

THE DAILY GK DOSE

Kaziah Liz Mejo Crowned Miss Universe India 2026



- Kaziah Liz Mejo, a 19-year-old from Kerala, was crowned Miss Universe India 2026.
- The grand finale was held in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- She becomes the first woman from Kerala to win the Miss Universe India title.

India Launches 1st Non-GMO High-Expansion Popcorn Maize Hybrid



- The new hybrids are named Krisna459 and Godari234.
- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan launched the new hybrids.
- The launch ceremony was held at Musunuru in Eluru district, Andhra Pradesh.

West Bengal to Launch 'Arjun Bahini' Disaster Response Force

- The force will focus on providing rapid assistance during natural disasters and emergencies.
- Arjun Bahini will primarily consist of Agniveers.



- Arjun Bahini will be modelled on the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

US Launches 'Operation Economic Outcast' Against Iran



- The operation is a comprehensive economic sanctions campaign against Iran
- The campaign aims to financially isolate Iran from the global economy.
- The U.S. described it as an "economic D-Day" against Iran.

SEBI Introduces IT Resilience Index for MIIs



- The framework is designed for Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs).
- The main objective is to assess the robustness and resilience of critical IT systems used by MIIs.
- MIIs include stock exchanges, clearing corporations and depositories.

PNB & Indian Army Sign MoU for PNB LUXURA & Parakram



- Punjab National Bank (PNB) entered into an exclusive Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army to offer specially designed credit cards to Army personnel.
- Under the partnership, PNB will offer two exclusive credit-card variants. PNB LUXURA Metal Credit Card is designed for Army Officers.
- PNB Parakram Credit Card is designed for Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Other Ranks (OR).

AIIA Launches 'Garbhini Mitra' Course



- The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi has launched the 'Garbhini Mitra' Course for the 2026–27 academic session.

- AIIA is an autonomous premier institute under the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India.
- The course is designed as a healthcare skill-development programme.

India's GM Pranesh M Wins Kanizsa Open 2026



- The tournament was held in Nagykanizsa, Hungary.
- Pranesh defeated Germany's Vadim Petrovskiy in the 9th and final round.
- He was ranked 44th in the FIDE World Rankings 2026.

Forts & Their Builders

Red Fort — Built by Shah Jahan

Agra Fort — Built by Akbar

Purana Qila — Built by Sher Shah Suri

Lal Kot/Qila Rai Pithora — Built by Prithviraj Chauhan

Kumbhalgarh Fort — Built by Rana Kumbha

Mehrangarh Fort — Built by Rao Jodha

Jaisalmer Fort — Built by Rawal Jaisal

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

25-08-2026 / TUESDAY

25 August 1976 – National Emergency-related political developments continued in India during the Emergency period (1975–77). **25 August 1919** – India's first commercial airline service is associated with the early development of civil aviation in India, though regular air services developed later.