

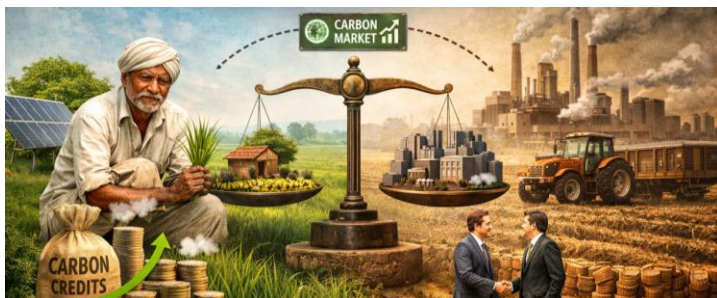
THE DAILY GK DOSE

Tavengwa Mukuhlani Appointed ICC Deputy Chairperson



- Tavengwa Mukuhlani, Chairman of Zimbabwe Cricket, has been appointed as the Deputy Chairperson of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- He succeeds Imran Khwaja of Singapore.
- The appointment comes ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027, which will be hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

India Begins First Soil Carbon Payments for Farmers



- India has made its first soil-carbon payments to farmers, marking a shift from agricultural carbon-market policy to actual farm-level payments.
- More than 2,500 smallholder farmers from Punjab and Haryana are set to receive over ₹2.9 crore through digital payments.
- The first payments were initiated at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, making Ludhiana an important location associated with this initiative.

Ladakh Unveils World's Highest Flower Fields at 10,600 Feet



- Ladakh Administration inaugurated the world's highest-altitude twin flower fields at Choglamsar and Stakna in Leh.
- The flower fields are located at an altitude of approximately 10,600 feet (3,230 metres).
- The twin fields cover a combined area of around 40 acres.

Moody's Raises India's GDP Growth Forecast to 7%



- Moody's Ratings has raised its forecast for India's real GDP growth in FY 2026–27 to 7%, up from its earlier estimate of 6%.
- Moody's 7% forecast is higher than the IMF's 6.4% forecast for FY27.
- Major global credit rating agencies are S&P Global, Moody's Ratings, Fitch Ratings etc

Nairobi to Host 2029 World Athletics Championships in Africa

- The decision was taken by the World Athletics Council during its 242nd Council Meeting held in Budapest, Hungary, in 2026.
- Nairobi, Kenya, will host the 2029 World Athletics Championships—the first edition to be held in Africa—while Munich, Germany, has been selected to host the 2031 edition.
- Before Nairobi 2029, the championships will be held in Beijing, China, in 2027.

Sanjukta Parashar Becomes First Woman to Head CRPF CoBRA



- She has been appointed as Inspector General (IG) of the CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) Sector of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
- CoBRA is a specialised commando force of the CRPF, primarily trained for jungle warfare and counter-insurgency operations.
- Sanjukta Parashar is an IPS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre and is from Assam, India.

India Ranks 131st in Global Gender Gap Index 2026



- The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Global Gender Gap Report 2026, marking the 20th edition of the index.
- Iceland ranked 1st, Finland ranked 2nd, and Norway ranked 3rd in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Index 2026.
- India ranked 131st out of 145 economies, with a gender-parity score of 64.5%.

GIFT City Advances to 37th Spot in Global Financial Centres Index



- GIFT City, Gujarat, has climbed nine places to 37th globally in the 40th edition of the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 40), rising from 46th in GFCI 39.
- Mumbai also improved its position, rising to 49th globally in GFCI 40.
- 1st Rank is New York, USA, in the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 40), with a rating of 761.

CREDIT RATING AGENCIES IN INDIA

CRISIL – Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited

ICRA – Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency

CARE Ratings – Credit Analysis and Research Limited

Acuite Ratings – Acuite Ratings & Research Limited (formerly SMERA)

INFOMERICS – Infomerics Valuation and Rating Private Limited

Brickwork Ratings – Brickwork Ratings India Private Limited

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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World Bamboo Day 2026 is observed on 18 September with the theme "Bamboo Beyond Borders."