

# Daily Current Affairs 20 May 2026: PM Modi Norway Honor | Asian Weightlifting

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## International Relations & Honors

### 01 PM Narendra Modi Receives Norway's Highest Honor

During his visit to Norway, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the "Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit." This recognition celebrates his role in boosting bilateral ties. With this, the PM has now received 32 international awards as of May 2026. Notably, Sweden also recently presented him with the 'Royal Order of the Polar Star'.

#### ☑ Related Static GK

- **Norway Capital & Currency:** Capital is Oslo; currency is the Norwegian Krone.
- **Leadership:** King Harald V is the head of state, and Jonas Gahr Støre is the Prime Minister.

### 02 G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting 2026

The USA currently holds the G20 presidency. Under its leadership, the Foreign Ministers' meeting is scheduled for 30-31 October 2026 in Atlanta. Additionally, the 21st G20 Annual Summit is set for December 2026 in Miami.

#### ☑ Related Static GK

- **Establishment:** Founded on 26 September 1999.
- **Members:** Comprises 19 countries, the EU, and the African Union (joined in 2023).

## National & State News

### 03 India's First AI-Powered Human-Elephant Conflict Research Center

Jharkhand's Palamu Tiger Reserve is set to host India's first AI-driven research center for human-elephant conflicts. The facility will use AI and Machine Learning to decode elephant sounds and behavior, enabling real-time alerts for villagers when elephants are detected nearby.

#### ☑ Related Static GK

- **Palamu Tiger Reserve:** One of the original 9 tiger reserves under Project Tiger (1973-74) and the only one in Jharkhand.
- **Historical Fact:** The reserve was the site of the first-ever footprint-based (pugmark) census for tigers and elephants.

### 04 Nagaland's 'Coffees of Nagaland Mission'

The Nagaland government has launched a 175 Crore INR mission to boost coffee cultivation. Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and CM Neiphiu Rio launched the initiative, which aims to develop 'Arabica' and 'Robusta' clusters to reduce dependency on traditional Jhum (shifting) cultivation.

#### ☑ Related Static GK

- **Nagaland Info:** Capital is Kohima; Governor is La. Ganesan.
- **Festival:** The Hornbill Festival is held annually in the first week of December.

### 05 New UIDAI CEO: Saurabh Vijay

Saurabh Vijay, a 1998-batch IAS officer (Maharashtra cadre), has taken over as the new CEO of UIDAI, succeeding Bhuvnesh Kumar, who has moved to the Ministry of Tourism.

#### ☑ Related Static GK

- **UIDAI:** Established 28 January 2009; given statutory status via the Aadhaar Act.
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi; Chairperson is Neelkanth Mishra.

## 06 NHAI's 'Project Saksham'

NHAI, in partnership with the Vertis Foundation, launched 'Project Saksham' to provide skill training to rural women and unemployed youth living near national highways. 12 training centers are currently operational across the country.

### ☑ Related Static GK

- **NHAI:** Established under the 1988 Act; operational since 1995.
- **Ministry:** Falls under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (Minister: Nitin Gadkari; Chairman: Santosh Kumar Yadav).

## Defense & Sports News

## 07 Squadron Leader Sania's Milestone

Squadron Leader Sania of the IAF has become the first female pilot to achieve 'Category A' instructional grading as a Qualified Flying Instructor. She is an expert on the 'Pilatus PC-7 MkII' basic trainer.

### ☑ Related Static GK

- **IAF:** Founded 8 October 1932; Air Chief Marshal is Amar Preet Singh.
- **Pilatus:** A Swiss-made turboprop trainer aircraft.

## 08 Asian Weightlifting Championship 2026

Hosted in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, this championship saw participants from 29 nations. China topped the table with 41 medals, while India ranked 11th with 10 medals (1 silver, 9 bronze). Gyaneshwari Yadav secured the silver in the 53kg snatch category.

### ☑ Related Static GK

- **Venue:** Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar.
- **Federation:** Asian Weightlifting Federation is based in Doha, Qatar.

## 09 Kami Rita Sherpa's New Everest Record

'Everest Man' Kami Rita Sherpa has climbed Mount Everest for the 32nd time, breaking his own world record. Meanwhile, Lhakpa Sherpa holds the record for the most climbs by a woman (11 times).

### ☑ Related Static GK

- **Names:** Called 'Sagarmatha' in Nepal and 'Chomolungma' in Tibet.
- **History:** First climbed by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay on 29 May 1953.

## Important Days

## 10 National Anti-Terrorism Day (21 May)

Observed annually to mark the death of former PM Rajiv Gandhi, who was assassinated in 1991. The 2026 theme is 'Oppose Terrorism, Promote Peace, Harmony and National Unity'.

### ☑ Related Static GK

- **Rajiv Gandhi:** India's 6th and youngest Prime Minister.
- **May Observances:** Includes World Press Freedom Day (3 May), World Bee Day (20 May), and more.

## Quick Revision

- **Anai Mangalam Plates:** Returned to India by Leiden University.
- **Kalpsar Project:** Technical agreement signed between India and the Netherlands.
- **Kerala CM:** V. D. Satheesan sworn in as the 13th CM.
- **AI Banking:** India's first AI-powered bank branch opened in Guwahati.
- **World Health Assembly:** 79th session underway in Geneva.
- **India-Nordic Summit:** 3rd summit held in Oslo.
- **IT Standards:** India chairs the Common Criteria Development Board for 2 years.
- **Security Portal:** Karnataka launched a portal to track NSQ drugs and control NDPS sales.

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