

THE DAILY GK DOSE

France Bans Social Media for Children Under 15



- France became the first European Union (EU) country to ban social media access for children under 15 years not be allowed to create new social media accounts from 1 September 2026.
- The ban will apply to existing accounts from January 2027. Social media platforms must implement mandatory age-verification systems.
- Arcom is the audiovisual and digital communications regulator of France.

India's First AI-Powered Bird Sanctuary Announced



- India's first AI-powered bird sanctuary will be developed at Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The project is named Bhandup Bird Park. The sanctuary will use AI-based bird tracking and species identification technology.
- Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary is a Ramsar Site (Wetland of International Importance).

Amit Shah inaugurates India's first language museum, 'Shabdlok'



- It is located at Belvedere House, National Library Campus, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- It has been developed by the National Library under the Ministry of Culture.
- It includes 121 languages recorded in Census 2011. National Library, Kolkata is India's largest library by collection.

Ajit Doval selected for Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026



- National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval has been selected for the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026. The award was instituted in 1983 by the Lokmanya Tilak Trust
- The award recognises his contribution to national, counter-terrorism and border security.
- S.M. Joshi was the first recipient of the award. Ajit Doval is a 1968-batch IPS officer (Kerala cadre). He is India's longest-serving National Security Advisor.

Udmaroo Bridge Inaugurated Over Shayok River in Nubra

- The bridge is built over the Shayok River in Nubra district, Ladakh.
- It is a three-span Truss System Bridge with 70R loading capacity. The bridge reduces travel distance by about 35 km.
- It provides all-weather connectivity in the border region. Shayok River flows through the Nubra Valley in Ladakh.

India and UAE Sign MoU for Food Processing Cluster



- Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB) signed an MoU with the UAE Food Cluster at Amaravati.
- Floor Masters International (Dubai) will establish the food processing unit.
- The unit will be set up at Gangadhara Nellore, Chittoor district. Krishnapatnam Port and Kakinada Port are major export gateways of Andhra Pradesh.

India Becomes 123rd Member of WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement



- India became the 123rd member of the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (AFS). India became a founding member of the WTO on 1 January 1995.

- The Agreement was adopted during the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12) was held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- It was received by WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala. World Trade Organization Established: 1 January 1995, HQ: Geneva, Switzerland.

Santhali-language Film Became the First to Win a National Film Award



- Angen (Invisible) became the first Santhali-language film at the 72nd National Film Awards.
- The film won Best Debut Film of a Director (Non-Feature Category). The film was directed by Ravi Raj Murmu. Angen is a 12-minute 10-second Santhali short film.
- Santhali is one of the 22 languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

POPULAR AI TOOLS & THEIR DEVELOPERS

- ChatGPT — by OpenAI
- Gemini — by Google
- Copilot — by Microsoft
- Claude — by Anthropic
- Grok — by xAI.(formerly Twitter)
- DeepSeek AI — by DeepSeek (China)

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

22-07-2026 / WEDNESDAY

World Brain Day 2026: On July 22 to spread awareness regarding the impact of neurological disorders on individuals and to highlight the need for brain health.

Theme: "Brain Health: Access For All"