

THE DAILY GK DOSE

National Geographic Names Jaipur to Its Best of the World 2027 List



- National Geographic included Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, in its Best of the World 2027 list of travel destinations.
- Jaipur's historic attractions include Hawa Mahal and Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century astronomical observatory that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The city hosts the Jaipur Literature Festival, one of the world's largest literary festivals.

Centre to launch 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan-Rabi 2026' nationwide



- The Ministry of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare will launch nationwide 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan-Rabi 2026' from Karnal, Haryana, on 22 Oct, with the campaign running until 30 Nov 2026.
- It will promote balanced fertiliser use and other agricultural inputs based on soil testing.
- Its main objectives are to promote sustainable agriculture, improve soil health and encourage the judicious use of agricultural resources.

India Hosts 7th Agrivoltaics World Conference (AWC) in New Delhi

- The 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 commenced at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- India hosted the conference for the first time, marking first edition held in the Global South.
- The conference was hosted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), with support from Germany's Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUV), and organised in partnership with Conexio-PSE.

Bank of Baroda Launches 'BoB Ke Sang Tyohaar Ki Umang'



- Bank of Baroda launched its festive campaign 'BoB Ke Sang Tyohaar Ki Umang – Shubh Bhi, Labh Bhi'.
- Bank of Baroda is offering home loans at interest rates starting from 7.40% per annum with a processing fee waiver, and car loans starting from 7.85% per annum, subject to applicable terms and conditions.
- Eligible women borrowers can receive an additional home-loan interest concession of 0.05% points, while specified eligible customer categories can receive 0.10 percentage points.

CBDT introduces Form 173A for tax exemption claims on govt. securities

- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) introduced Form 173A under the Income-tax (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2026.
- Form 173A is required to claim specified tax exemptions on interest income and capital gains from government securities.
- The specified exemptions cover eligible foreign institutional investors, Bank for International Settlements (BIS), to statutory conditions.

ISRO to Launch NVS-03 Navigation Satellite



- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is scheduled to launch the NVS-03 navigation satellite on 30 October 2026 aboard the GSLV Mk II launch vehicle.
- The satellite will be launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- NVS-03 is the third satellite in the second-generation Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) series.

United States to Host Inaugural Women's Club World Cup



- FIFA announced that the United States will host the inaugural FIFA Women's Club World Cup in 2028.
- The tournament will feature 19 women's club teams representing all six continental football confederations.
- Seven clubs have already qualified, including Arsenal Women, FC Barcelona Femení, Gotham FC and SC Corinthians.

Sheetal Devi & Toman Kumar Win Asian Para Games Archery Gold



- Indian para-archers Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar won the gold medal in the compound mixed team event at the Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- The Indian pair defeated Indonesia's Teodora Audi Ayudia Ferelly and Ken Swagumilang by 151–148 in the final.
- Sheetal Devi also won gold in the women's individual compound event, defeating Singapore's Alim Nur Syahidah by 142–138.

IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/ DECLARATIONS - KEY OUTCOMES

Bretton Woods Conference (1944) — IMF and IBRD

Fortaleza Declaration (2014) — NDB

New Delhi Declaration (2023) — African Union as a G20 member

Paris Agreement (2015) — Climate change

Kyoto Protocol (1997) — Greenhouse gas reduction

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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International Day of the Snow Leopard is observed on 23 October every year to raise awareness about the conservation of snow leopards and their fragile mountain ecosystems.