

THE DAILY GK DOSE

BOI APPOINTS CANARA BANK'S NABIN KUMAR DASH AS CVO

- **The Appointment:** Shri Nabin Kumar Dash, currently serving as the Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of Canara Bank, has been given the additional charge as the CVO of the Bank of India (BOI), effective May 1, 2026.
- **Reason for Transition:** The appointment follows the superannuation of BOI's previous CVO, Shri Vishnu Kumar Gupta, who retired on April 30, 2026.
- **Tenure and Purpose:** This interim, transitional arrangement will remain in place for up to three months, until a full-time CVO is appointed, or until further orders—whichever comes first. This ensures continuity in BOI's governance, risk management, and vigilance operations.

Footnotes: BOI's MD & CEO: Rajneesh Karnatak, HQ: Mumbai, Estd: 1906

INDIAN JOURNALISTS WIN PRESTIGIOUS US AWARD

- **The Prestigious Honor:** Indian journalists Anand RK (illustrator) and Suparna Sharma (investigative journalist) won the 2026 Pulitzer Prize—one of the highest honors in global journalism.
- **The Award-Winning Work:** They won in the Illustrated Reporting and Commentary category for their collaborative Bloomberg report titled "trapped".
- **The Subject Matter:** Their work used a powerful blend of visuals and words to expose the growing global threat of cybercrime, specifically detailing

the harrowing "digital arrest" and financial extortion of a Lucknow-based neurologist.

NITI AAYOG LAUNCHES CENTRAL PRABHARI OFFICER PORTAL



- **Primary Objective:** Launched by NITI Aayog CEO Nidhi Chhibber on May 5, 2026, the portal aims to strengthen real-time governance, improve stakeholder coordination, and accelerate last-mile delivery under the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) and Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP).
- **Real-Time Field Reporting:** The platform acts as a digital interface allowing Central Prabhari Officers to submit real-time field observations, bottlenecks, and policy recommendations directly via their mobile devices.
- **Seamless Administrative Response:** Once submitted, the data goes live instantly. This allows District Magistrates, State Planning Secretaries, and central line ministries to immediately view suggestions, take swift corrective actions, and track implementation progress on a single unified dashboard.

Footnotes: NITI Aayog's Chairperson: Narendra Modi, HQ: New Delhi, Estd: 2015

IMPORTANT FACTS

- *Le Corbusier was an architect.*
- *Mirrors have a layer of Silver Nitrate.*
- *The Great Bath is located in Mohenjo-daro.*
- *Article 51-'A' is related to Fundamental Duties.*
- *Butane gas is filled in lighters.*
- *Buddha belonged to the Shakya clan.*
- *The President is the head of all three armed forces.*
- *The largest lake in the world is the Caspian Sea.*
- *Gun metal is an alloy of Copper, Tin and Zinc.*

NSE LAUNCHES ELECTRONIC GOLD RECEIPTS IN GOLD MARKET

- **The Launch:** The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) officially introduced Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) as a new trading segment on May 4, 2026, to digitize and formalize India's fragmented gold market.
- **How It Works:** EGRs are dematerialized, digital securities representing real, physical gold stored in SEBI-accredited vaults. Held directly in investors' demat accounts, they can be traded on the exchange like stocks, with the flexibility to convert the digital receipts back into physical gold.
- **Key Benefits:** Designed to enhance transparent price discovery and build trust, the system allows for trading in smaller denominations (starting as low as 100 milligrams). This opens up secure gold investment to retail investors, jewellers, refiners, and institutional traders alike, while eliminating storage and purity concerns.

INDIA'S YOUNG BOXERS SHINE AT ASIAN U15 & U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

- **The Venue:** The prestigious continental youth tournament is being held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, featuring top young talent from across Asia in both the Under-15 and Under-17 categories.
- **U-15 Standout Performers:** India's Under-15 boxers showed incredible dominance, with Nongpoknganba Meitei Oina (46kg) and Parshant (49kg) registering clean 5:0 victories over Kazakh opponents, while Mohd Yasser (58kg) secured a swift, first-round RSC (Referee Stops Contest) win over Kyrgyzstan's Akbarzhan Nabidzhanov.
- **U-17 Dominant Campaigns:** In the Under-17 division, the Indian boys continued the winning momentum with Pal Nivesh (54kg) securing a dominant 5:0 win, and Lakshay Phogat (75kg) delivering a commanding first-round RSC victory over Sri Lanka's Ranchigodagama Arachchila.

KIRAN MAZUMDAR-SHAW NAMES CLAIRE MAZUMDAR AS FUTURE SUCCESSOR OF BIOCON

- **The Succession Announcement:** Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, the founder and chairperson of Biocon, has formally named her 37-year-old niece, Claire Mazumdar, as her future successor to lead the biotechnology giant into its next phase of AI-driven and innovation-led growth.
- **A Highly Qualified Successor:** Claire Mazumdar is a distinguished scientist-

entrepreneur holding a PhD in cancer biology from Stanford and a degree from MIT. She has already proved her corporate leadership as the founder and CEO of Bicara Therapeutics, a NASDAQ-listed oncology biotech firm (incubated by Biocon) with a market valuation exceeding \$1.5 billion.

- **Gradual, Planned Transition:** The handoff will be highly structured and gradual over the next few years. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw clarified that she is not "hanging up her boots" immediately, and Claire will systematically transition into the role—moving from director to vice-chair, and eventually to chairperson—to ensure long-term leadership stability.

Footnotes: Biocon's Executive Chairperson: Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, HQ: Bengaluru, Estd: 1978

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA SIGNS MOU WITH NBCC



- **The Agreement:** The Central Bank of India signed an MoU with the state-run Navratna firm NBCC (India) Limited on May 5, 2026, for the planning, design, and construction of its new Regional Office building in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Key Signatories:** The agreement was formally executed by E. Venkateswara Rao (Regional Head of the bank's Vijayawada Regional Office)

alongside P. S. Rao (Executive Director, NBCC) and Rajaram (General Manager, NBCC), in the presence of M. Pichayya (Zonal Head of the bank's Hyderabad Zone).

Footnotes: CBI's MD & CEO: Kalyan Kumar, HQ: Mumbai, Estd: 1911

PARALYMPIC CHAMPION ALEX ZANARDI PASSED AWAY

- **The Passing of a Legend:** Former Formula 1 driver and celebrated Paralympic gold medalist Alex Zanardi passed away peacefully in Italy on May 1, 2026, at the age of 59. His passing followed years of health complications stemming from a serious handcycling road accident in 2020.
- **The Miraculous Turnaround:** Already a two-time CART/IndyCar champion (1997, 1998) in the United States, Zanardi survived a horrific, near-fatal crash at Germany's Lausitzring in 2001 that resulted in the amputation of both of his legs. Demonstrating legendary resilience, he returned to racing less than two years later using custom, self-designed prosthetics and hand controls.
- **A Paralympic Icon:** Transitioning his focus to handcycling, Zanardi went on to become a global symbol of determination. He won four Paralympic gold medals and two silver medals across the 2012 London and 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, alongside multiple World Championship titles.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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- **1889:** The Eiffel Tower officially opened to the public in Paris. It quickly became a global symbol of modern engineering.
- **1994:** The Channel Tunnel officially opened. It linked England and France with a massive undersea rail tunnel.