

THE DAILY GK DOSE

YES BANK APPOINTED VINAY TONSE AS MD & CEO

- RBI Approval for 3-Year Term:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of Vinay Muralidhar Tonse as the Managing Director and CEO of Yes Bank for a three-year tenure, starting from the date he officially assumes charge.
- Planned Leadership Transition:** He replaces Prashant Kumar, a former SBI executive who steered the bank's post-2020 recovery. Kumar's extended tenure ends in April 2026, ensuring a smooth transition after stabilizing operations and improving asset quality.

Footnotes: Yes Bank's MD & CEO: Prashant Kumar, Estd: 2003, HQ: Mumbai

TGB LAUNCHES INDIA'S FIRST RRB CO-BRANDED RUPAY CREDIT CARD

- National First:** Launched in February 2026, Tripura Gramin Bank has become the first Regional Rural Bank (RRB) in India to introduce a co-branded RuPay credit card, setting a new benchmark for the country's rural financial sector.
- Strategic Collaboration:** The card was developed in collaboration with Punjab National Bank (PNB)—TGB's sponsor bank—and PNB Cards & Services Ltd., utilizing the secure and indigenous RuPay payment ecosystem.
- ₹75,000.

Footnotes: Tripura Gramin Bank's Chairman: Satyendra Singh, Estd: 1976, HQ: Agartala

ARUNACHAL'S MOUNTAINEER KABAK YANO SUMMITS MOUNT ACONCAGUA



- South American Milestone:** On February 1, 2026, Kabak Yano successfully scaled Mount Aconcagua (22,831 feet) in Argentina, which is the highest peak in both South America and the Western Hemisphere.
- Seven Summits Quest:** This climb is a major part of her ambitious "7-Summit Mountaineering Expedition." Having already conquered Everest, Kilimanjaro, and Elbrus, she is moving closer to her goal of summiting the highest peaks on all seven continents.
- A First for her Community:** Hailing from Arunachal Pradesh, Yano is already recognized as the first woman from the Nyishi community to scale Mount Everest (May 2024), and this latest feat further solidifies her status as a trailblazer for women in adventure sports.

IMPORTANT FACTS

- Cellulose is the most abundant organic compound found in nature.*
- The scientific study of old age is called Gerontology.*
- Dolomite ($CaCO_3$) is an ore of Calcium.*
- An Audiometer is used to measure the intensity of sound.*
- Freon is used as a refrigerant in refrigerators.*
- Lactobacillus bacteria help in converting milk into curd.*

INDIA & KYRGYZSTAN'S JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE KHANJAR BEGINS

- 13th Edition in Assam:** The 13th edition of the joint military exercise commenced on February 4, 2026, at Misamari in Assam. The 14-day exercise (concluding February 17) is an annual event that alternates venues between India and Kyrgyzstan.
- Elite Participation:** The exercise involves India's Parachute Regiment (SF) and Kyrgyzstan's Scorpion Brigade, jointly sharing tactical skills and best practices.
- Strategic Focus:** Conducted under a United Nations mandate, the exercise focuses on high-risk operations including urban warfare, counter-terrorism, sniping, and room intervention.

AP CM N. CHANDRABABU NAIDU LAUNCHES 'PILLOO AI'

- India's First Voice-Based AI Accounting:** Piloo AI enables small business owners to handle billing, invoicing, and accounting through voice commands without needing accounting expertise.
- Empowering MSMEs:** SpeciDesigned for MSMEs, the app helps shopkeepers shift from manual records by enabling voice-based transaction entry and balance sheet generation in five Indian languages.
- Vision for Digital Governance:** At the launch, the CM created the first invoice via voice command, noting that the tool supports Andhra Pradesh's vision of becoming a global AI hub while boosting transparency and ease of doing business at the grassroots.

NAGMA MOHAMED MALICK ACCREDITED AS AMBASSADOR TO REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS

- Concurrent Accreditation:** Ms. Nagma Mohamed Malick (IFS: 1991) has been concurrently appointed as India's Ambassador to the Marshall Islands while continuing as Ambassador to Japan.
- Strategic Residency:** She will represent India in the Marshall

Islands while remaining based in Tokyo, a common practice where ambassadors to major countries also handle nearby smaller nations.

- Distinguished Trailblazer:** With over 30 years of diplomatic service, Mallick is the first Muslim woman in the IFS and has served as Ambassador to Poland and Tunisia, and as India's first woman Deputy Chief of Protocol.

K J SOMAIYA INSTITUTE WINS CSRI AWARD



- Inaugural National Honor:** In January 2026, KJSIM received the "Best Management Institute Supporting Sports Ecosystem & Development" award from CSRI, a national body working with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- Academic Integration:** The award honors KJSIM's MBA in Sports Management, which combines strong business training with practical sports exposure, including a unique 10% academic weightage for physical fitness in the first year.

- Industry Impact:** Judged by an independent jury, the award affirms KJSIM's partnership with the Somaiya Sports Academy, offering world-class facilities and hands-on learning to prepare leaders for India's growing sports sector.

DALAI LAMA HONOURED WITH GRAMMY AWARD

- Historic First at 90:** At 90, the Dalai Lama won his first Grammy for Best Audio Book, Narration & Storytelling Recording, surpassing nominees like Ketanji Brown Jackson and Trevor Noah.
- Award-Winning Work:** The honor was for his spoken-word album, *Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness the Dalai Lama*. Released in 2025, the project blends his teachings on compassion and shared humanity with musical compositions by Sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan and his sons, Amaan and Ayaan Ali Bangash.
- Message of Universal Responsibility:** The Dalai Lama said the award reflects a shared universal responsibility rather than personal achievement, and it was accepted on his behalf by musician Rufus Wainwright, a project collaborator.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

World Cancer Day: February 4th

- Theme – "United by Unique":** Focuses on patient-centered care as part of a multi-year global campaign.
- Proactive Prevention:** Prioritizes early detection via AI/liquid biopsies and expanded HPV vaccinations to tackle rising global cases.