

THE DAILY GK DOSE

SBI wins world's best consumer bank award



- According to Global Finance magazine, State Bank of India (SBI) was named the World's Best Consumer Bank 2026.
- SBI received this recognition for 2nd consecutive year, having also won the award in 2025.
- The award ceremony was scheduled for in Bangkok, Thailand, during the IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings.

India ranks 100th out of 122 countries in Global Hunger Index



- The report is jointly published by Concern Worldwide, Welthungerhilfe and the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV).
- India ranked 100th out of 122 countries, with a GHI score of 24.1, placing it in the serious hunger category.
- India's four indicators were: undernourishment (9.8%), child stunting (29.3%), child wasting (19.0%) and under-five mortality (2.7%).

Telangana Celebrates Saddula Bathukamma Festival

- Saddula Bathukamma 2026 was celebrated as the grand finale of Telangana's nine-day floral festival.
- The Telangana government organised grand celebrations at Tank Bund, Hyderabad.
- Bathukamma is a nine-day floral festival celebrated primarily by women in Telangana during Navratri.

EPFO scheme offers up to ₹15,000 to first-time employees



- The Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) promotes first-time employment and supports additional job creation by offering incentives to both employees and employers.
- Employees earning up to ₹1 lakh per month receive a one-time incentive equal to one month's EPF wage capped at ₹15,000.
- The first instalment is paid after six months of service, while the second is paid after twelve months of continuous service and completion of a financial literacy programme.

India-Aus. Exercise AUSTRALIND 2026 Begins in Keralam

- The fifth edition of the India–Australia Joint Military Exercise AUSTRALIND 2026 at the Foreign Training Node in Thiruvananthapuram, Keralam.
- The Indian contingent comprises troops from the Garhwal Rifles, while the Australian contingent includes personnel from 13 Brigade.
- The theme is “Joint Sub-Conventional Operations in Island and Coastal Environment under Chapter VII of the UN Mandate.”

French Open Super 750 Badminton tournament to begin in Paris



- The Yonex French Open 2026, a BWF World Tour Super 750 tournament, is being held from 20 to 25 October 2026 in Paris, France.
- India's PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen and men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are among the participating players.
- The event features five disciplines: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Arshi Gupta Becomes Youngest Rotax MAX Mini Champion



- Arshi Gupta, a 10-year-old karting racer from Faridabad, Haryana, became the world's youngest driver to win the Rotax MAX Challenge (RMC) Mini title.
- She won the Mini Max category at the FMSCI RMC Indian National Karting Championship 2026, held at Mecor Kartopia, Bengaluru.
- She will represent India in the Mini Max category at the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals 2026, scheduled in Portugal.

Mona Agarwal Wins India's First Gold Medal at Asian Para Games



- Indian para-shooter Mona Agarwal won India's first gold medal at the 5th Asian Para Games 2026.
- She won gold in the Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 (R2) event held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- Mona scored 250.0 points in the final, setting a new Asian Para Games record.

STOCK EXCHANGES IN INDIA

- Bombay Stock Exchange (**BSE**) in Mumbai
- Calcutta Stock Exchange (**CSE**) in Bengal
- India International Exchange (**India INX**) in Gift City
- Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (**MSE**) in Mumbai
- National Stock Exchange of India (**NSE**) in Mumbai
- National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Ltd. (**NCDEX**) in Mumbai
- Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (**MCX**) in Mumbai

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

20-10-2026 / TUESDAY

Dussehra or Vijayadashami to be celebrated on Tuesday, 20 October 2026, throughout most parts of India.