

Highlights of 20 May 2026 Current Affairs

- The **Supreme Court of India** has allowed euthanasia for stray dogs that pose a threat to human life. The Court stated that the *right to live with dignity* and the *right to move freely without threat from any dog or canine* stand on the highest pedestal of constitutional protection.
Euthanasia refers to the intentional ending of the life of a patient who has been suffering from deep pain for a long time and has no remedial solution available.
- Former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand **Bhuvan Chandra Khanduri** has died at the age of 91. He was also an **Army Major General** and served as the **Minister of Transport and Highways** in the government of late Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- The **Maharashtra Government** has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) worth **₹6.5 lakh crore** with four companies for nuclear energy projects, with an estimated generation capacity of **25,400 MW of power**. These projects are also expected to create around **1,23,500 jobs**.
- The **U.S. Secretary of State, Marco Rubio**, will tour India from **May 23 to May 26** to strengthen cooperation in the fields of **trade, defence, and energy**. He will also visit **Kolkata, Agra, Jaipur, and New Delhi**. In addition, he will take part in the meeting of the **Quad group** in India along with other member countries — **Australia, Japan, and the United States**.
- **Google** and investment firm **Blackstone** have joined hands to create a new venture that will provide efficient **data centre capacity, operations, and network services**, along with **Google Cloud's Tensor Processing Units (TPUs)** as part of a "*compute-as-a-service*" offering.
- The **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** has launched the **Nidhi Aapke Nikat** programme to reduce pending cases across various legal forums, which have declined to **2,646 as of 31 March 2026**. EPFO has also decided to address employee grievances through **WhatsApp**, adding that members can initiate a conversation with the organisation by typing "**Hello**" to EPFO's registered WhatsApp number.
- Pakistan lost the Test series 2–0 to Bangladesh, with the visitors completing a clean sweep.
- **KL Rahul** will be the next **vice-captain** of the Indian Test team for the upcoming Test match against **Afghanistan in Mullanpur**. He will replace **Rishabh Pant**. The current captain of the Indian Test team is **Shubman Gill**.
- **Russian President Vladimir Putin** will visit **India** to attend the **BRICS Summit on September 12 and 13 in New Delhi**. This year, **India is the host** of the BRICS annual summit. The last time President Putin visited India was during the **India–Russia Annual Summit**, which was held in **December 2025**.
- **Soumya Swaminathan** has been elected as a **Fellow of the Royal Society**, the world's oldest scientific academy in continuous existence. She is the daughter of **M. S. Swaminathan**, known as the *Father of the Green Revolution in India*, who was also elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society. Soumya Swaminathan has become the **second woman from India** to be elected as a Fellow, after **Gagandeep Kang** in 2019.