

# THE DAILY GK DOSE

## UNICEF India Names Smriti Mandhana Celebrity Advocate



- UNICEF India appointed Smriti Mandhana as its Celebrity Advocate on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child.
- Smriti Mandhana is the captain of the Indian women's cricket team, an Arjuna Award recipient.
- She was part of the Indian team that won first ICC Women's Cricket World Cup title in 2025.

## BRICS Theatre Festival 2026 Begins in New Delhi



- The BRICS Theatre Festival 2026 commenced at the National School of Drama (NSD) in New Delhi under India's BRICS Presidency 2026.
- It is organised by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, under India's BRICS Presidency 2026.
- Theme: "Shared Stories, Shared Futures."

## Sunil Bharti Mittal to Receive France's Highest Civilian Honour

- Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, named recipient of France's highest civilian honour, the Légion d'honneur, by French President Emmanuel Macron.
- He was awarded the rank of Chevalier (Knight) of the National Order of the Legion of Honour.
- In 2024, he became the first Indian citizen to receive an honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) from King Charles III.

## Indian Army launches 'Bharat Rice' for defence forces



- The Indian Army launched Bharat Rice for defence personnel in New Delhi.
- The Army signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to use its warehousing, manpower and material-handling infrastructure during operational contingencies.
- Procurement will be available in 10 kg and 30 kg bags to ease handling and transportation.

## INS Tarkash Joins IBSAMAR IX 2026 Naval Exercise

- The Indian Navy's frontline guided-missile stealth frigate INS Tarkash is participating in the ninth edition of the India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime Exercise (IBSAMAR IX 2026) in South Africa.
- IBSAMAR has been conducted biennially since 2008 under the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) framework.
- Theme of the ninth edition: "Stronger Together Towards a Shared Future in the Maritime Domain."

## Hall and Woodford Win 2026 Economics Nobel Prize



- American economists Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford won the 2026 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.
- The prize recognises their work on the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation.
- The award was announced by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

## Red Bull's Max Verstappen Wins F1 Singapore Grand Prix 2026



- Red Bull Racing's Dutch driver Max Verstappen won the 2026 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix at the Marina Bay Street Circuit in Singapore.
- He won by 7.335 seconds ahead of Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, who finished second.
- The win marked Verstappen's 73rd career Grand Prix victory and came on his 250th Grand Prix start.

## Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi Wins ITF W35 Singles Title



- Indian tennis player Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi, aged 17, won her maiden professional women's singles title at the ITF W35 Lagos tournament held at Clube Ténis Lagos in Portugal.
- She defeated Spain's Celia Cervino Ruiz by 6–4, 6–2 in the singles final.
- Revathi became the youngest Indian woman to win an ITF W35-level singles title, breaking a record previously held by Sania Mirza.

## NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS 2026 – CATEGORY-WISE TITLES

**Physiology or Medicine** — Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann & Georg Nagel

**Physics** — Francis Halzen

**Chemistry** — Henri B. Kagan & Kenso Soai

**Literature** — Anne Carson

**Peace** — Navi Pillay

## WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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**International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2026 is observed on October 13 with the theme "Resilience Starts at Home", highlighting safer housing, disaster preparedness and community resilience.**