

THE DAILY GK DOSE

Oscar Whitfield Wins Young Wildlife Photographer of 2026



- Oscar Whitfield was announced as the Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026 by the Natural History Museum, London.
- His winning black & white photograph, Labour of Love, captures a dung beetle pushing a ball of dung in Zambezi National Park, Zimbabwe.
- Oscar also won the 11–14 years age category.

India Inaugurates Largest Phenol and Acetone Plant in Haldia

- Adperma Private Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Haldia Petrochemicals Limited (HPL), inaugurated India's largest integrated phenol and acetone manufacturing plant in Haldia, West Bengal.
- The plant was established with an investment of approximately ₹6,000 crore.
- The facility has an annual production capacity of 3.45 lakh tonnes of phenol and 2.15 lakh tonnes of acetone.

Cabinet Approves ₹2,009.61 Crore Bonus for Railway Employees

- The bonus covers 78 days of wages for approximately 11.40 lakh eligible non-gazetted railway employees.
- The maximum bonus payable to an eligible employee is ₹17,951.

- Eligible employees include track maintainers, loco pilots, train managers, station masters, technicians and other Group C staff.

Cabinet Approves IDBI Bank Stake Sale to Fairfax for ₹52,878 Crore



- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved Fairfax Financial Holdings' group entity as the strategic buyer for IDBI Bank.
- The approved purchase consideration for the IDBI Bank stake sale is approximately ₹52,878.08 crore, covering a 60.72% stake.
- The Government of India will sell its 30.48% stake and LIC will sell its 30.24% stake; after the transaction, the Government will retain 15% and LIC will retain 19% in IDBI Bank.

Assam Regiment Wins Gold at UK's Cambrian Patrol 2026



- The Indian Army's Assam Regiment secured a gold medal at Exercise Cambrian Patrol 2026, held in Wales, United Kingdom.
- The Indian Army contingent competed against more than 100 teams from around the world and was among the 10 teams awarded gold medals.
- The exercise tested military patrolling skills, endurance, tactical ability, leadership and teamwork.

Punjab to Host Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026



- Punjab will host the Hero Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 from 27 October to 5 November 2026.
- The tournament will be jointly hosted by Mohali and Jalandhar.
- Matches will take place at the Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium in Mohali and the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar.

Kolkata to Host Barcelona and Real Madrid Legends



- Kolkata will host an exhibition football match between Barcelona Legends and Real Madrid Legends on 25 November 2026.
- The match will take place at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, popularly known as Salt Lake Stadium.

- Barcelona will return to Kolkata for the first time since 2018, when they defeated Mohun Bagan 6–0 in an exhibition match.

Nagaland's Grassroots Football Festival Wins SKOCH Silver Award



- The Youth Resources and Sports Department of the Government of Nagaland received the SKOCH Silver Award for its Grassroots Football Festival, also known as the Baby League.
- The grassroots football festival in Nagaland provides organised football opportunities for children aged 5–12 years across four age categories: 5–6, 7–8, 9–10 and 11–12 years.
- Participation increased from approximately 142 children in an earlier edition to around 420 children in the third edition held in 2026.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE-WINNING ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR HEADQUARTERS

ICRC	—	Geneva, Switzerland
UNHCR	—	Geneva, Switzerland
ILO	—	Geneva, Switzerland
WFP	—	Rome, Italy
UNICEF	—	New York City, USA

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

15-10-2026 / THURSDAY

World Students' Day is observed in India on 15 October to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the 11th President of India.