

# THE DAILY GK DOSE

## PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU APPOINTS N RANGASAMY AS PUDUCHERRY CM

- **Fifth Term:** President Droupadi Murmu officially appointed AINRC leader N Rangasamy as the Chief Minister of Puducherry, marking his fifth tenure in the role.
- **Election Victory:** The appointment follows the NDA's comfortable victory in the recently concluded assembly elections.
- **Constitutional Process:** The President's appointment paved the way for the Lieutenant Governor to invite him to form the government, with the swearing-in scheduled for May 13, 2026.

## RBI & ECB RENEW COOPERATION FRAMEWORK WITH UPDATED MOU IN BASEL

- **New MoU in Basel:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the European Central Bank (ECB) signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on May 10, 2026, on the sidelines of the BIS meetings in Basel.
- **Market Recognition:** A key focus is helping Indian clearing corporations gain formal recognition from the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA), reducing friction in cross-border transactions.

- **Scope of Pact:** The agreement replaces a 2015 framework and expands cooperation to include policy dialogues, technical exchanges, and seminars on central banking.

**Footnotes:** RBI's Governor: Sanjay Malhotra, HQ: Mumbai, Estd: 1935

## BULGARIA PARLIAMENT APPROVES RUMEN RADEV AS NEW PM



- **President to PM:** Former President Rumen Radev was approved by the Bulgarian parliament as the new Prime Minister after his "Progressive Bulgaria" party won the snap elections.
- **Ending Instability:** His appointment marks a significant turning point, ending years of political deadlock and frequent elections (eight in five years) in Bulgaria.
- **Policy Focus:** Radev's cabinet aims to dismantle "the oligarchic model," accelerate economic development, and manage the country's transition after joining the eurozone on January 1, 2026.

**Footnotes:** Bulgaria's President: Iliana Iotova, PM: Rumen Radev, Capital: Sofia

## IMPORTANT FACTS

- *A Tale of Two Cities* was written by Charles Dickens.
- *My Story* is the autobiography of Martina Navratilova.
- National Youth Day is celebrated on 12 January.
- New Zealand was the first country to grant women the right to vote.
- Worldwatch Institute is located in Washington.
- The Estimates Committee consists of a total of 30 members.

## LIEUTENANT GENERAL N S RAJA SUBRAMANI APPOINTED NEW CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

- **Succession:** The Government appointed Lieutenant General N S Raja Subramani (Retd) as India's next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), succeeding General Anil Chauhan.
- **Timeline:** He is set to take charge on May 30, 2026, after General Chauhan completes his tenure.
- **Strategic Experience:** A graduate of the NDA and IMA, he previously served as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff and currently serves as a Military Adviser in the National Security Council Secretariat.

## FAUSTINO ORO BECOME SECOND YOUNGEST GM IN CHESS HISTORY

- **Historic Feat:** 12-year-old Argentine prodigy Faustino Oro achieved the title of Grandmaster (GM) at the Sardinia International Chess Festival in Italy.
- **The Record:** At 12 years, 6 months, and 26 days, he became the second-youngest GM ever, trailing only US player Abhimanyu Mishra.
- **Undefeated Run:** He secured his final GM norm by remaining unbeaten in the tournament, drawing his final round against elite Russian GM Ian Nepomniachtchi.

## NEERU & VIVAAN WIN BRONZE IN TRAP MIXED TEAM EVENT

- **ISSF World Cup:** The Indian pair of Neeru Dhanda and Vivaan Kapoor won the bronze medal in the trap mixed team event at the ISSF World Cup in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- **Performance:** They matched the score of the top Italian pair in the final but settled for bronze based on their qualification ranking.

- **Milestone:** This marks India's second medal in this specific Olympic shooting event since it was officially added to the program.

## FORMER UNION SECRETARY APPOINTED AS ADVISOR TO WEST BENGAL'S CM



- **New Appointment:** Retired IAS officer Subrata Gupta has been appointed as an Advisor to the West Bengal Chief Minister.
- **Political Shift:** The appointment comes as the BJP forms its first government in West Bengal under Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari, ending 15 years of TMC rule.
- **Key Role:** Gupta previously served as a Special Roll Observer for the Election Commission; he will now advise on state administration alongside newly appointed

Private Secretary Shantanu Bala.

**Footnotes:** West Bengal's CM: Suvendu Adhikari, Governor: R. N. Ravi, Capital: Kolkata

## CSIR-CRRI & BPCL DEVELOP INDIA'S 1ST PLASTIC WASTE GEOCELL 'PHOENIX'

- **Innovation:** CSIR-CRRI and BPCL developed 'Phoenix', India's first technical textile geocell made entirely from end-of-life mixed plastic waste.
- **Structural Integrity:** These honeycomb-like structures are used to stabilize soil and strengthen road surfaces, offering performance comparable to virgin plastic (HDPE) geocells.
- **Environmental Impact:** The technology targets "difficult-to-recycle" plastics, reducing landfill waste and conserving raw materials; it has already been tested on sections of the Delhi Expressway.

## WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

11.05.2026 / MONDAY

- **May 11: National Technology Day**
- **The theme for 2026 is "Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth."**
- **This focus promotes ethical, sustainable technology that uses AI and digital infrastructure to reduce rural-urban divide in India.**