

THE DAILY GK DOSE

DEVANS GIANCHAND WINS DOUBLE GOLD AT SFWSC 2026

- **Sole Indian Double Gold Winner:** GianChand Indian Single Malt Whisky was the only Indian single malt to be awarded the prestigious Double Gold Medal at SFWSC 2026. This rare distinction is given only when every judge on the panel independently awards the spirit a gold rating.
- **Rarity of the Accolade:** Winning a Double Gold is considered one of the highest and most rigorous honors in the global spirits industry. It serves as a strong validation that Indian single malts can compete at the highest level of quality and craftsmanship worldwide.
- **Broad Portfolio Success:** Beyond the Double Gold win, the brand's repeated expression, GianChand Manshaa, secured a Silver Medal at the same competition. Furthermore, both expressions earned additional Silver Medals at the 2026 International Spirits Challenge, highlighting consistent excellence across the portfolio.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL RAJIV GHAI APPOINTED AS MILITARY ADVISER TO NSCS

- **First Serving Officer in the Role:** Lieutenant General Ghai is the first active-duty three-star officer to hold this position since the military wing of the NSCS was revived in 2018. All previous incumbents, including his predecessor General N.S. Raja Subramani, were retired officers when they assumed the role.
- **Strategic Role as a Bridge:** As the Military Adviser, he will serve as a crucial liaison between the armed forces and the country's apex national security decision-making structure. He is expected to provide professional

military assessments, evaluate operational preparedness, and contribute to long-term national security planning.

- **Distinguished Operational Background:** Previously serving as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy), Lt Gen Ghai is highly regarded for his operational experience, including his tenure as the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) during "Operation Sindoor".

JNPA EMERGES AS INDIA'S TOP CONTAINER PORT IN 2025



- **Top National Performer:** JNPA has officially retained its position as India's best-performing container port. This recognition reflects its ongoing success in optimizing vessel turnaround times and increasing overall operational efficiency.
- **Global Recognition in CPPI 2025:** In the 2025 Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) published by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence, JNPA secured the 22nd rank globally. This ranking highlights the port's significant improvements in administrative and statistical performance metrics over the past year.
- **Record-Breaking Cargo Throughput:** The port achieved its highest-ever container throughput of 7.94 million TEUs during the 2025 calendar year. This growth is attributed to strategic capacity expansions and the successful integration of digitalized logistics processes across its five container terminals.

IMPORTANT FACTS

MAJOR LAKES OF INDIA

- **Manipur:** Loktak Lake
- **Meghalaya:** Umiam Lake
- **Odisha:** Chilika Lake
- **Punjab:** Harike Lake

Rajasthan

- Sambhar Lake
- Pushkar Lake
- Kaylana Lake
- Jaisamand Lake
- Pichola Lake

Sikkim

- Cholamu Lake
- Tsomgo Lake

DINESH TRIVEDI TOOK CHARGE AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO BANGLADESH

- **Commencement of Diplomatic Assignment:** Dinesh Trivedi crossed the Petrapole-Benapole border on June 12, 2026, to begin his tenure in Bangladesh. He is set to present his credentials to the Bangladesh President shortly to officially take charge from Pranay Verma.
- **Focus on Regional Cooperation:** Upon his arrival, Trivedi emphasized the importance of dialogue and cooperation in resolving bilateral issues. He specifically advocated for strengthening ties between the two nations through collaboration in health, technology and sports.
- **Political Background & Appointment:** Trivedi is a seasoned politician and former Union Minister for Railways.

MAHARASHTRA TO INTRODUCE WOMEN FARMERS EMPOWERMENT BILL

- **Financial and Institutional Support:** The proposed bill aims to establish a dedicated state-level framework to provide women farmers with easier access to credit and agricultural subsidies. It focuses on removing systemic barriers that often restrict women from obtaining land ownership rights and necessary farming capital.
- **Promoting Agribusiness Leadership:** A core objective of the legislation is to encourage women to take leadership roles in agricultural cooperatives and value-added processing units. The state plans to offer specific incentives and training programs to help them transition from subsistence farming to commercial agribusiness.

KANE WILLIAMSON, FORMER NEW ZEALAND CAPTAIN ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

- **Immediate Conclusion to a Storied Career:** Williamson announced his departure midway through New Zealand's ongoing Test series against England, effective immediately. After a 16-year international career, he decided the timing was right to step away on his own terms.
- **Historic Statistical Legacy:** He retires as New Zealand's all-time leading run-scorer in international

cricket with 19,346 runs, including 48 centuries and six double-centuries. His prolific career across 378 matches established him as arguably the greatest batsman to ever represent the Black Caps.

- **Captaincy and Leadership Achievements:** During his tenure as captain from 2016 to 2024, Williamson led the team through a golden era, headlined by winning the inaugural World Test Championship in 2021. He also guided the side to two ICC Cricket World Cup finals and multiple semi-final appearances, earning widespread respect for his calm leadership and sportsmanship.

IIT BHUBANESWAR DEVELOPS ARSENSAFE DEVICE FOR RAPID WATER TESTING



- **Real-Time Detection Capability:** The device utilizes advanced electrochemical sensing technology to provide accurate arsenic concentration readings in under five minutes. This rapid assessment allows for immediate decision-making in areas where traditional lab testing is unavailable or delayed.
- **Portability and Accessibility:** Engineered for field use, ArsenSafe is compact, battery-operated, and designed to be user-friendly for non-technical personnel such as local village officials. Its cost-effective design aims to make regular water

quality monitoring affordable for marginalized communities in arsenic-prone regions.

- **Integration with Digital Monitoring:** The device features built-in data logging and Bluetooth connectivity to sync results directly with a central government water quality database. This ensures that authorities can maintain a live, geotagged map of contamination levels to prioritize mitigation efforts and infrastructure deployment.

RAJNEESH NARAIN APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AT IRCTC

- **Formal Appointment and Tenure:** Rajneesh Narain has taken charge on an immediate absorption basis. He is slated to serve in this role until his superannuation on June 30, 2030.
- **Previous Leadership Experience:** Prior to joining IRCTC, Rajneesh Narain served as the Director (Finance) at Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL). He brings over 26 years of extensive experience in the coal sector, with deep expertise in corporate accounting, fund management, and major infrastructure financial closure.
- **Strategic Role in IRCTC:** His appointment follows a recommendation by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) earlier this year, where he was selected from a pool of eight candidates. He is expected to leverage his financial acumen to steer IRCTC's budgetary control and strategic planning as the company continues to expand its tourism and catering operations.

Footnotes: IRCTC's Chairman & MD: Sanjay Kumar Jain, HQ: New Delhi, Estd: 1999

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

14.06.2026 / SUNDAY

- **International Albinism Awareness Day: 13th June**
- **2026 Theme for International Albinism Awareness Day 2026 is "10 Years of Progress: A Decade of Visibility."**
- **International Albinism Awareness Day promotes the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with albinism.**