

THE DAILY GK DOSE

Praggnanandhaa Becomes First Indian to Win Grand Chess Tour



- Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa, popularly known as Praggnanandhaa, is an Indian chess Grandmaster who was born on 10 August 2005 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- He defeated Fabiano Caruana of the USA by 15–13 in the 2026 GCT Finals.
- The final was held at the Saint Louis Chess Club, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Andhra Pradesh Approves Quantum & AI University Campus



- The Andhra Pradesh Government approved the establishment of India's first dedicated Quantum and Artificial Intelligence University campus in Amaravati.
- The initiative is being developed by NIELIT — National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The approval was given under the leadership of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at a Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) meeting.

Telangana Launches Devadurga Gold and Copper Exploration



- Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has entered the gold and copper exploration sector.
- Exploration has been launched in the Devadurga region of Karnataka.
- The Devadurga block is strategically important because of its proximity to Hutti Gold Mines.

Hindalco Commissions India's First Superfine PPT ATH Plant

- Hindalco Industries Limited commissioned India's first Superfine PPT ATH manufacturing plant is located at Belagavi, Karnataka.
- The plant is a greenfield manufacturing facility.
- PPT ATH (Precipitated Aluminium Trihydrate) is a halogen-free flame-retardant material.

LIC Housing Finance Appoints Sandeep Kumar as New MD & CEO



- He succeeds Tribhuwan Adhikari, who retired upon superannuation.
- His tenure can extend up to five years, subject to applicable conditions and shareholder approval.
- Sandeep Kumar has been appointed as an Additional Director in the capacity of MD & CEO and as a Key Managerial Personnel (KMP).

India, US Sign Deal for Javelin Anti-Tank Missiles



- India and the United States signed an agreement for the procurement of the Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) system for the Indian Army.
- The Javelin is a medium-range, man-portable, shoulder-launched, fire forget anti-tank weapon.
- The Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) is jointly developed and manufactured by Lockheed Martin and RTX (Raytheon) of the United States.

Yuko Keicho Named World Bank VP & Auditor General



- The World Bank Group comprises five institutions—IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID—while IBRD and IDA together are known as the World Bank.
- Ajay Banga is the President of the World Bank Group.
- The headquarters of the World Bank Group is in Washington, D.C., United States.

Indian Navy Gets First Multipurpose Vessel — Samarthak



- The vessel was designed and built by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) at its Kattupalli Shipyard in Tamil Nadu.
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) is constructing two Multi-Purpose Vessels (MPVs)—INS Samarthak and INS Utkarsh—for the Indian Navy under the same project.
- The vessel was named Samarthak, meaning “Supporter” or “The Proponent”.

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WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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National Sports Day 2026 is being observed from 28–30 August 2026 as a three-day nationwide campaign themed “Tribute, Play, and Move,” commemorating the 121st birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand (29 August 1905), India's legendary “Hockey Wizard.”