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CURRENT AFFAIRS – 01/05/2026

1. India's First Port-Based Green Methanol Plant:

Recent - India is developing its first port-based green methanol plant at Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) in Kandla, Gujarat.

The facility uses *Prosopis juliflora*, an invasive weed, as its main biomass to produce green methanol.

It integrates bunkering infrastructure, allowing ships to refuel at port, supporting International Maritime Organisation (IMO) decarbonisation goals.

Significance: It will help restore native grasslands while generating low-emission energy in line with the Harit Sagar Guidelines for greener ports.

2. Ru-Soam Bridges of Sikkim:

Recent - UNESCO has partnered with the Sikkim government to document indigenous Ru-Soam bridges in the Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve.

The project will systematically document and analyse the environmental and engineering principles of the Ru-Soam cane bridges.

Ru-Soam are traditional cane suspension bridges built by the Lepcha community in Sikkim.

Materials & Design: Constructed using locally available bamboo, cane, and wood, reflecting eco-friendly and resource-efficient engineering.

3. International Labour Day 2026:

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Recent - May 1 is observed as International Labour Day, commonly known as May Day, to honour the contributions of the working class.

Origin: The day originates from the May 1, 1886, Chicago general strike demanding an eight-hour workday, which culminated in the historic Haymarket Riot.

Formal Declaration: The Marxist International Socialist Congress declared it an annual international event in 1889 in Paris.

Indian Context: India first observed Labour Day in 1923 in Madras (Chennai), organised by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan, led by M. Singaravelu Chettiar.

India also observes it as Antarrashtriya Shramik Diwas or Kamgar Din.

2026 Theme: Set by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), it emphasises healthy psychosocial workplaces, mental well-being, stress control, and workload management.

4. Buddha Purnima:

Recent - President Murmu and PM Modi extended greetings on Buddha Purnima, highlighting Buddha's teachings.

Buddha Purnima, or Vesak, commemorates three major events in the life of Gautama Buddha — birth, enlightenment, and death (Mahaparinirvana).

It is celebrated on the first full moon of Vaisakha, usually in April or May.

Global Recognition: United Nations officially recognised Vesak in 1999, honouring Buddhism's contribution to the spirituality of humanity.

5. E-PRAAPTI Portal:

Recent – The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is set to launch E-PRAAPTI (EPF Aadhaar-Based Access Portal for Tracking Inoperative Accounts).

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E-PRAAPTI (EPF Aadhaar-Based Access Portal for Tracking Inoperative Accounts), a dedicated digital platform of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

Purpose: To facilitate identification, tracking, Unique Account Number (UAN) linking, and activation of old EPF accounts.

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