

THE DAILY GK DOSE

India Ranked 176th in Environmental Performance Index



- India ranked 176th out of 177 countries, making it the second-lowest ranked country in the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2026.
- Laos ranked 177th (last), while Estonia secured 1st rank globally.
- India was the lowest-ranked country in South Asia, behind Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Maldives.

Cabinet Approves Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana



- The scheme aims to promote Floating Solar Photovoltaic (FSPV) projects across India.
- The scheme supports India's target of achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel electricity capacity by 2030.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) will implement the scheme.

Cabinet Extends PM-KISAN Scheme for Five Years

- The Union Cabinet approved a five-year extension of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme.



- Under PM-KISAN, eligible farmer families receive ₹6,000 per year.
- Financial assistance is provided in three equal installments of ₹2,000 each.

Varsha Ashok Aglawe Becomes First Woman Director General of GSI



- Varsha Ashok Aglawe became the first woman Director General (DG) of the Geological Survey of India (GSI).
- Geological Survey of India was established in 1851.
- GSI functions under the Ministry of Mines. Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal.

Indian Navy Inducts Indigenous Diving Support Vessel



- The Indian Navy inducted the indigenous Diving Support Vessel (DSV) 'Nipun'.
- 'Nipun' was built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, a Government of India
- It is the second vessel of the Nistar-class Diving Support Vessels, following INS Nistar.

Maldives Launches Favara-UPI Payment Service with India



- The service links the Maldives' instant payment system (Favara) with India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- It enables real-time cross-border money transfers between the Maldives and India.
- UPI was developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

India Men's and Women's Teams Win Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships



- India won both the Men's Team and Women's Team titles at the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026, held in New Delhi, India.
- The Indian Men's Team defeated Malaysia 3–2 in a thrilling final to win the championship.
- The Indian Women's Team defeated England 3–0 in the final to clinch the title.

Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh Win India's First Commonwealth Judo Gold Medals



- Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh created history by winning India's first-ever gold medals in judo at the Commonwealth Games during the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland.
- Asmita Dey won the Women's 48 kg category. She defeated Heidi Quach (Canada).
- Harsh Singh won the Men's 60 kg category. He defeated Joshua Katz (Australia).

MAJOR CENTRES AND LEADERS OF THE REVOLT OF 1857

- Meerut** – Sepoys started the revolt on 10 May 1857
- Delhi** – Bahadur Shah II (Zafar), General Bakht Khan
- Jhansi** – Rani Lakshmibai
- Gwalior** – Tatya Tope, Rani Lakshmibai
- Bareilly** – Khan Bahadur Khan
- Bihar** – Kunwar Singh
- Faizabad** – Maulvi Ahmadullah Shah
- Allahabad** – Maulvi Liaquat Ali

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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World Lung Cancer Day 2026: observed on 1st August 2026 The theme for World Lung Cancer Day 2026 is "Together through Lung Cancer".

The main slogan of the campaign is "Where Science Sparks Hope"