

# THE DAILY GK DOSE

## ARANYAK GHOSH BECAME INDIA'S 95<sup>TH</sup> GRANDMASTER

- **The Final Milestone:** Aronyak secured his third and final GM norm at the Bangkok Chess Club Open 2026 in Thailand (April 2026), where he finished tied for first place with an unbeaten score of 7/9.
- **A Test of Patience:** While he crossed the required 2500 ELO rating mark and earned his first GM norm back in 2022 (Sants Open, Spain), he had to wait nearly four years to secure the elusive final norm needed for the title.
- **Recent Dominance:** Before earning the GM title, he proved his form by becoming the 2026 Indian National Rapid Champion in March. He is currently a South Eastern Railway employee and hails from Kolkata, West Bengal.

## INDIA UZBEKISTAN CONDUCT DUSTLIK 2026 MILITARY EXERCISE

- **Location & Timeline:** The exercise is being held at the Gurumsaray Field Training Area in the Namangan region of Uzbekistan. It commenced on April 12, 2026, and is scheduled to conclude on April 25, 2026.
- **Participating Forces:** The Indian contingent consists of 60 personnel, including 45 from the MAHAR Regiment of the Indian Army and 15 from the Indian Air Force. The Uzbekistan contingent has a matching strength of 60 personnel from its Army and Air Force.
- **Operational Focus:** The primary objective is to enhance interoperability in semi-mountainous terrain. The drills focus on joint special operations, specifically targeting the

neutralization of unlawful armed groups (counter-terrorism) and the integration of niche technologies like UAVs for modern warfare.

## CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA APPOINTS RAJ KOKIL SINGH AS CRO



- **Risk Governance & ESG Focus:** Beyond traditional credit and market risks, Singh is expected to lead the bank's (ESG risk framework. His SCR certification from GARP makes him uniquely qualified to align the bank with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) increasing focus on climate-related financial disclosures.
- **Asset Quality Management:** His appointment comes at a time when the bank is focused on maintaining the momentum of its improved asset quality. Having served as Deputy Zonal Head in Kolkata, he brings "ground-level" experience in recovery and credit monitoring, which is critical for keeping the bank's Net Non-Performing Assets (NNPA) within healthy limits.
- **Regulatory Compliance Lead:** As CRO, he will serve as the primary liaison between the bank and regulatory bodies like the RBI for all risk-weighted asset (RWA) calculations and stress-testing results.

## TRICK OF THE DAY

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**TRICK:** मा के कंगन मकालू धूल ने आना नादान

- मा: माउंट एवरेस्ट (8848)
- के: K2 गॉडविन (8611)
- कंगन: कंचनजंगा (8586)
- मकालू: मकालू (8481)
- धूल: धौलागिरी (8167)
- ने: नंगा पर्वत (8126)
- आना: अन्नपूर्णा (8091)
- नादान: नन्दादेवी (7816)

## INDIAN RAILWAYS ALLOWS UDID CARD IN DIVYANGJAN COACHES

- **Bona Fide Passenger Status:** PwDs holding a valid UDID card are now officially recognized as bona fide passengers for traveling in unreserved Divyangjan coaches. This applies to Mail and Express trains across the Indian Railways network.
- **Specific Coach Access:** Eligible passengers can travel in the SLRD and LSLRD coaches. This clarifies the documentation required, moving beyond the traditional Railway-issued concession certificates to include the nationally standardized UDID.
- **Strict Enforcement against Misuse:** To ensure these facilities remain available for genuine beneficiaries, the Railways stated that strict action will be taken against unauthorized passengers found in these coaches under the Railway Act, 1989.

## SHIVA NARWAL WINS GOLD IN 10M AIR PISTOL ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CUP

- **Dominant Performance:** Shiva Narwal won the gold in the Men's 10m Air Pistol event with a final score of 241.8. He showed immense consistency, having also topped the qualification round earlier that day with a score of 576.
- **India's Medal Haul:** His gold led a strong start for India at the Cairo (Egypt) meet. Fellow Indian Chirag Sharma secured the bronze in the same event (218.9), while Pannaah Bhugra won silver in the Women's 10m Air Rifle, placing India at the top of the medal tally on Day 1.
- **A Significant Comeback:** This victory is particularly notable as it marks Narwal's successful return to the global junior circuit after a significant hiatus. The Asian Games gold medalist (Team event) proved he remains one of India's brightest prospects for the senior transition.

## PREETI YADAV APPOINTED TO THE POST OF GM OF FCI

- **Regional Posting & Terms:** She will be stationed at the FCI Regional Office in Panchkula, Haryana, serving the role on a deputation basis for a period of three years. Her tenure is officially set to begin on August 21, 2026, or from the date she assumes charge, whichever is later.
- **Administrative Transition:** Prior to this new role, she was serving as the Managing Director of MARKFED (Punjab State Cooperative Supply and

Marketing Federation Ltd). Her move to FCI is part of the Central Staffing Scheme under the Department of Food and Public Distribution.

- **Diverse Background:** An accomplished officer, Yadav holds a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree. Before her tenure at MARKFED, she held several key administrative positions in Punjab, including serving as the Deputy Commissioner of Patiala and Rupnagar, where she was recognized for her work in district governance and public service.

## C-DOT & JUMPS AUTOMATION PARTNER FOR CYBERSECURITY GAMIFICATION



- **Gamified Learning Experience:** The platform is designed to transform traditional, often dry cybersecurity training into an interactive experience. It will feature a "Gaming Arena," leaderboards, and realistic simulations covering critical threats like phishing, social engineering, and malware response under time-bound scenarios.
- **AI-Driven Personalization:** A standout feature of the solution is

an AI-driven behavioral analytics engine. This system will continuously evaluate a user's performance and dynamically adjust the complexity of challenges, ensuring the training remains effective and updated with the latest emerging cyber threats.

- **Commercial Deployment:** Developed under the C-DOT Collaborative Research Programme (CCRP), the platform is intended to be launched as a commercial-grade Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) solution. This will make it accessible to both individuals and large enterprises looking to build a "cyber-resilient" culture.

## PADMA SHRI BHAGWANDAS RAIKWAR PASSED AWAY

- **Guardian of Traditional Arts:** Known as the pride of Bundelkhand, Raikwar was the guardian of the ancient weapon-based martial art known as 'Akhada'. He dedicated over 60 years to preserving this tradition, teaching more than 1,000 students the use of traditional weapons like the sword, spear, and trident.
- **National Recognition:** In recognition of his lifelong service to sports and cultural heritage, the Government of India had announced the Padma Shri 2026 for him earlier this year.
- **Establishment of Chhatrasal Akhada:** In 1964, he established the Chhatrasal Bundelkhand Akhada in Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, using his own limited resources. His last rites were performed with full state honours in Sagar on April 19, 2026.

## WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

22.04.2026 / WEDNESDAY

- **22<sup>nd</sup> April: Earth Day**
- **Theme 2026: "Our Power, Our Planet"**
- **Earth Hour (organized by WWF) usually happens on the last Saturday of March, where lights are switched off for one hour.**