

# THE DAILY GK DOSE

## MAYANK CHAKRABORTY BECOMES INDIA'S 94<sup>TH</sup> GRANDMASTER

- **First Grandmaster from the Northeast:** Hailing from Guwahati, Mayank has made history by becoming the first-ever Grandmaster from Assam and the entire North Eastern region of India.
- **The Final Norm in Sweden:** He secured his third and final GM norm in March 2026 at the 8th GM Tournament in Stockholm, Sweden. He dominated the field, finishing first with a score of 7/9 and remained unbeaten throughout the tournament.
- **Rapid Rise from IM to GM:** After becoming an International Master (IM) in late 2023, Mayank consistently climbed the rankings. His journey is notable for his self-taught roots—initially learning through YouTube and ChessBase videos—before becoming the national U-11 and U-17 champion.

## GUJARAT TITANS NAME VIJAY DAHIYA AS ASSISTANT COACH

- **Vast IPL & Coaching Experience:** Dahiya brings a wealth of tactical knowledge, having previously served as an Assistant Coach for Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) and Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), and as a talent scout for Delhi Capitals.
- **Part of a Revamped Support Staff:** His appointment follows the recent addition of Australian legend Matthew Hayden as the Batting Coach. Dahiya will work under Head Coach Ashish Nehra to help the 2022 champions regain their top form.

- **Proven Track Record in Domestic Cricket:** A respected figure in Indian cricket, Dahiya famously coached Delhi to a Ranji Trophy title in the 2007-08 season. His deep understanding of the Indian domestic circuit is expected to be a major asset in managing the team's local talent.

## NITI AAYOG LAUNCHES 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL EDITION OF FISCAL HEALTH INDEX 2026



- **Expanded Coverage (Including NE & Himalayan States):** Unlike the first edition which focused only on 18 major states, the 2026 report now includes 10 North-Eastern and Himalayan states. To ensure a fair comparison, these states are ranked separately due to their unique geographical and structural challenges.
- **Top Performers:** Among the 18 major states, Odisha retained its top position for fiscal discipline, followed by Goa and Jharkhand. In the newly added North-Eastern and Himalayan category, Arunachal Pradesh emerged as the top performer, followed by Uttarakhand and Tripura.
- **Five Pillars of Evaluation:** Quality of Expenditure, Revenue Mobilization, Fiscal Prudence, Debt Index, Debt Sustainability.

## IMPORTANT FACTS

### PART XII – PROPERTY, CONTRACTS & SUITS

- **Article 294 — Succession to Property, Assets, Rights & Liabilities**
- **Article 295 — Succession to Property in Other Cases**
- **Article 296 — Property Accruing by Escheat or Lapse**
- **Article 297 — Things of Value within Territorial Waters, Continental Shelf**
- **Article 298 — Power to Carry on Trade, etc.**
- **Article 299 — Contracts**
- **Article 300 — Suits & Proceedings.**

### PERPLEXITY LAUNCHES 'PERSONAL COMPUTER' AI AGENT

- **Always-On "Digital Proxy" on Mac Mini:** Unlike standard chatbots, Personal Computer runs 24/7 on a dedicated Mac mini. It stays connected to the user's local files, apps, and Perplexity's servers, allowing it to execute tasks, monitor triggers, and manage workflows even while the user is away or asleep.
- **Multi-Model Orchestration:** The system doesn't rely on just one AI. It uses an orchestration harness to delegate tasks to the best available models.
- **Built-in Safety & Enterprise Integration:** To ensure security when handling personal data, Perplexity included a "Kill Switch" for instant shutdown and a full audit trail of every session.

## SHAILESH KUMAR WINS GOLD AT WORLD PARA ATHLETICS GRAND PRIX

- **Double Gold & Podium Sweeps:** Shailesh dominated the competition by winning gold in the Men's High Jump T42/T63 event with a jump of 1.84m. He didn't stop there—he also secured a second gold in the Men's Long Jump T42/63 with a leap of 5.47m, leading an all-Indian podium sweep in both events.
- **Successful Injury Comeback:** This Grand Prix served as a crucial "test" for the reigning world champion, who had been sidelined with a left knee injury since late 2025. While his high jump mark was below his personal best of 1.91m, he expressed satisfaction with his steady return to form without further aggravating the injury.
- **Road to Asian Para Games:** Shailesh has identified the 2026 Asian Para Games as his primary target for the year. He is currently training in Bengaluru to refine his take-off technique, with the goal of surpassing his own Asian record of 1.91m during the continental games.

## RM NACHAMMAI APPOINTED FIRST WOMAN CHIEF OF A FUNCTIONAL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

- **Role at Kaiga Generating Station:** She has been appointed as the Chief Superintendent of Units 3 and 4 at the Kaiga Generating

Station in Karnataka, effective from March 15, 2026.

- **Decades of Excellence:** Nachammai brings over 35 years of experience to the position. A 1990 graduate in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from the University of Madras, she joined the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) in 1991, where she famously topped her batch and received the Vikram Sarabhai Award.
- **Breaking the Glass Ceiling:** Her appointment is a significant milestone for gender representation in a specialized, male-dominated field. Out of NPCIL's workforce of roughly 10,000 employees, only about 900 are women; her leadership serves as a powerful symbol of "Nari Shakti" as India aims to reach 100 GW of nuclear capacity by 2047.

## COURSERA COLLABORATES WITH MISSION KARMAYOGI TO PROVIDE SKILL DEVELOPMENT



- **Integration with iGOT Marketplace:** Coursera will deliver a curated collection of world-class courses directly through the iGOT (Integrated Government Online Training) Marketplace gateway. This allows over 1.5 crore registered

government officials to access high-quality content from top global universities and industry leaders.

- **Focus on Emerging Tech & Governance:** The partnership targets critical "future-ready" skills. Key training domains include Generative AI and Prompt Engineering, Data Analytics, Cybersecurity, Digital Governance, and Sustainability.
- **Transition to "Role-Based" Learning:** The collaboration supports the mission's core objective of shifting from a traditional "rule-based" system to a "role-based" competency model.

## VETERAN CONGRESS LEADER & EX-UNION MINISTER BIREN SINGH ENGTI PASSED AWAY

- **Five-Time Member of Parliament:** Engti was a towering figure in Assam's political landscape, representing the Autonomous District (ST) constituency (Diphu) in the Lok Sabha five times (1977, 1984, 2004, 2009, and 2014). He was widely regarded as the most influential voice for the hill tribes of Karbi Anglong.
- **Service in the Rajiv Gandhi Ministry:** He served as a Union Minister of State between 1986 and 1989 under Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. During this tenure, he held key portfolios including Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, as well as Planning and Programme Implementation.

## WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

15.03.2026 / SUNDAY

- **Pi Day: 14<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Theme 2026: "Mathematics, Art and Creativity."**
- **It highlights how mathematical ideas like  $\pi$  inspire creativity in fields such as design & visual art.**