

THE DAILY GK DOSE

RBI Raises Repo Rate by 25 bps After Over 3 Years



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) raised the policy repo rate by 25 basis points (bps) from 5.25% to 5.50% on 7 October 2026.
- The decision was taken by the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).
- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced the monetary-policy decision.

Nagaland Launches Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana for Households



- Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM), under the Department of Rural Development, Government of Nagaland, launched Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana (SAY-SOBLOK).
- The launch was accompanied by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NSRLM and BRAC International.
- SAY-SOBLOK is aligned with the Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana (SAY) under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).

10th India Mobile Congress 2026 Begins at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi

- The 10th edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026 is being held at Yashobhoomi (India International Convention & Expo Centre), New Delhi.
- The theme of IMC 2026 is “Scale Without Boundaries.”
- IMC is jointly organised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI).

SEBI Launches Project Jagrook Investor Awareness Campaign



- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched Project JAGRoock, a nationwide investor-awareness initiative aimed promoting informed, responsible and disciplined investing.
- The initiative uses a 360-degree communication approach, combining multiple traditional and digital channels to reach investors.
- A key campaign under Project JAGRoock “Samajh Se Investing Simple”, which focuses on simplifying investment concepts for common investor.

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed Next Chief of Air Staff

- He will succeed Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, who will superannuate on 31 Oct. 2026.
- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) in 2026 for distinguished service.
- He took over as Vice Chief of the Air Staff on 1 July 2026, succeeding Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor.

Raksha Mantri Launches First Fleet Support Ship 'INS Surya'



- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh launched the Indian Navy's first indigenous Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1), named 'INS Surya', at Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- INS Surya is the first of five Fleet Support Ships being built indigenously by HSL for Indian Navy.
- Hindustan Shipyard Limited, a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Defence, attained Miniratna Category-I status in 2025.

Smriti Mandhana Appointed Captain of Women's Cricket Team



- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) appointed Smriti Mandhana as the captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team.
- She takes over the captaincy from Harmanpreet Kaur, who stepped down from the role on the same day. Harmanpreet will continue playing for India.

- Mandhana will be the full-time white-ball captain, leading India in ODIs and T20Is.

Francis Halzen Wins Nobel Prize in Physics 2026



- Francis Halzen, Professor at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, USA, has been awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics.
- Halzen received the Nobel Prize “for decisive contributions to the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy neutrinos of astrophysical origin.”
- Halzen's work laid the foundation for the IceCube Neutrino Observatory, located at the South Pole in Antarctica.

IMPORTANT RIVERS

Longest River in India	:	Ganga
Longest River in the World	:	Nile
Longest River in Asia	:	Yangtze
Longest River in South India	:	Godavari
Longest River in Punjab	:	Sutlej

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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World Cotton Day 2026 is observed on 7 October to highlight the role of cotton in livelihoods, trade and sustainable development, with the theme “Cotton for Good: Building Prosperity Through Trade, Transformation and Partnership.”