

THE DAILY GK DOSE

PV Sindhu becomes first Indian to win Japan Open title



- She became the first Indian shuttler to win the prestigious Japan Open title.
- The Japan Open is a BWF World Tour Super 750 badminton tournament.
- PV Sindhu is India's first woman Olympic medalist in badminton, winning Silver (Rio 2016) and Bronze (Tokyo 2020).
- Badminton World Federation (BWF)
Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
President: Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul.

Mindaugas Sinkevicius became Lithuania's new prime minister



- He succeeded the previous government following a political transition in the country.
- Lithuania is one of the three Baltic countries (along with Latvia and Estonia) and is a member

of the European Union (EU), NATO, and the Schengen Area.

- Capital: Vilnius | Currency: Euro (€).

Fairfax to acquire IDBI Bank stake in \$5.5 billion deal



- Fairfax Financial Holdings (Canada) will acquire a controlling stake in IDBI Bank in a deal valued at approximately US\$5.5 billion.
- The acquisition is one of the largest banking privatization deals in India's banking sector.
- The stake being sold is jointly held by the Government of India and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

PNB signs MoU with Digital India BHASHINI for multilingual AI banking



- The partnership aims to enable customers to access banking services in multiple Indian languages, making banking more inclusive and user-friendly.
- BHASHINI (BHASHA Interface for India) is a flagship initiative under the Digital India Programme, implemented by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The initiative leverages Artificial Intelligence (AI), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and speech technologies for real-time translation and voice-based services.

Indian Students Shine at International Biology Olympiad 2026 with Four Medals



- The International Biology Olympiad (IBO) is one of the world's most prestigious science competitions for secondary/high school students.
- The competition includes theoretical and practical examinations, testing students' knowledge in molecular biology, genetics, ecology, physiology, plant and animal sciences.
- HBCSE functions under the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR).

Rohit Sharma creates history with first Indian ODI century at Lord's



- With this milestone, he surpassed the previous Indian record at Lord's and added another achievement to his illustrious ODI career.
- Popularly known as the "Hitman", Rohit Sharma is regarded as one of the greatest opening batters in ODI cricket.

- He is the only cricketer in the world to score three double centuries in One Day Internationals (ODIs).

Lionel Messi Becomes First Player to Start Three FIFA World Cup Finals



- Lionel Messi became the first footballer in history to start three FIFA World Cup finals, achieving this unique milestone in the 2026 FIFA World Cup Final.
- Messi had previously started the 2014 FIFA World Cup Final (Brazil) and the 2022 FIFA World Cup Final (Qatar), making the 2026 final his third.
- Messi is widely regarded as one of the greatest footballers of all time and has won a record 8 Ballon d'Or awards.

IMPORTANT BANKING ABBREVIATIONS

CRR – Cash Reserve Ratio

SLR – Statutory Liquidity Ratio

LAF – Liquidity Adjustment Facility

SDF – Standing Deposit Facility

MSF – Marginal Standing Facility

MPC – Monetary Policy Committee

NDTL – Net Demand and Time Liabilities

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

20-07-2026 / MONDAY

1969 – First Humans Walk on the Moon: Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the Moon.

Armstrong's famous words: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."