

Current Affairs

May 26

1. Hamas fires 'large rocket barrage' at Tel Aviv *Source: The New Arab*
<https://www.newarab.com/news/hamas-fires-large-rocket-barrage-tel-aviv>
2. Russia to Sign Nuclear Power Plant Construction Agreement With Myanmar *Source: Sputnik*
<https://sputniknews.in/20240525/russia-to-sign-nuclear-power-plant-construction-agreement-with-myanmar-7453164.html>
3. China wary of SpaceX's Starlink service during Taiwan contingency *Source: ABS CBN*
<https://news.abs-cbn.com/world/2024/5/26/china-wary-of-spacex-s-starlink-service-during-taiwan-contingency-939>
4. US expected to lift ban on sale of offensive weapons to Saudi Arabia, says report *Source: The Indian Express*
<https://indianexpress.com/article/world/saudi-arabia-us-sanctions-us-weapons-9353159/>
5. India seeking Free Trade Agreement, says Maldives minister; discussions on *Source: Business Today*
<https://www.businesstoday.in/india/story/india-seeking-free-trade-agreement-says-maldives-minister-discussion-s-on-430931-2024-05-26>
6. Space photo of the week: NASA sees a 'Platypus' move on Jupiter's moon Europa *Source: LiveScience*
<https://www.livescience.com/space/jupiter/space-photo-of-the-week-nasa-sees-a-platypus-move-on-jupiters-moon-europa>
7. Dubai's archaeological treasures: 17 sites reveal over 300,000 years of the past *Source: Khaleej Times*
<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/dubais-archaeological-treasures-17-sites-reveal-over-300000-years-of-the-past>
8. Cyclone 'Remal' Makes Landfall On Bangladesh Coast, Over 8 Lakh People Evacuated *Source: DD news*
<https://ddnews.gov.in/en/cyclone-remal-makes-landfall-on-bangladesh-coast-over-8-lakh-people-evacuated/>
9. An approach to enable both locomotion and manipulation in a snake-inspired robot *Source: TechXplore*
<https://techxplore.com/news/2024-05-approach-enable-locomotion-snake-robot.html>
10. Fossil trove reveals three new species of ancient egg-laying mammals *Source: New Scientist*
<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2433014-fossil-trove-reveals-three-new-species-of-ancient-egg-laying-mammals/>

Today In History

Find Out What happened On May 26

Important events of May 26

- 1739:** *Afghanistan was separated from the Indian empire as a result of a treaty signed between Mughal Emperor Muhammad Shah and Nadir Shah.*
- 1822:** *122 people died in a church fire in Norway.*
- 1885:** *Govindagraj (Ram Ganesh Gadkari), great Marathi playwright, comedy author and poet, was born.*
- 1896:** *Nicholas II became Tsar of Russia.*
- 1906:** *Benjamin Peary Pal, internationally famous scientist of Indian agriculture, was born at Mukundpur, Punjab. In 1929, he went to Cambridge to do research on wheat and he returned to Burma with a Ph.D. five years later. In 1933, he got a research job with what is now known as the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi. In 1965, Pal became Director General of the newly founded Indian Council of Agricultural Research in New Delhi. He has written several books on roses, the most popular being "The Rose in India".*
- 1916:** *Rangnath Manohar Joshi (Nirmal Guruji), Marathi author, was born.*
- 1926:** *Kankalta, freedom fighter, was born in Bargawadi village in Assam . She was shot when she tried to flur the Indian National Flag in Gopur, Assam.*
- 1931:** *One hundred miners were trapped beneath a blazing mine. It was thought that there were unlikely to be any survivors in Madras.*
- 1935:** *Swami Mrigendra Channaya, great Social Scientist in Maharashtra, was born.*
- 1945:** *Vilasrao Dagdojirao Deshmukh, leader in Maharashtra, was born.*
- 1946:** *Gandhiji considers 'Plan' the best document produced by the British Government under the circumstances.*
- 1948:** *First ever trade agreement with Pakistan.*
- 1950:** *The limit on purchasing petrol in Britain was abolished.*
- 1957:** *Janta Insurance Scheme was inaugurated in Bombay.*
- 1983:** *R. V. Marathe, father of the Postal Index, passed away.*
- 1983:** *104 people died in the earthquake in Japan.*
- 1986:** *European Union (EU) adopted a new flag.*
- 1993:** *The Centre decides to implement the Mandal Commission recommendation to provide 27\% reservation for the socially and educationally backward classes in the Central Services from 15th June.*
- 1997:** *Government decides to allow the use of environment-friendly LPG as a motor vehicle fuel.*
- 1998:** *Prof. Jagdish Bhagwati, economist, was awarded the 1998 Freedom Prize of the Max Schmidheiny Foundation.*
- 1998:** *S. Chandrasekar, scientist, was selected for the Niels Bohr-UNESCO gold medal.*
- 1999:** *IRS-P4(OCEANSAT) with an Ocean Colour Monitor (OCM) and a Multi-frequency Scanning Microwave Radiometer (MSMR) and two small satellites (KITSAT of Korea and TUBSAT of*

Germany) launched by PSLV-C2.

- 1999:** *PSLV-C2, a polar satellite carrier from Sriharikota, successfully launched India's ISSP4 (OceanSat), Korea's Kitsat, and Germany's DLR-Tubsat.*
- 2000:** *In a significant development, the Government decides to allow disinvestment up to 60 per cent equity of Air India.*
- 2000:** *Millions of Hezbollah supporters took out a victory rally with their leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah after Israeli security forces withdrew from southern Lebanon.*
- 2002:** *A Chinese plane fell into the sea, 225 people died.*
- 2006:** *According to a research in the world of science, the AIDS virus was spread by chimpanzees found in Cameroon.*
- 2007:** *Defense agreement was concluded between India and Germany.*
- 2008:** *Uttar Pradesh government issued notification regarding setting stock limit of grains and edible oils.*

Famous People born on May 26

- 1885:** *Ram Ganesh Gadkari, an Indian-Marathi poet, playwright, and humorist.*
- 1902:** *Sadashiv Anant Shukla (Kumud Bandhav), an Indian playwright and writer.*
- 1906:** *Benjamin Pierre Pal, an internationally renowned Indian agricultural researcher.*
- 1930:** *Karim Emami, a highly regarded Iranian translator, editor, lexicographer, and literary critic.*
- 1946:** *Aruna Roy, is one of those women of India who is a good social worker as well as a politician.*