

# THE DAILY GK DOSE

## BOBCARD LAUNCHES BRAILLE-ENABLE 'BOBCARD PREMIER CREDIT CARD'

- Enhanced Accessibility:** The card features a specialized Braille design and tactile elements that allow visually impaired users to easily identify and use the card for physical transactions, fostering financial independence.
- Premium Reward Structure:** Cardholders earn 5X accelerated rewards (up to 10 points per ₹100) on travel, dining, and international spends, while still offering 2 reward points on all other categories.
- Lifestyle & Travel Perks:** The card provides complimentary domestic airport lounge access (one per quarter), an in-built personal accidental death insurance cover (up to ₹50 Lakhs), and a 1% fuel surcharge waiver across India.

## INDIA RANKS 91<sup>ST</sup> IN CPI 2025

- Improved Global Standings:** India climbed 5 places to rank 91st out of 182 countries, up from 96th in the previous year. Its score improved marginally by one point to 39/100.
- Structural Corruption Persists:** Despite the rank improvement, India remains below the global average score of 42. The report notes that corruption in the country is still viewed as a "deep-rooted structural challenge" rather than an isolated issue.
- Risks for Media and Transparency:** India was specifically highlighted as a

"dangerous country for journalists" reporting on corruption. The report noted that nearly 90% of journalist killings worldwide occur in countries with scores below 50, like India.

## UNION MOS INAUGURATES STQC LAB AUTOMATION PORTAL 'SATYA'



- Unified Digital Platform:** Developed by C-DAC, SATYA integrates all STQC (Standardisation Testing and Quality Certification) services—including testing, calibration, inspection, and certification—into a single, end-to-end automated platform to eliminate manual intervention.
- Boost to MSMEs and Startups:** The portal is specifically designed to reduce procedural burdens for small businesses, allowing them to track applications in real-time and bring secure, compliant IT and electronic products to market significantly faster.
- Strategic Governance Goal:** Aligned with the "Minimum Government – Maximum Governance" vision, SATYA aims to enhance "Ease of Doing Business" while strengthening India's cybersecurity ecosystem and its status as a global hub for trusted electronics manufacturing.

## IMPORTANT FACTS

### NATIONAL PARKS OF ASSAM

- Kaziranga*
- Manas*
- Nameri*
- Orang*
- Dibrus-Saikhowa*

### INDIAN AIR FORCE & THAI AIR FORCE UNDERTAKE JOINT IN-SITU AIR EXERCISE

- Strategic Assets Involved:** The exercise featured a "clash" of high-end platforms, with India deploying Su-30MKI multirole fighters, AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System), and IL-78 mid-air refuellers. Thailand participated with its Swedish-made JAS 39 Gripen fighter jets.
- Geopolitical Significance:** The drills were held near the Strait of Malacca, a critical maritime chokepoint. This location underscores a shared commitment to regional security in the Indo-Pacific and aligns with India's 'Act East' policy and Thailand's 'Act West' outreach.
- Focus on Interoperability:** Unlike large-scale traditional deployments, this "in-situ" (on-site) drill focused on seamless operational coordination. It tested long-range mission execution, mid-air refueling capabilities.

## UNION MOS JITIN PRASADA INAUGURATES STQC LAB AUTOMATION PORTAL 'SATYA'

- Unified Digital Lifecycle:** Developed by C-DAC, the SATYA portal integrates all STQC services—including testing, calibration, and certification (like ISO 27001)—into a single, end-to-end automated platform, eliminating the need for manual paperwork.
- Faster Market Entry for MSMEs:** By automating workflows and providing real-time application tracking, the portal significantly reduces the procedural burden for startups and MSMEs, helping them get secure and compliant IT products to market much faster.
- Strengthening Digital Trust:** The initiative is a cornerstone of the "Minimum Government – Maximum Governance" vision. It enhances "Ease of Doing Business" by ensuring transparency and reliability in the quality assurance of India's electronics and cybersecurity ecosystem.

## PRACHI GAIKWAD CLINCHED GOLD IN WOMEN'S 50M RIFLE

- Individual Gold Medal:** Prachi clinched the gold in the Junior Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) event with a decisive final score of 353.3 points, defeating Kazakhstan's Tomiris Amanova (351.4) in a high-pressure final.

- Double Victory:** In addition to her individual success, she led the Indian trio (alongside Anushka Thokur and Hazel) to the Team Gold in the same category, posting a combined total of 1,748 points to finish ahead of Kazakhstan.
- Consistent Dominance:** Prachi showed exceptional form throughout the day, having also topped the qualification round with a score of 586, reinforcing India's overall lead in the championship medal tally.

## DHARMAJ CROP GUARD APPOINTS ROHIT SHARMA AS ITS BRAND AMBASSADOR



- Strategic Brand Alignment:** The collaboration aims to leverage Rohit Sharma's massive popularity and "trusted leader" persona to enhance brand recall among farmers and stakeholders across India.
- Focus on Modern Farming:** By featuring a high-profile athlete, the company intends to promote its innovative crop protection solutions and encourage the adoption of modern, high-yield agricultural practices.
- Market Expansion:** This move is a key part of Dharmaj's

strategy to strengthen its presence in the domestic market and build a deeper emotional connection with the rural community.

## HOLLYWOOD ACTOR JAMES VAN DER BEEK PASSED AWAY

- Iconic Legacy:** He is best remembered for his era-defining role as Dawson Leery in the hit teen drama Dawson's Creek (1998–2003). In later years, he earned critical praise for his comedic range, often lampooning his "teen heartthrob" image in projects like Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23.
- Family and Advocacy:** He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their six children. Even while undergoing treatment, he remained active in charitable efforts, including selling memorabilia and participating in the "Real Full Monty" special to raise awareness for cancer research.
- Cause of Death:** Van Der Beek passed away peacefully following a courageous nearly three-year battle with Stage 3 colorectal cancer. He had publicly disclosed his diagnosis in late 2024 and spent his final years as a vocal advocate for early cancer screenings and routine colonoscopies.

## WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

### International Day for Prevention of Violent Extremism

- Theme 2026:** focuses on the intersection between violent extremism conducive to terrorism & emerging technologies