

THE DAILY GK DOSE

Vice President Launches 'Gnani Artha', a Sovereign AI Stack



- Vice President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan launched 'Gnani Artha', a sovereign Artificial Intelligence (AI) stack, in New Delhi.
- Gnani Artha has been developed by Gnani AI, an Indian AI technology company (Bengaluru-based company).
- Gnani Artha comprises Evon 3.3, its core LLM, and Plexus, an agentic AI platform for connecting AI capabilities with practical applications.

West Bengal to Introduce 'Janatar Darbar' for Grievance Redressal



- The West Bengal has announced 'Janatar Darbar', a public hearing initiative aimed at providing quicker, direct and effective grievance redressal to citizens.
- Through Janatar Darbar, citizens will have the opportunity to directly approach government officials with their complaints and concerns.
- Officials participating in the initiative include District Magistrates (DMs), Sub-Divisional Officers (SDOs), and Block Development Officers (BDOs).

Himachal Pradesh Gets 1st Ozone-Based Water Project in Dehra



- Himachal Pradesh is set to get its first ozone-based drinking water treatment project, estimated to cost around ₹46 crore.
- The project will be established in Dehra, located in Kangra district.
- Ozone-based treatment can be effective against a wide range of bacteria, viruses and other microorganisms.

Gujarat Launches India's First Sports Genomics Programme

- Gujarat has launched India's first state-level Sports Genomics Programme, bringing genomics and biotechnology into athlete identification, training and high-performance development.
- The programme is being implemented by the Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC) under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat.
- The initiative is particularly significant for Gujarat's preparations for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

NASA Launches Roman Space Telescope on Falcon Heavy

- NASA successfully launched the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, its next-generation flagship space observatory.
- The telescope was launched aboard SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Florida.
- The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope is named after Dr. Nancy Grace Roman, NASA's first chief astronomer.

Crown Prince Haakon Becomes New King of Norway



- Crown Prince Haakon has become the new King of Norway, succeeding his father, King Harald V.
- Norway is a Nordic country in Northern Europe, and its capital is Oslo.
- Norway is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system of government.

IIT Madras Launches Phiball, a Three-Team Basketball Format



- IIT Madras launched Phiball, a new three-team competitive invasion sport, at its Chennai campus, Tamil Nadu.
- Phiball re-engineers conventional court dynamics by placing three teams on the same playing area simultaneously.
- The launch of Phiball was aligned with National Sports Day, observed in India on 29 August in honour of Major Dhyan Chand.

Abhay Singh Wins Tuanku Muhriz Trophy 2026 Title



- Indian squash player Abhay Singh, who belongs to Haryana, won the men's singles title at the Tuanku Muhriz Trophy 2026 in Seremban, Malaysia
- Abhay Singh, the top seed, defeated third-seeded Henry Leung of Hong Kong in the final.
- Abhay is currently ranked World No. 24 and is India's highest-ranked men's squash player.

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NABARD — Shaji K. V., Chairman

SIDBI — Manoj Mittal, Chairman & Managing Director

EXIM Bank — Harsha Bangari, Managing Director

NHB — Sanjay Shukla, Managing Director

NaBFID — Rajkiran Rai G., Managing Director

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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31 August — *International Day for People of African Descent is observed annually to celebrate the contributions, culture and heritage of people of African descent and promote equality, justice and the elimination of racial discrimination.*