

# Current Affairs

May 20

1. Who Will Be Iran's Next President Following Raisi's Death? *Source: Bloomberg*

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-05-20/who-will-be-iran-s-next-president-following-ebrahim-raisi-s-death>

2. ICC seeks arrest warrants for Sinwar and Netanyahu over October 7 attack and Gaza war *Source: i24news*

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel-at-war/artc-icc-seeks-arrest-warrants-for-sinwar-and-netanyahu-over-october-7-attack-and-gaza-war-cnn-report>

3. Pakistan PM declares day of mourning after Raisi death *Source: The Economic Times*

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/world-news/pakistan-pm-declares-day-of-mourning-after-raisi-death/articleshow/110264382.cms?from=mdr>

4. 'Traumatic Situation', False Allegations Of Sexual Assault By Wife Against Husband's Relatives Amounts To Cruelty: Punjab & Haryana High Court *Source: LiveLaw*

<https://www.livelaw.in/high-court/punjab-and-haryana-high-court/punjab-haryana-high-court-false-allegations-of-sexual-assault-by-wife-against-husbands-relatives-amounts-to-cruelty-ground-for-divorce-258392>

5. Supreme Court to consider if Muslim women can claim equality in succession *Source: Deccan Herald*

<https://www.deccanherald.com/india/supreme-court-to-consider-if-muslim-women-can-claim-equality-in-succession-3029783>

6. Taiwan's New President Extends an Olive Branch to Beijing. It Matters Little *Source: TIME*

<https://time.com/6980049/taiwan-president-lai-inauguration-china-analysis/>

7. Forever fad: Rubik says his cube 'reminds us why we have hands' *Source: Times of Malta*

<https://timesofmalta.com/article/forever-fad-rubik-says-cube-reminds-us-hands.1092719>

8. LLM's have the same security problems as 1970s phones *Source: fudzilla*

<https://www.fudzilla.com/news/ai/59008-llm-s-have-the-same-security-problems-as-1970s-phones>

9. Electronics engineers successfully integrate MoS<sub>2</sub> transistors on a 200 mm wafer *Source: TechXplore*

<https://techxplore.com/news/2024-05-electronics-successfully-mos-transistors-mm.html>

10. Ancient Egypt's Engineering Marvel: Archaeologists Uncover Hidden River Beneath the Desert *Source: SciTechDaily*

<https://scitechdaily.com/ancient-egypts-engineering-marvel-archaeologists-uncover-hidden-river-beneath-the-desert/>

# Today In History

## *Find Out What happened On May 20*

### Important events of May 20

- *World Meteorological Day*
- **526 AD:** About three lakh people died in a devastating earthquake in Syria and Antioch.
- **1378:** Daud Shah assassinated Mujahid Shah to become the fourth Bahmani Sultan, but himself was murdered by a slave.
- **1399:** Saint Kabir was born.
- **1498:** After discovering the sea route to India, the Portuguese explorer, Vasco da Gama, reached Calicut (now Kozhikode).
- **1498:** Admiral Dom Vasco-da-Gama (c.1469-1524)-I, Count of Vidigueira, met the Zamorin of Calicut after arriving in India three days ago at Malabar Coast. He was joined by an experienced Gujarati pilot at Malindi. He was the 6th Governor and 2nd Viceroy of India.
- **1540:** Photographer Abraham Ortelius published the first modern atlas, the *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*.
- **1677:** Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj won the fort of Jinji.
- **1750:** Tipu Sultan, tiger of Mysore, was born. He was the son of Hyder Ali and born at Devanahalli village near Bangalore. Hyder Ali named his son after a great Sufi saint namely Tipu Mastan Aulia.
- **1766:** Malharrao Holkar, founder of Indoor, passed away.
- **1850:** Vishnushastri Chiplunkar, father of modern story writing in Marathi, was born.
- **1873:** Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis patented blue jeans with copper buttons.
- **1878:** Bahamani Sultan Dawood Shah was assassinated.
- **1878:** Krishnashastri Chiplunkar, Marathi novelist and omniscient, passed away.
- **1891:** Thomas Edison demonstrated the prototype of the kinetoscope.
- **1900:** Sumitranandan Pant was born.
- **1902:** Cuba gained independence from the United States.
- **1915:** Gandhiji founded Satyagraha Ashram (later known as Sabarmati Ashram after the name of the river) at Ahmedabad.
- **1932:** Bipinchandra Ramchandra Pal, powerful journalist and revolutionary freedom fighter, passed away. He was amongst the trio which was known as "Lal - Bal - Pal" during the freedom

*struggle. He started a newspaper called "Swaraj" for the Indians in England. He also edited several other newspapers like "Tribune", "New India", "Vande Mataram", "Swaraj", "Hindu Review", "Democrat", "Independent Bengali", etc.*

- **1940:** Amar Singh, cricketer (of pneumonia Indian pace bowler 1932-36), passed away.
- **1948:** Chiang Kai-shek elected the first President of the Republic of China.
- **1956:** The United States dropped a hydrogen bomb for the first time in Operation Redwing at a place called Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.
- **1957:** Tanguturi Prakasam, great lawyer, journalist, nationalist, politician, social reformer, leader and former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, passed away at Hyderabad.
- **1964:** P. T. Usha, a famous sprinter, was born.
- **1964:** the Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation was discovered by Robert Woodrow Wilson and Arno Penzias.
- **1965:** Under the leadership of Commander M. S. Kohli, Indian Trackers conquered Mount Everest. Captain A. S. Chima and Sherpa Nawang Gombu were the first to reach the summit.
- **1965:** Britain's police were given permission in 1965 to use tear gas guns and shells against armed criminals and dangerous persons.
- **1965:** About 100 people lost their lives in the crash of Pakistani Boeing aircraft "720 – B" in Egypt.
- **1969:** the battle named Hamburger Hill ended in Vietnam.
- **1972:** Indira Gandhi laid the foundation stone of 2nd Howrah bridge at Calcutta.
- **1976:** Oil production started from Bombay High.
- **1983:** The battle named Hamburger Hill ended in Vietnam. At least 16 people were killed while more than 130 were injured in the car bomb blast in Pretoria, the capital of South Africa.
- **1987:** G. G. Jadhav 'Pudhari', editor of daily newspaper, passed away.
- **1991:** A. S. L. V. was launched.
- **1991:** General Election (10th) of India begins.
- **1992:** Jayalalitha sacks R. M. Veerappan from her cabinet in Tamil Nadu.
- **1992:** V. Prabhakaran, LTTE supremo, heads the list of 41 accused in the SIT chargesheet.
- **1992:** Third developmental launch of ASLV. Stretched Rohini Satellite Series (SROSS-C). Launched by third developmental flight of ASLV-D3. This carried Gamma Ray astronomy and aeronomy payload.
- **1994:** K. Brahmananda Reddy, 83, former Andhra Pradesh CM, passed away in Hyderabad.
- **1994:** Indian ship rescues over 2000 Indian nationals trapped in the embattled Yemen's port city of Aden.
- **1995:** Successful launch of unmanned spacecraft 'Spectra' by Russia.
- **1996:** Former Union Finance Minister Manmohan Singh was awarded the Honest Man of the Year award for his outstanding work in improving the country's economy.
- **1996:** CPI Leader Indrajit Gupta appointed pro-tem speaker in the Lok Sabha.
- **1996:** Janaki Ramachandran, chief minister of Tamil Nadu (1988), passed away.

- **1996:** *Former Prime Minister of India and economist Manmohan Singh was announced to be selected for the 'Honest Man of the Year' award on this day i.e. 20th May in the year 1996 for the comprehensive reforms done in the economy of the country.*
- **1999:** *The CWC expels Sharad Pawar, M. P. A. Sangma and Tariq Anwar for six years from the primary membership of the party.*
- **1999:** *Kurdish rebel leader Semdim Sakic was sentenced to death.*
- **2000:** *Former Lok Sabha Speaker MC Balayogi was appointed to the post of Asian Chairman of the Commonwealth Organization of Parliament with the support of all parties.*
- **2000:** *Fiji's gunman leader George Speight was sworn in as the country's interim prime minister.*
- **2001:** *In Afghanistan, Taliban created a dress code for separate identity of Hindus.*
- **2003:** *Pakistan banned militant organization Hizbul Mujahideen.*
- **2006:** *China said that Taiwan is not eligible for membership of the World Health Organization.*
- **2011:** *Former Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh dedicated to the country the oil refinery built at a cost of thousands of crores in Bina, Madhya Pradesh.*
- **2011:** *Jharkhand mountaineer Premalata Aggarwal created a new history in the field of mountaineering by achieving the distinction of being the oldest Indian woman to climb Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain peak.*
- **2012:** *27 people died in the 2012 earthquake in Italy.*
- **2019:** *The International System of Units (SI): The base units were redefined, making the international prototype of the kilogram obsolete.*

### **Famous People born on May 20**

- **1850:** *Vishnushastri Chiplunkar, an Indian-Marathi writer.*
- **1851:** *Emil Berliner, a German-American inventor.*
- **1900:** *Hindi poet Sumitranandan Pant was born.*
- **1910:** *Famous sculptor Ramkinkar Baij, honored with Padma Bhushan, was born.*
- **1918:** *Piru Singh, one of the brave immortal martyrs of the Indian Army, was born.*
- **1941:** *Singapore's second Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong was born.*
- **1944:** *Dietrich Mateschitz, the co-founder and 49% owner of the Red Bull energy drink company.*
- **1977:** *Anjum Chopra, a former Indian cricketer.*
- **1983:** *Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, also known as Jr NTR, an Indian film actor.*

