

# THE DAILY GK DOSE

## YUMNAM KHEMCHAND SINGH SWORN IN AS MANIPUR CM

- End of President's Rule:** His swearing-in marked the revocation of nearly a year of President's Rule, which had been imposed on February 13, 2025, following the resignation of former CM N. Biren Singh amidst prolonged ethnic conflict.
- Tripartite Ethnic Representation:** To promote peace and inclusivity, the new government appointed two Deputy Chief Ministers from different communities: Nemcha Kipgen from the Kuki-Zo community and Losii Dikho from the Naga community.
- Focus on Reconciliation:** Khemchand Singh, a former Speaker and Taekwondo expert, has made inter-ethnic harmony and development his top priority, working to unite the Meitei, Kuki-Zo, and Naga communities.

**Footnotes:** Manipur's Previous CM: N. Biren Singh, Governor: Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Capital: Imphal

## RUSSIA LAUNCHES NUCLEAR SUBMARINE KHABAROVSK

- Primary Carrier of "Doomsday" Weapons:** Khabarovsk is the first mass-produced submarine built to deploy Poseidon nuclear-powered underwater drones, carrying up to six long-range autonomous torpedoes designed to hit distant coastal targets.
- Strategic Deterrence Shift:** Unlike conventional submarines, Khabarovsk is a special-purpose vessel designed to deliver a

nearly unstoppable second-strike capability using deep-diving, high-speed Poseidon drones.

- Pacific Deployment & Sea Trials:** After its launch, the submarine will undergo sea trials until 2026 and is expected to join Russia's Pacific Fleet, with new infrastructure being developed to support its mission and the Poseidon system.

## SAGAR DEFENCE DELIVERS SURFACE VESSELS TO INDIAN NAVY



- Maden Indigenous "Boat Swarm" Capability:** The delivery of the first two of 12 vessels places India among a select group able to deploy weaponized autonomous swarms, strengthening coastal security.
- Advanced Weaponry & Stealth:** Each high-speed interceptor craft is armed with a 12.7mm remote gun, missiles, and loitering munitions, offering long range, endurance, and stealth for coastal operations.
- Electronic Warfare Resilience:** They can operate without GPS, relying on indigenous AI and Genesis systems even during signal jamming.

## IMPORTANT FACTS

**मकर रेखा पर स्थित नाम**  
**TRICK- माँ अंबा बचाओ पनामा से**

- मा- मेडागास्कर
- अ- अर्जेटीना
- बा- ब्राजील
- ब- बोत्सवाना
- चा- चिली
- ओ- ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- प- पराग्वे
- ना- नामिबिया
- मा- मोजांबिक
- से- सातथ अफ्रीका

## AXIS BANK LAUNCHES 'ROOFTOP SOLAR FINANCE' FOR MSMES

- Collateral-Free & High Quantum:** MSMEs can get collateral-free loans from ₹10 lakh to ₹2 crore, enabling solar adoption without burdening assets or working capital.
- Flexible Repayment & Long Tenure:** The scheme provides 4-7 year repayment terms aligned with solar payback periods, where electricity savings can offset loan EMIs over time.
- End-to-End Technical Support:** Axis Bank has partnered with OEMs and tech firms to ensure MSMEs get quality equipment and clear data on costs, savings, and timelines.

**Footnotes:** Axis Bank's MD & CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry, HQ: Mumbai, Estd: 1993

## ANAHAT SINGH CLINCHES MAIDEN PSA BRONZE TITLE

- Youngest Indian to Win at this Level:** With this win, Anahat became the youngest Indian squash player to secure a PSA Bronze title, surpassing the records previously held by icons like Joshna Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal at similar stages in their careers.
- Dominant Performance & Top-Seed Defeat:** Throughout the tournament, Anahat exhibited exceptional form, dropping only two games across the entire draw. She notably defeated the top-seeded world No. 22 in the semi-finals before winning the final in straight games.
- Significant Rankings Surge:** The title pushed her into the World Top 30, giving her direct entry into elite PSA Platinum events without qualifiers.

## RCB CLINCHES WPL TITLE 2026

- Historic "Double" Achievement:** By winning the 2026 trophy, RCB became the first team in WPL history to win two titles (having previously won in 2024). This win firmly established them as the most successful franchise in the league's early years.
- Smriti Mandhana's Masterclass:** Captain Smriti Mandhana was the standout performer of the tournament, winning the Orange Cap for most runs. Her aggressive captaincy

and a match-winning half-century in the final proved decisive in RCB's unbeaten run during the knockout stage.

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## BHUTAN QUEEN MOTHER HONOURED WITH 'SOLDIER OF HUMANITY' AWARD 2025



- Recognition of Humanitarian Leadership:** The award, presented by the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC), honors her four decades of tireless work in promoting gender equality, reproductive health, and the protection of vulnerable women and children in Bhutan.
- Champion of Social Causes:** As the Royal Patron of RENEW (Respect, Educate, Nurture and Empower Women), she was specifically lauded for her role in tackling domestic violence and providing vocational training to marginalized communities, transforming the socio-economic landscape of the kingdom.
- Global Advocacy Role:** The title highlights her influence beyond Bhutan's borders,

particularly her long-standing role as a UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador. The IHRC noted that her "compassionate leadership" serves as a global model for integrating traditional values with modern human rights.

## PADMA AWARDEE ANDRE BETEILLE PASSED AWAY

- Pioneer of Indian Sociology:** Béteille was a leading Indian sociologist, famed for *Caste, Class and Power* (1965), which reshaped sociology by linking social hierarchy with economic and political power through fieldwork.
- Academic Leadership & Honors:** A recipient of the Padma Bhushan (2005) for his contributions to literature and education, he served as a Professor of Sociology at the Delhi School of Economics for decades. He also held significant leadership roles, including being the first Chancellor of Ashoka University and the Chancellor of North Eastern Hill University (NEHU).
- Intellectual Bridge-BUILDER:** Born to a French father and a Bengali mother, Béteille was celebrated for his "jargon-free" scholarship. He successfully bridged the gap between Indian empirical realities and Western sociological theories.

## WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

- 2004 – The social networking site Facebook was launched by Mark Zuckerberg.
- 1922 – First successful insulin treatment for diabetes was administered.