

# THE DAILY GK DOSE

## APAAR SAXENA EARNS INTERNATIONAL MASTER TITLE

- **Achievement:** 10-year-old Apaar Saxena has officially earned the International Master (IM) title, making him one of the youngest players in chess history to achieve this milestone.
- **Final Norm:** He secured his third and final IM norm at the Mesa Chess Open in Arizona, surpassing the required FIDE rating threshold of 2400.
- **Historic Pace:** By earning the title at such a young age, he joins an elite group of prodigies and is now on a direct path toward breaking the record for the world's youngest Grandmaster.

## SEBI SETS UP 'CYBER-SURAKSHA.AI' TASK FORCE

- **Objective:** Formed in May 2026, this task force is designed to counter emerging cybersecurity risks posed by advanced AI-driven tools (like Mythos) that can rapidly identify and exploit system vulnerabilities.
- **Composition:** The group consists of a diverse range of stakeholders, including representatives from Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs), Qualified Registrars and Transfer Agents (QRTAs), and other regulated financial entities.
- **Core Mandate:** Its primary roles are to develop uniform

mitigation strategies, facilitate the sharing of real-time threat intelligence, and establish best practices to protect the interconnected securities market from cascading cyberattacks.

## INDIA OPENS PAVILION AT LA BIENNALE DI VENEZIA 2026



- **Significant Return:** India has officially inaugurated its national pavilion at the 61st Venice Biennale (May 2026), marking its return to the prestigious global art event after a six-year hiatus.
- **Theme & Curation:** Curated by Dr. Amin Jaffer, the exhibition is titled "Geographies of Distance: Remembering Home," focusing on memory, migration, and the evolving meaning of "home" in a rapidly changing world.
- **Artistic Showcase:** The pavilion features diverse works from five contemporary artists—Alwar Balasubramaniam, Sumakshi Singh, Ranjani Shettar, Asim Waqif, and Skarma Sonam Tashi—using organic materials like terracotta, thread, bamboo, and papier-mâché.

## IMPORTANT FACTS

### BRAND AMBASSADOR INSTITUTION

- *Global Brand Ambassador of Infosys — Carlos Alcaraz*
- *Brand Ambassador of One8 — Smriti Mandhana*
- *Brand Ambassador of BHIM UPI — Mahendra Singh Dhoni*
- *Celebrity Advocate of UNICEF India — Keerthy Suresh*
- *Brand Ambassador of ICC T20 World Cup 2026 — Rohit Sharma*
- *English Premier League Ambassador for India — Sanju Samson*
- *Global Brand Ambassador of Levi's — Alia Bhatt.*

## SKYROOT AEROSPACE BECOMES INDIA'S 1ST SPACE-TECH UNICORN

- **Valuation Milestone:** Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace officially became India's first space-tech unicorn in May 2026, reaching a valuation of \$1.1 billion after a successful \$60 million funding round.
- **Key Investors:** The funding was co-led by Sherpalo Ventures and Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC, with participation from major global players like BlackRock and the founders of Greenko Group.
- **Strategic Goal:** The capital infusion is earmarked for scaling manufacturing and accelerating the upcoming launch of Vikram-1, which is set to be India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket.

## MOHFW LAUNCHES SWASTH BHARAT PORTAL

- **Unified Digital Platform:** Launched by Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda in May 2026, the portal acts as a single aggregator for multiple national health programs, integrating traditionally siloed systems through an API-based federated architecture.
- **Efficiency Gains:** The platform is projected to reduce the administrative burden on frontline workers (like ASHAs and ANMs) by 20–40% by eliminating repetitive data entry and providing a single login for various health reporting tasks.
- **ABDM Integration:** It is fully compliant with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), allowing for the secure exchange of patient health records via ABHA IDs and supporting evidence-based planning through advanced data visualization tools.

## BEL WINS 4<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE FREE JOURNAL & CAREEDGE ANNUAL REPORT AWARDS

- **Top Recognition:** Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) was declared the "Winner" in the Aerospace & Defence category at the ceremony held in Mumbai on May 6, 2026.

- **Award Criteria:** The awards recognize Indian companies across various sectors for excellence in annual reporting, transparency, and stakeholder accountability, encouraging higher standards of corporate disclosure.
- **Corporate Milestone:** The award was received by BEL's senior management (AGM Finance and Deputy Company Secretary), highlighting the company's commitment to robust governance and clear financial communication.

## INDIA AI AND ICMR SIGN MOU TO STRENGTHEN AI-DRIVEN HEALTHCARE IN INDIA



- **Strategic Collaboration:** Signed on May 7, 2026, this MoU pairs IndiaAI's high-performance computing infrastructure with ICMR's biomedical research expertise to build a nationally integrated and interoperable AI ecosystem for healthcare.
- **Data & Compute Access:** ICMR will provide anonymized, ethics-approved datasets and AI

models via the AIKosh platform, while IndiaAI will offer ICMR researchers subsidized access to GPU-based computing resources to scale advanced medical research.

- **Public Health Focus:** The partnership prioritizes the co-development of AI-powered solutions for "priority public health challenges," utilizing ICMR's MIDAS framework to address India-specific disease burdens and diagnostic needs.
- ## CNN FOUNDER ROBERT EDWARD TURNER III PASSED AWAY

- **Passing of a Legend:** Philanthropist, environmentalist, and media mogul Robert Edward "Ted" Turner III passed away on May 6, 2026, at the age of 87 at his home in Lamont, Florida.
- **Media Revolution:** Known as the "Mouth of the South," he transformed global journalism by founding CNN in 1980, the world's first 24-hour live news network, and creating the first cable "superstation."
- **Philanthropy & Conservation:** Beyond media, Turner was a massive philanthropist who pledged \$1 billion to the United Nations and became one of the largest private landowners in the U.S., dedicated to preserving millions of acres and restoring the bison population.

## WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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- **World Red Cross Day: May 8**
- **2026 Theme: "Keeping Humanity Alive"**
- **The day honors the work of volunteers and staff who provide humanitarian aid to people affected by conflict and natural disasters.**