

THE DAILY GK DOSE

Sprite Tejas Express Becomes India's First Brand-Named Train



- The Lucknow–New Delhi Tejas Express is being branded as “Sprite Tejas Express” under a commercial branding arrangement.
- The branding rights have been given to Sprite, the soft-drink brand of The Coca-Cola Company.
- The train is operated by IRCTC and runs between Lucknow and New Delhi.

Karnataka Launches Sandhya Kiran Cashless Healthcare Cover



- It is primarily aimed at Karnataka State Government pensioners below 70 years of age.
- The main objective is to provide cashless medical treatment to eligible retired government employees and their families.
- The scheme is connected with recommendations of the 7th Karnataka Pay Commission concerning cashless healthcare for government pensioners.

Uttarakhand Approves High Court Relocation to Haldwani



- The Uttarakhand High Court is to be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani.
- The Uttarakhand High Court was established in 2000, following the creation of Uttarakhand (then Uttaranchal) as a separate state from Uttar Pradesh.
- The High Court is presently located in Nainital, in the historic Mallital area.

András Baka Elected as Hungary's New President



- He is a former head of Hungary's Supreme Court.
- Baka succeeds Tamás Sulyok as Hungary's president.
- His nomination came from Hungary's ruling Tisza Party, led by Prime Minister Péter Magyar.

Bhawana Kanth becomes IAF's first woman Fighter Combat Leader

- Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth has created history in the Indian Air Force (IAF). She became the first woman IAF officer to complete the Fighter Combat Leader (FCL) course.
- The course was conducted at the Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment (TACDE).
- TACDE is located in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

India wins maiden Commonwealth Fencing title



- India won its maiden overall title at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2026 in Lagos, Nigeria.
- India finished with a total of 35 medals. India's final medal tally comprised 13 Gold, 8 Silver and 14 Bronze medals.
- India won the prestigious Wilkinson Sword Trophy for the best overall performance.

Pakistan's First Lunar Rover Named Jinnah-1



- Pakistan's first-ever lunar rover has been officially named Jinnah-1 by the Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO).
- It will travel to the Moon as part of China's Chang'e-8 mission.
- The mission will target the Moon's South Polar Region.

Iga Swiatek wins Canadian Open women's singles title



- Iga Świątek of Poland won the Women's Singles title at the 2026 Canadian Open, defeating Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan in the final.
- The final was played August 2026 in Toronto, Canada.
- Świątek won the final in straight sets, 6–2, 6–3.

INDIAN FREEDOM MOVEMENTS

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| 1857 | – | Revolt of 1857 |
| 1885 | – | Formation of Indian National Congress |
| 1906 | – | Muslim League founded |
| 1913 | – | Ghadar Movement |
| 1915 | – | Home Rule Movement |
| 1917 | – | Champaran Satyagraha |
| 1918 | – | Ahmedabad Mill Strike |
| 1918 | – | Kheda Satyagraha |

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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Prime Minister declares 14th August as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day

1947 – Partition of India: The Indian Independence Act, 1947 came into effect, leading to the creation of India & Pakistan. 1947 – Pakistan Independence: Pakistan became an independent country on 14 August.