

THE DAILY GK DOSE

Punjab Government Notifies 8% DA Hike for Employees and Pensioners



- The Punjab Government has formally notified an 8% increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) for state government employees.
- The existing DA rate has increased from 42% to 50%.
- The enhanced DA is effective from 1 Sept. 2026.

Delhi Launches DURGA Scheme for 1,300 Pink E-Autos



- The Delhi Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, approved the DURGA e-auto scheme.
- DURGA stands for Driving Upliftment and Rozgar for Women/Transgender Green E-Auto.
- The scheme aims to provide safe, clean and dignified employment opportunities to women and transgender persons.

Andhra Pradesh Police Launches AI Drone Portal, SafeStay App

- Andhra Pradesh Police has introduced two technology-based initiatives are the AI-based Centralised Drone Monitoring Portal (CDMP) and the SafeStay AP application.

- The initiatives were launched in Guntur by Andhra Pradesh DGP Harish Kumar Gupta.
- The SafeStay AP application provides police with real-time information about people staying in hotels and paying guest (PG) accommodations.

WEF Survey Places India at Top of Global Growth Outlook



- The World Economic Forum (WEF) published its Chief Economists' Outlook – September 2026.
- India was marginally ahead of South-East Asia, where 73% of economists expected strong or very strong growth.
- The World Economic Forum (WEF), headquartered in Cologny, Geneva, Switzerland.

UK Launches First Space Squadron to Defend Satellites



- The United Kingdom (UK) launched the No. III Space Effects Squadron, its first dedicated military unit for defending British satellites against hostile space activities.
- The squadron was established by the Royal Air Force (RAF).
- The unit complements No. I Space Operations Squadron and No. II Space Warning Squadron, strengthening UK space defence.

Rajat Sharma Re-Elected as NBDA President for 2026-27



- Rajat Sharma, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of India TV, was unanimously re-elected as President of the News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA) for 2026–27.
- Sharma is the Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of India TV.
- The NBDA is the apex association representing news and current-affairs broadcasters and digital news platforms in India.

Jagruti Rehabilitation Centre Wins National Clinical Excellence Award



- Jagruti Rehabilitation Centre received the “Excellence in Clinical Services – Mental Health & Wellness” award.
- The award was given in the National category at the ET Healthcare Awards 2026.
- Jagruti Rehabilitation Centre is headquartered in Pune, Maharashtra, and operates rehabilitation centres across multiple cities in India.

Jay Meena Wins India's First Asian Games Soft Tennis Medal



- Jay Meena won the bronze medal in the Men's Individual event of Soft Tennis at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- This was India's first-ever Asian Games medal in Soft Tennis, making Jay Meena the first Indian Asian Games medallist in the sport.
- Jay Meena was defeated by Japan's Takuya Kurosaka in the men's singles semi-final, 2–4, and won the bronze medal.

IMPORTANT IDS & THEIR CHARACTER COUNTS

e-Shram UAN	—	12 digits
ABHA ID	—	14 digits
CKYC Number	—	14 digits
Aadhaar Number	—	12 digits
PAN	—	10 characters
UAN (EPFO)	—	12 digits
Voter ID (EPIC)	—	10 characters
GSTIN	—	15 characters

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

24-09-2026 / THURSDAY

24 September 2026 marks the 165th birth anniversary of Bhikaji Cama, the “Mother of the Indian Revolution,” who unfurled an early Indian national flag at the International Socialist Congress in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1907.