

THE DAILY GK DOSE

CHANDRAYAAN-3 HONORED WITH AIAA GODDARD ASTRONAUTICS AWARD 2026

- **Highest AIAA Honor:** The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) presented its highest astronautics honor to ISRO for the Chandrayaan-3 mission during the ASCEND conference in Washington, D.C.
- **Historic Achievement Recognized:** The award directly recognizes India's historic August 23, 2023 achievement as the first nation to successfully execute a soft landing near the Moon's challenging south polar region.
- **Scientific Contribution:** The citation honors the mission for significantly deepening global scientific understanding of the Moon and providing critical resource and soil data to support future human lunar exploration.

FEDERAL BANK APPOINTS ELIAS GEORGE AS PART-TIME CHAIRMAN

- **RBI Approval & Tenure:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of Elias George as the Part-Time Chairman of Federal Bank for a fixed three-year term, effective from May 23, 2026.
- **Existing Board Association:** Prior to this elevation, he had already been serving on the Federal Bank's Board of Directors as a Non-Executive Independent Director since September 5, 2023.
- **Distinguished Bureaucratic Background:** He is a retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer who previously served as the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Kerala and famously held the role of CEO for the Kochi Metro Rail project.

DR PRADEEP SINGH RAJPUROHIT APPOINTED AS INDIA'S AMBASSADOR TO KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN



- **Official Appointment & Transition:** The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced his appointment on May 21, 2026. A 2004-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, he will soon transition to Bahrain from his current role as the High Commissioner of India to Trinidad and Tobago.
- **Extensive Gulf Experience:** Dr. Rajpurohit brings a highly specialized West Asia and Gulf profile to his new post, having previously served as India's Ambassador to Iraq, Deputy Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and in key diplomatic positions in Abu Dhabi and Cairo.
- **Unique Professional Background:** Before his distinguished career in diplomacy, he was a trained medical doctor who earned his MBBS from Dr. S.N. Medical College in Jodhpur and worked in rural health centers—a background that heavily aided his coordination of large-scale humanitarian and repatriation efforts during his career.

IMPORTANT FACTS

- *Sea water gets heated through the process of convection.*
- *In the spectrum, violet color has the shortest wavelength.*
- *The SI unit of force is Newton.*
- *The semiconductor used in a transistor is made of germanium.*
- *A light-year is a unit of astronomical distance.*
- *The mixture of red and blue produces magenta.*
- *An iron rod placed in water appears bent due to the refraction of light.*
- *Stress and strain are related to Hooke's Law.*
- *Lead coins were issued by the Satavahana rulers.*

KEVIN WARSH TAKES OATH AS CHAIRMAN OF US FEDERAL RESERVE

- **Official Appointment & Ceremony:** Kevin Warsh was sworn in as the 17th Chairman of the US Federal Reserve on May 22, 2026. The oath was administered by US Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas at a White House ceremony.
- **Succession & Board Dynamic:** He succeeds Jerome Powell, whose term expired. In a rare historical move not seen in nearly 80 years, Powell will remain at the Federal Reserve as a member of the Board of Governors.
- **Vision & Past Experience:** Returning to the Fed where he previously served as a governor (2006–2011), Warsh pledged to lead a "reform-oriented" central bank focused on price stability, combating inflation, and maintaining institutional independence.

EAST BENGAL WIN INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE TITLE FOR FIRST TIME

- **Maiden ISL Title & 22-Year Wait Ended:** East Bengal FC clinched their first-ever Indian Super League title on May 21, 2026, ending an agonizing 22-year drought for a top-tier national league trophy (their last league triumph was the National Football League in 2004).
- **Dramatic Final-Day Finish:** In a unique truncated season without playoffs, the title was decided solely by the league table on the final day. East Bengal secured a dramatic 2-1 comeback victory over Inter Kashi, edging out arch-rivals Mohun Bagan Super Giant on goal difference after both teams finished level on 26 points.
- **A Season of Top Honors:** Managed by Oscar Bruzón, the Red and Gold Brigade dominated the campaign with the most goals scored (30). The historic triumph was further sweetened by individual honors, as East Bengal's Youssef Ezzejjari won the Golden Boot (11 goals) and Miguel Figueira claimed the Golden Ball.

NORTH KOREAN WOMEN'S TEAM WIN ASIAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TITLE

- **Historic First for North Korea:** Pyongyang-based club Naegohyang Women's FC captured the 2025–2026 AFC Women's Champions League (AWCL) title on May 23, 2026, becoming the

first-ever North Korean club to win Asia's premier women's club tournament.

- **The Decisive Final Match:** Played on South Korean soil at the Suwon Sports Complex, Naegohyang defeated Japan's Tokyo Verdy Bezeza 1-0 in a tight defensive battle. Team captain Kim Kyong-yong scored the match-winning goal in the 44th minute, subsequently earning the tournament's MVP award.
- **Sanctions and Prize Money Dilemma:** While the victory secures a \$1 million cash prize for the club, the actual payout remains highly uncertain as experts and officials debate whether transferring the funds complies with stringent United Nations Security Council sanctions aimed at blocking foreign currency flow to North Korea.

TAIWAN TRAVELOGUE WINS INTERNATIONAL BOOKER PRIZE 2026



- **Historic Double Milestone:** Awarded on May 19, 2026, at London's Tate Modern, Taiwan Travelogue made history as the first-ever book originally written in

Mandarin Chinese, and the first by a Taiwanese author (Yáng Shuāng-zǐ), to win the prestigious prize.

- **The Narrative & Themes:** Set in 1938 during the Japanese colonial rule of Taiwan, the novel uses an experimental, metafictional format (disguised as a rediscovered Japanese travel journal) to follow a Japanese author and her local female interpreter on a culinary tour.
- **Prize Distribution & Publisher Success:** The £50,000 prize money will be split equally between the author and the translator, Lin King. The victory also marks an impressive consecutive win for the independent publisher And Other Stories, which also published the 2025 winner (Heart Lamp).

FORMER MICROSOFT EXECUTIVE AND TECH MENTOR PASSED AWAY

- **Sudden Demise:** S. "Soma" Somasegar, a highly respected Indian-American tech leader, investor, and mentor, passed away unexpectedly on May 19, 2026, at the age of 59, prompting widespread grief across Silicon Valley and the Seattle tech communities.
- **Massive Microsoft Legacy:** Over an illustrious 27-year career at Microsoft, he rose to Corporate Vice President and led the Developer Division—successfully steering critical ecosystems like Visual Studio and .NET. He was also instrumental in establishing Microsoft's major India Development Center (IDC) in Hyderabad in 1998.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

24.05.2026 / SUNDAY

- **International Day to End Obstetric Fistula: 23rd May**
- **2026 Theme: The global theme for this year's is "Breaking the Cycle: Preventing Fistula, Restoring Dignity."**
- **The Global Elimination Goal: Officially established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.**