

THE DAILY GK DOSE

PARTHANIL GHOSH APPOINTED MD & CEO OF HDFC ERGO

- **Leadership Transition:** Ghosh succeeds Ritesh Kumar, who led the company for 15 years and is transitioning to a role within the Fairfax Group.
- **Internal Promotion:** Parthanil was previously the President of Retail Business, bringing extensive experience in the general insurance sector.
- **Strategic Focus:** His appointment aims to maintain HDFC ERGO's position as a top private-sector player in the non-life insurance market.

Footnotes: HDFC ERGO's Previous MD: Anuj Tyagi, HQ: Mumbai

INDIA'S FIRST MICROALGAE-BASED "PUREAIR" TOWER IN DELHI

- **Biological Filtration:** Unlike traditional smog towers, this uses microalgae to capture carbon dioxide and release oxygen through photosynthesis.
- **Efficiency:** It is designed to handle high-density pollutants and provides a more

sustainable, "green" alternative to mechanical filters.

- **Pilot Phase:** Deployed in New Delhi to combat the city's persistent air quality challenges and serve as a model for urban air purification.

LAUNCH OF BHARAT TEX 2026



- **Global Platform:** Union Minister Giriraj Singh launched the event to position India as a global textile powerhouse.
- **5F Vision:** The initiative aligns with the "Farm to Fiber to Factory to Fashion to Foreign" strategy.
- **Investment Goal:** Aimed at attracting international brands and showcasing India's sustainable manufacturing capabilities.

IMPORTANT FACTS

DAMS

- *Hirakud Dam = Odisha*
- *Srisailem Dam = Krishna River*
- *Nagarjunasagar Dam = Telangana*
- *Mattur Dam = Karnataka*
- *Sardar Sarovar Dam = Gujarat*
- *Idukki Dam = Kerala*
- *Farakka Dam = West Bengal*
- *Rana Pratap Sagar Dam = Chambal River.*

NITI AAYOG'S FISCAL HEALTH INDEX 2026

- **State Ranking:** The index evaluates states based on fiscal deficit, tax revenue growth, and debt-to-GSDP ratios.
- **Economic Stability:** It provides a data-driven roadmap for states to improve their financial management and creditworthiness.
- **Transparency:** Designed to encourage competitive federalism by highlighting states with the most sustainable fiscal policies.

Footnotes: NITI Aayog's CEO: IAS Nidhi Chhibber, HQ: New Delhi, Estd: 2015

SUMIT ANTIL WINS GOLD AT WORLD PARA ATHLETICS GRAND PRIX

- **Javelin Dominance:** The Paralympic champion secured the Gold medal, continuing his winning streak in the F64 category.
- **World Ranking:** This victory solidifies his position as the world number one heading into major upcoming championships.
- **Consistency:** Antil continues to push the boundaries of para-athletics, often nearing his own world record marks during competition.

DR. PARTHA BISWAS JOINS NCSC

- **Constitutional Role:** Dr. Biswas has officially assumed charge as a Member of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC).
- **Advocacy:** His role involves investigating and monitoring matters relating to the

safeguards provided for Scheduled Castes in India.

- **Implementation:** He will be key in overseeing the effective implementation of welfare schemes and legal protections for marginalized communities.

Footnotes: NCSC's CEO: Richard Horne, HQ: London, Estd: 2016

SBI & MUFG BANK (JAPAN) PARTNERSHIP



- **Strategic Ties:** State Bank of India and Japan's MUFG Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost India–Japan financial corridors.
- **Corporate Support:** The deal focuses on assisting Japanese companies looking to invest in India and Indian firms expanding into Japan.
- **Digital Innovation:** Both banks will collaborate on

supply chain financing and digital banking solutions for cross-border trade.

Footnotes: SBI's Chairman: C. Sreenivasulu Setty, HQ: Mumbai, Estd: 1955

KSRTC WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR "DHWANI SPANDANA"

- **Innovative Feedback:** The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) won for its AI-based grievance redressal system.
- **Public Service:** "Dhwani Spandana" allows passengers to voice concerns through a simplified, responsive digital platform.
- **Modernization:** This award recognizes KSRTC's shift toward technology-driven governance in public transportation.

Footnotes: KSRTC's MD: V. Anbukumar, HQ: Bengaluru, Estd: 1948

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

13.03.2026 / FRIDAY

- **1781 – Discovery of Uranus**
- **William Herschel discovered the planet Uranus, the first planet discovered using a telescope.**