

THE DAILY GK DOSE

Shubhanshu Shukla Launches Debut Book 'The Second Orbit'



- Indian Air Force (IAF) Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla launched his debut book, 'The Second Orbit: Belief of a Man... Dreams of 1.4 Billion Hearts', in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The book, published by Penguin Random House India, was launched in the presence of former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairpersons A. S. Kiran Kumar and S. Somanath.
- Shubhanshu Shukla, the pilot of Axiom Mission 4, he spent 18 days aboard the International Space Station (ISS), conducted seven Indian scientific experiments, and gained experience supporting India's Gaganyaan programme..

India Launches First Monthly Services Production Index



- The services sector contributes nearly 55% of India's GDP and is the largest sector of the Indian economy. It includes banking, insurance, transport, tourism, IT, and telecommunications.
- The new index provides monthly high-frequency data to monitor service sector performance. It is

expected to improve economic planning and policy decisions.

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is responsible for compiling major national statistical indicators. It also releases GDP estimates, CPI data, and the Annual Survey of Industries.

Maharashtra Doubles Pink E-Rickshaw Subsidy for Women



- The Maharashtra Cabinet increased the state subsidy under the Pink E-Rickshaw Scheme from 20% to 40% of the vehicle cost.
- The scheme is for women aged 20–50 years, with priority given to widows, divorcees, and women from economically weaker sections.
- The beneficiary contributes a minimum of 10% of the vehicle cost, while the remaining amount is financed through bank loans after adjusting the government subsidy.

Andhra Pradesh Launches 'Pillale Sampada' Initiative



- 'Pillale Sampada' means "Children are Wealth" in Telugu and is a child welfare initiative launched by the Andhra Pradesh Government.
- The initiative focuses on improving children's education, nutrition, healthcare, and overall development through coordinated government support.
- The programme aims to ensure the holistic growth and well-being of children, especially those from economically weaker and vulnerable families.

Gujarat's Unjha Cumin and Fennel Receive GI Tag



- Unjha Cumin (Jeera) and Unjha Fennel (Saunf) from Gujarat have been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag, which protects products linked to a specific geographical origin.
- Unjha, located in Mehsana district of Gujarat, is known as the Spice City of India and is home to one of Asia's largest spice markets.
- In India, GI Tags are granted under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, and the GI Registry is located in Chennai, Tamil Nadu..

Indian Women's Cricket Team Defeats England in Women's Test



- India beat England by 270 runs in the first Women's Test at Lord's, marking their second-largest Test victory.
- Yastika Bhatia's 113 earned her a place on the Lord's Honours Board, while Smriti Mandhana scored two half-centuries.

- Kranti Gaud's 7/91 made her the first woman to take a five-wicket haul in a Women's Test at Lord's. Sneha Rana and Deepti Sharma also impressed.

Delhi Unveils 'Mayur' for Commonwealth TT 2026



- The 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026 will be held at Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi, from 27 July to 2 August 2026.
- 'Mayur', inspired by the Indian Peacock (National Bird of India), was unveiled as the official mascot on 14 July 2026.
- The Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships are organized by the CTTF, featuring top players from Commonwealth nations. Table Tennis became an Olympic sport in 1988 and is governed by the ITTF.

ANCIENT AND GREEK NAMES OF RIVERS

Modern River	Ancient Name	Greek name
Indus River	Sindhu	Indos
Jhelum River	Vitasta	Hydaspes
Chenab River	Asikni	Acesines
Ravi River	Parushni	Hydraotes
Beas River	Vipasha	Hyphasis
Sutlej River	Shutudr	Hesidros

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

15-07-2026 / WEDNESDAY

World Youth Skills Day 2026 on 15 July with the theme "Skills for a Shared Future" Observed By United Nations

Objective: To promote youth skills development, vocational education, and employment opportunities.