

THE DAILY GK DOSE

NAGESH KAPOOR APPOINTED IAF VICE CHIEF

- He received the Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal (SYSM) in 2025 for his leadership in Operation Sindoor, directing the IAF's strategic strikes on Pakistani air bases.
- A veteran fighter pilot commissioned in 1986, he has nearly 40 years of service, over 3,400 flight hours on aircraft like the MiG-21 and MiG-29.
- He has served as Defence Attaché to Pakistan and led the IAF's Training Command, with his appointment considered key to the Air Force's modernization and restructuring.

Footnotes: IAF's Commander-in-Chief: President Droupadi Murmu, **HQ:** New Delhi, **Founded:** 1932

BULGARIA ADOPTS EURO AS ITS CURRENCY

- The Bulgarian lev is being replaced by the euro at a fixed rate of 1.95583 leva per euro. During a one-month dual circulation in January 2026, both currencies are legal.
- To curb price hikes during the switch, Bulgaria requires dual pricing in lev and euro until August 8, 2026, with authorities monitoring fair

application of the conversion rate.

- Joining the Eurozone gives Bulgaria ECB access and a seat on its Governing Council, aiming to reduce business costs, improve price transparency, and strengthen financial resilience.

Footnotes: Bulgaria's President: Rumen Radev, Capital: Sofia, Official language: Bulgarian

J.P. NADDA LAUNCHES E-BILL SYSTEM



- The system fully digitizes around ₹2 lakh crore in annual fertilizer subsidies, replacing paper-based processes with a seamless digital workflow.
- Integrating iFMS with PFMS creates a secure digital audit trail, ensures FIFO bill processing, and speeds up payments for fertilizer companies.
- The system gives officials real-time spending oversight and lets companies track claims online, reducing fraud and improving financial governance.

IMPORTANT FACTS

ARTICLES ON THE VICE PRESIDENT

Trick : उसका निकास शनि है

- उ- उपराष्ट्रपति (अनुच्छेद-63)
- स- सभापति (अनुच्छेद-64)
- का- कार्य (अनुच्छेद-65)
- नि- निर्वाचन (अनुच्छेद-66)
- का- कार्यकाल (अनुच्छेद-67)
- स- समय (अनुच्छेद-68)
- श- शपथ (अनुच्छेद-69)
- नि- निर्वाचन (अनुच्छेद-70)
- है - साइलेंट

AMEERAH ARSHAD WINS 10M AIR RIFLE

- Arshad claimed the title in a nail-biting finish, narrowly defeating Railways' Rajshree Anilkumar Sancheti 251.9 to 251.8.
- Alongside her senior gold, she also won silver in the Youth Women's 10m Air Rifle final, coming just behind Karnataka's Tilottama Sen.
- Arshad was instrumental in guiding the Haryana team, along with Ramita and Shruti, to gold in the senior team category with a total score of 1892.7.

VENUS WILLIAMS BECAME OLDEST FEMALE PLAYER

- At 45, Williams will become the oldest woman to compete in the Australian Open singles, surpassing Japan's Kimiko Date, who was 44 in 2015.
- This is Venus's 22nd Melbourne Park appearance and first since 2021, coming 28 years after her 1998 debut where she beat sister Serena in round two.
- Ahead of the Grand Slam on January 18, Williams will compete in the Auckland Classic and Hobart International, her first tournaments abroad since 2023.

C. KALAICHELVAN APPOINTED AS CBI DIG

- C. Kalaichelvan, a 2012-batch IPS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre, was serving as Superintendent of Police before his promotion.
- He will serve as DIG from the date he assumes charge until December 31, 2028, or until further government orders.

- His promotion was among seven 2012-batch IPS officers elevated to DIG in the CBI to boost senior investigative leadership.

Footnotes: CBI's Director: Shri Praveen Sood, HQ: New Delhi, Formed: 1963

ANDRE DE GRASSE NAMED INTERNATIONAL EVENT AMBASSADOR



- De Grasse, a seven-time Olympic medalist with golds in Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024, will boost the global profile of the Mumbai Marathon, a World Athletics Gold Label Race.
- De Grasse was chosen for his journey from running in basketball shoes to Olympic gold, reflecting the marathon's spirit and inspiring participants with discipline and mental strength.

- The partnership also spotlights his Andre De Grasse Family Foundation, supporting youth empowerment and education through sports initiatives.

WORLD BRAILLE DAY: 04TH JANUARY

- The date marks Louis Braille's 1809 birth anniversary, the French educator who, at 15, created the six-dot system that transformed literacy for the visually impaired.
- The 2026 observance emphasizes closing the "accessibility deficit" by improving Braille on digital devices and public infrastructure like ATMs, elevators, and medicine labels.
- The day underscores that Braille is crucial for human rights, with 2026 advocacy stressing it as the only path to true literacy and professional independence despite digital aids.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

04.01-2026 / SUNDAY

- **DRDO Foundation Day: 03rd January | Theme – Indigenous technologies for a safer, stronger India.**
- **1959 – Alaska became the 49th U.S. state.**
- **2004 – NASA's Mars Rover "Spirit" landed on Mars.**