

# 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: 03<sup>rd</sup> 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.**