

# THE DAILY GK DOSE

## WORLD'S LARGEST & 1ST DIGITALLY CONDUCTED INDIA'S CENSUS-2027 BEGINS

- **First-Ever Digital Census:** This is the first time in India's history that the census is being conducted entirely through digital means. Over 3 million enumerators will collect and submit data directly via mobile applications on smartphones, replacing the traditional paper-based system. This shift is expected to enable near real-time data processing and faster publication of results.
- **Introduction of Self-Enumeration:** For the first time, citizens have the option of self-enumeration. Through a dedicated online portal (available in 16 languages), individuals can fill in their own household details before an enumerator visits.
- **Digital Assets & Amenities:** It also tracks essential amenities like the main source of drinking water, availability of kitchen and bathing facilities, and the primary fuel used for cooking (LPG/PNG).

## INDIA APPROVES IBC AMENDMENT BILL 2026

- **Creditor-Initiated Insolvency (CIIRP):** The Bill introduces a new "out-of-court" mechanism called the Creditor-Initiated Insolvency Resolution Process. Unlike the standard process, CIIRP allows specified financial creditors to start resolution proceedings with a faster 150-day timeline.
- **Group & Cross-Border Insolvency:** For the first time, the law provides a formal framework to handle Group Insolvency, allowing interconnected companies within a corporate conglomerate to be resolved together rather than through fragmented, individual cases.
- **Mandatory Admission & Stricter Timelines:** To tackle chronic judicial delays, the Bill makes it mandatory for the

Adjudicating Authority (NCLT) to admit an insolvency application within 14 days if the default is clearly established.

## PM MODI LAUNCHES KAYNES SEMICONDUCTOR PLANT IN GUJARAT



- **₹3,300 Crore Strategic Investment:** Developed by Kaynes Semicon (a subsidiary of Kaynes Technology), the plant was built with an investment of ₹3,300 crore at Sanand GIDC. It is the second major semiconductor unit to become operational in India, following the Micron plant which began production exactly one month prior on February 28, 2026.
- **Massive Production Capacity:** The facility is designed to manufacture up to 6.3 million chips per day. It will focus on advanced packaging and testing of Intelligent Power Modules (IPMs), which are critical components for electric vehicles (EVs), industrial automation, and consumer electronics like smartphones and energy-efficient appliances.
- **"Make in India, Make for the World":** Highlighting India's transition into its "Techade," the Prime Minister noted that a significant portion of the chips produced at this facility are already earmarked for export to global markets, including the United States. This aligns with the government's vision of doubling India's semiconductor market from ₹4.5 lakh crore to ₹9 lakh crore by 2030.

## IMPORTANT FACTS

### RBI SUBSIDIARIES

- **DICGC:** Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation
- **BRBNMPL:** Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited
- **ReBIT:** Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited
- **IFTAS:** Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services
- **RBIH:** Reserve Bank Innovation Hub

## INDIAN NAVY INDUCTS INDIGENOUS STEALTH FRIGATE 'DUNAGIRI'

- **Fifth of the Nilgiri-Class (Project 17A):** INS Dunagiri is the fifth of seven advanced stealth frigates being built under Project 17A. It is a "reincarnation" of the erstwhile Leander-class frigate of the same name that served from 1977 to 2010. This new version represents a generational leap in design, featuring significantly improved stealth shaping, reduced radar signatures, and advanced automation.
- **Superior "Triple-Threat" Capability:** Designed as a multi-mission platform, the frigate is equipped to handle threats across air, surface, and underwater domains. Its "teeth" include BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles, MRSAM (Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missiles), and an MF-STAR radar system. For underwater warfare, it carries indigenous torpedo launchers and anti-submarine rockets.

## SUNIL NARINE BECOMES MOST CAPPED OVERSEAS PLAYER IN IPL HISTORY

- **Surpassing a Legend:** Narine achieved this feat during KKR's IPL 2026 opener against Mumbai Indians at the Wankhede Stadium. By stepping onto the field, he earned his 190th IPL cap, officially overtaking former Mumbai Indians icon Kieron Pollard, who held the record with 189 appearances.
- **Unparalleled Franchise Loyalty:** Much like Pollard, Narine's record is defined by singular loyalty; he has played all 190 matches for the Kolkata Knight Riders. Since his debut in 2012, he has been a cornerstone of the franchise, playing a pivotal role in their three title-winning campaigns (2012, 2014, and 2024).
- **Elite "Firsts" and All-Round Impact:** Narine remains the only player in IPL history to be named Most Valuable Player (MVP) three times (2012, 2018, and 2024). Entering the 2026 season, he also holds the unique record of being the first player to achieve a "double" of 500 runs and 15 wickets in a single season.

## DR THOMAS PUCADYIL APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF BRIC-NCCS

- **Expertise in Cell Biology:** Dr. Pucadyil is a world-renowned molecular biologist and biochemist specializing in membrane biochemistry and vesicular transport. His research specifically focuses on how cell membranes undergo regulated fission to form organelles—a process critical to understanding cellular health and disease mechanisms.
- **Transition from IISER Pune:** Prior to this appointment, Dr. Pucadyil served as a Professor and Chair of Biology at the Indian

Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune. He takes over the leadership mantle from Dr. Manisha Inamdar, who had been serving as the interim director since the superannuation of the previous additional director in late 2025.

- **Highly Decorated Career:** He is a recipient of the prestigious Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize (2018), India's highest multidisciplinary science award. He is also an International Research Scholar of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) and a Fellow of both the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and the Indian Academy of Sciences (IAS).

## AP SCIENCE CITY SIGNS 5-YEAR MOU WITH CSIR-NISCP



- **Strengthening STI Policy & Communication:** The partnership aims to bridge the gap between complex scientific research and public understanding. It focuses on Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) policy research to promote evidence-based policymaking in Andhra Pradesh, ensuring that governance is backed by data-driven scientific insights.
- **Capacity Building & Mentorship:** A core component of the agreement is the organization of joint training programs, workshops, and masterclasses. These initiatives are designed to benefit students and researchers from school to university levels, providing them with mentorship and academic guidance to foster a

robust "scientific temper" across the state.

- **Knowledge-Driven Ecosystem:** The collaboration will facilitate joint research projects and the publication of scientific journals. By aligning outreach efforts with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), both institutions aim to create an innovation-oriented ecosystem that enhances scientific literacy among the general public

## PUNJAB GOVT TO BUILD GLASS BRIDGE OVER SUTLEJ LAKE IN NANGAL TOWN

- **North India's First Glass Skywalk:** The proposed bridge will be the first of its kind in North India, designed to offer a "floating" experience over the serene waters of the Nangal Dam lake. Estimated to cost approximately ₹10 crore, it is being built at Shivalik Park (Sutlej Park) and aims to provide panoramic views of the surrounding Shivalik hills and the Sutlej River.
- **Rapid Construction Timeline:** The Chief Minister announced that the project is expected to be completed within six months. This fast-track development is part of a larger ₹75 crore package for Nangal, which includes a new "Centre of Excellence" for skill development (named after Kargil martyr Captain Amol Kalia) and a 500-seat auditorium at the local School of Eminence.
- **Tourism & Economic Catalyst:** The bridge is a strategic move to transform Nangal—traditionally known for the Bhakra-Nangal engineering marvel—into a modern adventure tourism hub.

## WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

01.04.2026 / WEDNESDAY

- **Odisha celebrates its 91<sup>st</sup> Foundation Day, popularly known as Utkal Divas**
- **The overarching goal of the 2026 celebrations is to "Integrate Odisha's traditions into everyday life" and promote them on a global platform. The festival is designed specifically to reconnect "Gen Z" with their roots.**