

# THE DAILY GK DOSE

## HARDEEP SINGH NAMED CANARA BANK MD & CEO

- Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia, currently Executive Director of Canara Bank, has been given additional charge as Managing Director & CEO, effective 1 January 2026, following the retirement of the previous MD & CEO, K. Satyanarayana Raju.
- The appointment is interim for three months or until a permanent MD & CEO is appointed, ensuring leadership continuity at the bank.
- Ahluwalia is a veteran banker with over 30 years of experience.

**Footnotes:** Canara Bank's CEO: K. Satyanarayana Raju, HQ: Bengaluru, Established: 1906

## Oreshnik MISSILE SYSTEM DEPLOYED

- Russia's Defence Ministry has announced that its nuclear-capable Oreshnik hypersonic missile system has been deployed to Belarus and entered active service.
- The Oreshnik is an intermediate-range ballistic missile system capable of carrying nuclear or conventional warheads and reportedly reaching speeds

above Mach 10, making it difficult for current defenses to intercept.

- Placing the system in Belarus positions it closer to NATO territory, enhancing Russia's strike range over Europe and raising security concerns amid ongoing tensions and Ukraine peace talks.

## INDIA DEVELOPS OPEN SOURCE TOOL



- PathGennie is an open-source computational framework developed by scientists at the S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences to simulate rare molecular events like drug-protein unbinding with high fidelity.
- The tool helps predict how drug molecules naturally detach from their targets, enhancing understanding of drug efficacy and residence time, and can significantly accelerate CADD by reducing time and computational cost.
- PathGennie is freely available to researchers globally, promoting collaborative innovation.

## IMPORTANT FACTS

- **International Solar Alliance (ISA):** HQ – Gurugram | Founded – 2015 | Initiators – India & France
- **RBI:** Established – 1935 | HQ – Mumbai | First Governor – Osborne Smith
- **UN:** Founded – 1945 | HQ – New York | Members – 193
- **IMF:** Founded: 1944 | HQ: Washington D.C., USA | Members: 190+

## FITT & IDFC FIRST BANK LAUNCHES NEW COHORT

- Foundation for Innovation & Technology Transfer, IIT Delhi, in collaboration with IDFC FIRST Bank, has launched a new cohort under the IGNITE Program to support high-impact, deep-tech and social innovation startups across sectors.
- The program offers non-dilutive funding of up to ₹30 lakhs per startup, along with structured capacity-building workshops, mentorship from IIT faculty.

**Footnotes:** IDFC First Bank's CEO: V. Vaidyanathan, HQ: Mumbai, Established: 2018

## SONAL MISHRA IAS APPOINTED AS CLC

- Sonal Mishra, an IAS officer of the 1997 batch from Gujarat cadre, has been appointed as Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) in the Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- She moves from her position as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.
- Her appointment is part of a major bureaucratic reshuffle approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

## AVINASH APPOINTED AS CVO AT RAIL VIKAS

- Shri Avinash Shivdas Tarhawadkar, IOFS (2001) has been appointed as Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation (a PSU under the railways) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- He will be responsible for overseeing internal vigilance, integrity, and anti-corruption compliance.

- His appointment is part of a broader set of senior PSU and central government appointments recently approved to bolster administrative and vigilance functions across key public sector units.

**Footnotes:** Rail Vikas's CEO: Shri Saleem Ahmad, HQ: New Delhi, Established: 2003

## INDIA'S RANKED 10TH IN CCPI 2025



- In the CCPI 2025, India secured the 10th position among over 60 countries assessed for their efforts to combat climate change, remaining among the top performers globally.
- The index evaluates countries on greenhouse gas emissions, energy use, renewable energy deployment, and climate policies, with the first three overall ranks left vacant.

- India's low per capita emissions and rapid renewable energy growth contributed to its high rank,

but it still faces challenges in fully aligning climate policy and energy transition goals.

## WORLD PEACE DAY: 01ST JANUARY

- January 1 is observed as World Day of Peace, a day dedicated to reflection on and promotion of peace, harmony, and unity across the world, coinciding with New Year's Day and often linked to broader peace initiatives.
- The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 and is celebrated on January 1 each year, traditionally commemorated on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, with annual messages from the Pope promoting peace, justice, and human dignity.
- On this day, religious leaders, communities, and peace-focused groups use the occasion to encourage dialogue, solidarity, and hope for a peaceful world, inviting people of all backgrounds to work collectively toward peace.

## WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

01.01-2026 / THURSDAY

- **1948 – India adopted the metric system of coinage.**
- **1950 – Planning Commission of India was established.**
- **1966 – Indira Gandhi became the first Woman Prime Minister of India.**