

THE DAILY GK DOSE

INDIA CLINCHES SAFF U-19 WOMEN'S TITLE

- Dominant Final Performance:** India defeated defending champions Bangladesh 4–0 in the final held on February 7, 2026, at the Pokhara Rangasala Stadium in Nepal.
- Strategic Team Selection:** This was a deliberate move by the AIFF to provide high-pressure competitive exposure to the younger squad ahead of the AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup later this year.
- Redemption and Awards:** The victory served as redemption for India after losing 0–2 to Bangladesh during the round-robin stage.

INDIA EMERGES AS WORLD'S 2ND-LARGEST MOBILE PRODUCER

- Massive Production Growth:** India's mobile phone production surged from approximately 5.8 crore (58 million) units in 2014-15 to over 31 crore (310 million) units by 2023-24, reflecting a shift from being an importer to a self-sufficient producer.
- Policy-Driven Success:** This growth was fueled by the "Make in India" initiative and the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, which attracted global giants like Apple, Samsung, and Foxconn to set up large-scale manufacturing hubs within the country.
- Export Powerhouse:** Beyond domestic sales, India has transitioned into a major exporter. Mobile phone exports reached an estimated ₹1.2 lakh

crore (\$15 billion) in FY24, with smartphones now ranking among India's top export commodities.

NSO LAUNCHES BETA VERSION OF 'MCP SERVER'



- Centralized Knowledge Hub:** The MCP Server acts as a comprehensive repository for all statistical definitions, concepts, and methodologies used by the NSO. This ensures that users understand exactly how data (like GDP or CPI) is calculated.
- Enhanced Data Transparency:** By launching this Beta version, the government aims to provide "Metadata"—essentially data about data. This allows researchers and policymakers to track the evolution of statistical standards and maintain consistency across different datasets.
- Modernizing Digital Infrastructure:** The eSankhyiki Portal serves as a one-stop platform for Indian official statistics. The addition of the MCP Server simplifies data discovery, making it easier for the public to find and interpret complex economic and social indicators.

IMPORTANT FACTS

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY LINES

- Radcliffe Line:** India – Pakistan / India – Bangladesh
- McMahon Line:** India – China
- Durand Line:** Pakistan – Afghanistan
- Mannerheim Line:** Finland – Russia
- Maginot Line:** France – Germany

VOC PORT DEPLOYED ADVANCED 'ANTI-DRONE SYSTEM'

- Pioneering Maritime Security:** VOC Port is the first in the country to deploy a dedicated anti-drone shield. This marks a shift from traditional perimeter security to protecting the port's airspace against emerging threats.
- High-Tech Detection and Neutralization:** It provides 360-degree surveillance with an effective range of up to 5 km, allowing security teams to detect, track, and neutralize rogue drones in real-time using electronic jamming.
- Strategic Collaboration & Vision:** Developed in partnership with Central Electronics Limited (CEL), the initiative aligns with India's Maritime India Vision 2030 and Amrit Kaal Vision 2047. It serves as a national benchmark for safeguarding critical infrastructure through indigenous technology.

TEJASWIN SHANKAR CLINCHES GOLD AT ASIAN INDOOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Dominance in High Jump:** Tejaswin clinched the gold medal in the Men's High Jump event by clearing a height of 2.23 meters. His performance reaffirmed his status as one of Asia's top vertical jumpers.
- Consistency on the Continental Stage:** This victory builds on his previous successes, including his national record and his silver medal in the Decathlon at the Hangzhou Asian Games, proving his versatility across both indoor and outdoor formats.
- Boost for Indian Athletics:** His gold was a highlight for the Indian contingent at the championships held in Tehran, contributing significantly to India's medal tally and boosting morale ahead of the global outdoor season.

UNION MINISTER LAUNCHED QUALCOMM'S SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP

- Frontier Technology:** By completing the "tape-out" in India, Qualcomm demonstrated that the country is now capable of handling the world's most complex deep-tech engineering, moving beyond simple back-office operations.
- End-to-End Design Sovereignty:** The Minister highlighted that the entire lifecycle of the chip—from defining customer requirements to silicon design and validation

was executed by Indian engineering teams.

- Launch of ISM 2.0:** While ISM 1.0 focused on setting up assembly and testing (ATMP) units, ISM 2.0 will prioritize chip design startups, domestic equipment manufacturing, and deepening the talent pool to fill the global gap of 1 million semiconductor engineers.

DST LAUNCHES 'INDIA-NETHERLANDS HYDROGEN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME'



- National Capacity Building:** It provides them with structured exposure to the advanced hydrogen ecosystem in the Netherlands, specifically focusing on the University of Groningen.
- Focus on Deployment Readiness:** Key focus areas include system integration, safety protocols, techno-economic analysis, and developing pathways for indigenization (local manufacturing) of hydrogen technologies in India.
- Strategic Academic Alliance:** This creates a long-term framework for joint research and knowledge sharing, directly supporting the goals of India's

National Green Hydrogen Mission and its target of Net-Zero by 2070.

CMD RECEIVES BHASKAR BHATTACHARJEE MEMORIAL AWARD

- Honoring Industry Leadership:** It recognizes Singh's exceptional leadership and professional work ethics in the mining and mineral sectors, aligning with the high standards set by the late Bhaskar Bhattacharjee.
- Focus on Future Mining:** Upon receiving the award, Singh addressed the Industry Institute Interaction (III-2026) Conclave. His speech emphasized critical future-ready themes: Smart Mining, the exploration of Critical Minerals, and the transition to Green Energy within the natural resources sector.
- Corporate Milestone for HCL:** This recognition comes at a high point for Hindustan Copper Ltd, following their strong Q3 financial results (which saw a 149% YoY jump in net profit) and the successful resolution of long-standing corporate disputes, signaling a period of stability and growth under his command.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

International Epilepsy Day: February 9

- **Theme 2026: "The Art of Possibility"**
- **Encouraging practical actions through initiatives like the #EpilepsyPledge**