

THE DAILY GK DOSE

Netherlands & Belgium to Host 16th Women's FIH Hockey World Cup



- The 16th FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 is being jointly hosted by Belgium and the Netherlands from 15 to 30 August 2026.
- Belgium is hosting the FIH Hockey World Cup for the first time.
- The women's competition is being played at Wagener Hockey Stadium, Amstelveen, Netherlands, and Belfius Hockey Arena, Wavre, Belgium.

Chhattisgarh's Folk Festival – Hareli



- Hareli Tihar is one of the major traditional agricultural festivals of Chhattisgarh.
- It is particularly important for farmers and rural communities of Chhattisgarh.
- It is celebrated during the Shravan month, traditionally on Shravana Amavasya.

West Bengal Renames Kanyashree Scheme as Kanya Ratna Scheme



- The scheme is aimed at promoting girls' education and empowerment.
- Financial assistance of ₹1,000 is being provided to eligible girl students in 2026.
- The annual assistance is scheduled to increase to ₹2,000 from the 2027 academic year.

Saudi Arabia Launches Maritime Defence Coalition



- The coalition is intended to strengthen maritime security in the Red Sea region.
- Its main objective is to protect international shipping and energy routes.
- The coalition focuses particularly on the Red Sea, Bab-el-Mandeb Strait and Gulf of Aden.

CCI Hosts BRICS Competition Authorities Meeting in Udaipur

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) hosted the Meeting of Heads of BRICS Competition Authorities was held in Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- Ravneet Kaur is the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- It was conducted under India's BRICS Chairship 2026.

Indian Army Departs for MAITREE-XV in Thailand



- Exercise MAITREE is a bilateral military exercise between India and Thailand.
- The 2025 edition was MAITREE-XIV, held at Umroi, Meghalaya.
- MAITREE-XV is the 15th edition of the India-Thailand Joint Military Exercise.

IN-SPACe Approves Commercial EO Satellite Constellation



- India's first indigenous, fully commercial Earth Observation Satellite constellation is being developed through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP).
- IN-SPACe is India's space-sector regulator and facilitator for private-sector participation.

- IN-SPACe stands for Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre.

Sangeet Natak Akademi Award to Odissi Dancer Shubhada Varadkar



- Shubhada Varadkar is a renowned Odissi dancer and teacher.
- She trained under renowned Odissi guru Kelucharan Mohapatra.
- The Sangeet Natak Akademi is India's national academy for music, dance and drama.

RECENT NATIONAL PARKS

Similipal National Park — **Odisha**

Sikhna Jwhlwao National Park — **Assam**

Dihing Patkai National Park — **Assam**

Raimona National Park — **Assam**

Jaldapara National Park — **West Bengal**

Kuno National Park — **Madhya Pradesh**

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

17-08-2026 / MONDAY

17 August 1947 is remembered for the Radcliffe Line Award, which officially demarcated the boundaries between India and Pakistan. Radcliffe Award: The boundary demarcation of Punjab and Bengal between India and Pakistan was formally announced. Partition: The announcement of the Radcliffe Award finalized the territorial division of several regions following the Partition of India.