2017 and as Managing Director (MD) in 2018.
- Mr Sanjiv Puri is an alumnus of IIT-Kanpur and Wharton School of Business.
- On 11th May 2019, Company's longest-serving chairman YC Deveshwar (72-years) passed away.



### **Related Information:**

- ITC Limited is an Indian multinational conglomerate company headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- It employs over 30,000 people at more than 60 locations across India and is part of the Forbes 2000 list.

### **7. DRDO conducts a successful flight test of ABHYAS**

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a successful flight test of ABHYAS - High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) from Interim Test Range, Chandipur in Odisha.
- The flight test was tracked by various RADARS and Electro Optic Systems and proved its performance in a fully autonomous waypoint navigation mode.
- The configuration of ABHYAS is designed on an in-line small gas turbine engine and uses indigenously developed MEMS-based navigation system for its navigation and guidance.
- The performance of the system was as per simulations carried out and demonstrated the capability of ABHYAS to meet the mission requirement for a cost-effective High-speed Expendable Aerial Target.

### **8. Indian Navy's first full-fledged SSB opened at in Kolkata**

- The Indian Navy's first full-fledged Services Selection Board (SSB) has been inaugurated by Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba at Diamond Harbour near Kolkata, West Bengal.
- The SSB (Kolkata) spread over 27 acres located on the banks of Hooghly that was previously occupied by a Naval Coastal Battery.
- The SSB (Kolkata) has the capacity to screen 5,000 officer-candidates annually.
- This is the fifth SSB of the Indian Navy and will cater for a selection of both permanent and short service commission (SSC) officers.
- The other boards are located at Bhopal, Bengaluru, Visakhapatnam and Coimbatore.

### **9. Lewis Hamilton wins Spanish Grand Prix**

- British racing driver Lewis Hamilton (34-years) has won the Spanish Grand Prix for a third consecutive year.
- He overtakes Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas at the first turn in Barcelona.
- Red Bull's Max Verstappen clinched the 3rd spot and was voted as the F1 driver of the day.
- Hamilton's win at the Spanish Grand Prix brings his tally to 76 F1 victories in all.

### **10. Major General AK Dhingra appointed as the first head of India's first tri-services Special Operations Division**

- Major General AK Dhingra has been appointed as the first head of India's first tri-services Special Operations Division.
- It comprises of commandos from all three services (Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force).
- The Armed Forces Special Operations Division has been set up by the government to undertake joint operations by three services.



- It will have elements from the Army's Parachute Regiments SF, Marine Commandos (MARCOS) of the Navy and the Garud Commandos of the Indian Air Force.

### 11. Spectacular Thrissur Pooram festival begins in Kerala

- The most spectacular festival of Kerala 'Thrissur Pooram' has begun at Thekkinkadu Maidan in the heart of Thrissur city in Kerala.
- It is held at the Vadakkunnathan Temple in Thrissur every year on the Pooram day - the day when the moon rises with the Pooram star.
- A 54-year-old elephant 'Thechikottukavu Ramachandran' also participated in the festival.

### 12. Football: Manchester City wins Premier League Title 2019

- Manchester City clinched their fourth Premier League title (football) after winning the 2018-19 season.
- Manchester City registered a 4-1 victory against Brighton to accumulate 98 points, while Liverpool, who were also in the title race, finished second with 97 points.
- Dominant Manchester City has successfully retained their Premier League title on the final day of an exhilarating 2018-19 campaign.
- Manchester City also lifted the trophy in 2011-12, 2013-14 and 2017-18. They are the first team to win back-to-back titles since Manchester United in 2009.

### 13. CEAT Awards: Virat Kohli bags International batsman and cricketer of the year

- Indian captain Virat Kohli bagged the International Cricketer and Batsman of the Year award during the CEAT Cricket Rating (CCR) International awards 2019.
- The ceremony held in Mumbai in presence of a galaxy of past and present cricketers.
- Pacer Jasprit Bumrah was adjudged as International Bowler of the Year.
- Afghanistan leg-spinner Rashid Khan was awarded for outstanding bowling and Australian batsman Aaron Finch for his exceptional performance in T20.
- Young prodigy Yashasvi Jaiswal was awarded Junior Cricketer of the Year, while chinaman Kuldeep Yadav took the home outstanding performance of the year award.
- Ashutosh Aman was awarded Domestic Cricketer of the Year.
- Legendary Mohinder Amarnath, who played a key role in India's 1983 World Cup triumph, was bestowed with the 'CCR International Lifetime Achievement Award'.

### 14. The US approves dengue vaccine Dengvaxia

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced to approve the first vaccine for dengue, 'Dengvaxia'.
- FDA has also placed significant restrictions on its use because the vaccine has been shown to put some people at heightened risk.
- Dengvaxia is produced by the French pharmaceutical firm Sanofi Pasteur.
- It can be only given to the people aged 9 to 16 who live in areas where dengue is endemic and who are shown by lab testing already to have been infected with the disease.
- The Philippines, which became the first country to approve it in 2016, was also the first to ban it in February this year over safety concerns.



### 15. World's 1st complete parent-wise genome for buffaloes developed

- The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has developed the world's first complete parent-wise genome assembly called "NDDB\_ABRO\_Murrah" of riverine buffaloes.
- This comes after the successful launch of INDUSCHIP, a customized genotyping chip for indigenous cattle and their crosses.
- Buffaloes contribute more than 50% to the total milk production in India which is the world's largest milk producer.
- The development of genome assembly will help in improving the genetics of the buffaloes and enhancing their productivity further.

### 16. Sri Lanka declares National Vesak week

- Sri Lanka has declared a National Vesak week to mark the Vesak celebrations, one of the most significant events for Buddhist followers.
- The festival will be held under tight security and people have been encouraged to organize celebrations at Buddhist temples and not in public places in the wake of Easter Sunday attacks last month.
- The state Vesak festival will be held in Galle under the patronage of the President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremasinghe on Friday and Saturday.
- The Chief Prelates of four Buddhist chapters have requested the public to give priority to spiritual practices and not to conduct public celebrations that draw crowd due to the present security situation in the country.

### 17. Japan's Yosuke Asaji wins Asia-Pacific Diamond Cup 2019

- Japan's Yosuke Asaji has won the Asia-Pacific Diamond Golf Cup 2019 by one shot at the Sobu Country Club.
- Rahil Gangjee (India) finished tied 39th and Viraj Madappa ended tied 53rd in the finals.
- Diamond Cup Golf (founded in 1973) is an annual golf tournament on the Japan Golf Tour.

### 18. Sikkim celebrates its foundation day

- On 16th May 1975, Sikkim became a part of Indian state after the 36th Constitutional Amendment.
- During the British rule in India, the kingdom of Sikkim enjoyed a sovereign status with British protectorate against the neighbouring countries Nepal and China.
- This 'subordinate alliance' with the British was carried on by the newly formed Indian government after 1947.

#### Related Information:

- Sikkim is located at the northeast part of India, and notable for its biodiversity, including alpine and subtropical climates.

### 19. 16th May: National Dengue Day



- The Government of India (GoI) has declared 16th May as National Dengue Day to mark the toll from the deadly disease 'Dengue' (transmitted by the bite of Aedes mosquito).
- The day has been taken in terms of lives and to reaffirm nationwide efforts to tackle the scourge by using both education and medical intervention.
- Dengue is a viral disease which includes symptoms such as high-grade fever 2 to 7 days and headache, vomiting, muscle and joint pains, and a characteristic skin rash.

## **20. Kami Rita creates a world record by scaling Mt. Everest for the 23rd time**

- Veteran Nepali sherpa Kami Rita (49-years) scaled Mount Everest for the 23rd time.
- He broke his own record of the most successful ascents of the world's highest peak.
- The Sherpa climber first scaled the Mount Everest on 13th May 1994.
- He has already climbed most of the peaks above 8,000 m including K2, Cho-Oyu, Lhoste, and Annapurna among others.

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