

THE DAILY GK DOSE

SHRIYANSHI VALISHETTY WINS SILVER AT BAOJI CHINA MASTERS

- **The Achievement:** Indian badminton player Shriyanshi Valishetty clinched the silver medal in the women's singles category at the Baoji China Masters 2026, which is a BWF Super 100 event.
- **The Summit Clash:** In the final match held at the Baoji City Gymnasium, she finished as the runner-up after going down to China's local favorite An Qi Yuan in straight sets.
- **Tournament Highlight:** On her way to the final, the 19-year-old delivered a major breakthrough performance by defeating the reigning 2024 Junior World Champion, Xu Wen Jing of China, in straight games during the semifinals.

- **Collaborative Conservation Project:** The active biotelemetry initiative was conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and the Assam Forest Department, with financial backing from the National Geographic Society.

SANDEEP KUMAR GARG INDUCTED

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- **The Appointment:** Sandeep Kumar Garg, a 2012-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Punjab cadre, has been officially appointed as the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) in the National Investigation Agency (NIA).
- **Central Deputation:** The appointment was approved by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in May 2026. He has been inducted into the premier counter-terror probe agency against an existing vacancy on a central deputation basis.
- **Previous Assignment:** Prior to this central posting, he was serving within the state infrastructure as the DIG of the Punjab Police Intelligence Wing, where he supervised key units including the Social Media, TV Media, Technical Analysis, and Data Center cells.

INDIA'S FIRST SATELLITE-TAGGED GANGES SOFT-SHELL TURTLE RELEASED

- **The Event and Location:** On the occasion of Endangered Species Day (May 15, 2026), India's first satellite-tagged Ganges softshell turtle (*Nilssonina gangetica*) was released into its natural habitat along the northern bank of the Brahmaputra River inside the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, Assam.
- **Species Status & Importance:** The Ganges softshell turtle is a crucial river scavenger classified as Endangered on the IUCN Red List and is granted the highest tier of legal protection under Schedule I of India's Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

IMPORTANT FACTS

LAKES OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

- *Dal Lake*
- *Wular Lake*
- *Manasbal Lake*
- *Nigeen Lake*
- *Sheshnag Lake*
- *Pangong Lake*
- *Tso Moriri Lake*
- *Gangabal Lake*
- *Gadsar Lake*
- *Surinsar Lake*
- *Mansar Lake*
- *Kounsarnag Lake*

ICICI BANK & VISA LAUNCH INDIA'S FIRST USD-DENOMINATED DEBIT CARD FOR NRI CUSTOMERS

- **The Launch and Integration:** ICICI Bank, in partnership with Visa, has introduced India's first USD-denominated debit card for NRI customers. The card is specifically issued from its IBU at GIFT City, Gujarat.
- **Key Financial Benefit:** Built on Visa's premium Infinite platform, the standout feature of this card is that it offers 0% foreign exchange markup on US Dollar transactions made globally at PoS terminals and e-commerce websites.
- **Enhanced Global Utility and Control:** The card provides NRIs with seamless access to their dollar savings for worldwide spending across ATMs, online shopping, and travel platforms.

JANNIK SINNER WINS ITALIAN OPEN TITLE

- **The Victory:** World No. 1 Jannik Sinner won the men's singles title at the 2026 Italian Open in Rome by defeating Norway's Casper Ruud in straight sets during the final clash at the Foro Italico.
- **Historic Milestone for Italy:** With this triumph, Sinner became the first Italian man in 50 years to win the Italian Open singles title, ending a half-century drought that dated back to Adriano Panatta's victory in 1976.
- **Career Golden Masters & Records:** By capturing this title (his 10th ATP Masters 1000 crown), the 24-year-old became the youngest and only the second man in tennis history, after Novak Djokovic, to complete the Career Golden Masters—which means winning all nine unique ATP Masters 1000 tournaments.

SAHDEV YADAV ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SOUTH ASIAN WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION

- **Unanimous Election:** Dr. Sahdev Yadav, who currently serves as the President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF), was unanimously elected as the President of the South Asian Weightlifting Federation (SAWF) during its election meeting held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **Key Administration Portfolios:** Alongside this new regional role,

Yadav holds several other prominent positions in sports administration, serving as the Treasurer of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

- **Vision and Key Leadership Appointment:** Yadav's vision for SAWF focuses on strengthening sports ecosystems across South Asian nations through enhanced athlete development programs, standardized coaching, and upgraded infrastructure.

PARADEEP PARIVAHAN WINS LEAPS AWARD 2025



- **The Recognition:** Odisha-based logistics provider Paradeep Parivahan Limited (PPL) won the prestigious LEAPS Award 2025 (Logistics Excellence, Advancement and Performance Shield) under the Multimodal Transport Operator (MTO) category.
- **The Ceremony:** The flagship national award, institutionalized by the DPIIT (Ministry of Commerce & Industry), was presented by Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal on May 13, 2026, at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi.

- **Evaluation & Green Focus:** PPL was selected through a rigorous multi-stage evaluation process involving 71 competitive companies, including global majors like FedEx and Maersk.

FORMER MOHUN BAGAN FC PRESIDENT TUTU BOSE PASSED AWAY

- **Legacy at Mohun Bagan:** Affectionately called "Tutu Babu" in Kolkata's Maidan circles, he was a stalwart football administrator who served Mohun Bagan AC for over three decades in multiple capacities, including as Secretary (1991–1995) and President. For his immense lifelong contributions, he was honored with the prestigious "Mohun Bagan Ratna" award.
- **Modernizing Indian Football:** He is widely recognized as the architect of modern Mohun Bagan. Under his stewardship, the club broke traditional norms to sign its first-ever foreign player (Nigerian striker Chima Okorie in 1991), aggressively professionalized player recruitment, and later facilitated the club's transition into the corporate era through its Indian Super League (ISL) merger.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

18.05.2026 / MONDAY

- **International Museum Day 2026 celebrated on the 18th of May**
- **Theme 2026: "Museums Uniting a Divided World"**
- **This framework guides the global museum community to design inclusive, accessible programming that strengthens local belonging and trust.**