

THE DAILY GK DOSE

NEERAJ CHOPRA NAMED BEST MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR 2025

- **Recognition of a Stellar Season:** The award celebrates his remarkable 2025 campaign, which included his historic milestone of breaching the 90-meter mark in javelin. He also achieved prestigious victories at the Paris Diamond League, the Ostrava Golden Spike, and the inaugural Neeraj Chopra Classic in Bengaluru.
- **Inaugural Athletics Federation of India Honour:** This was the first-ever edition of the Indian Athletics Awards, aimed at recognizing top performers, coaches, and contributors to the sport. Neeraj received this prestigious title from Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya during the ceremony held in New Delhi.
- **Emotional Significance for the Athlete:** Neeraj expressed that this award is very close to his heart because he received it in the presence of both veteran and upcoming generations of Indian athletes. During his acceptance speech, he encouraged younger athletes to remain patient and maintain belief in their potential to succeed on the global stage.

INDIA BECOMES WORLD'S TOP SHIP RECYCLING NATION IN 2025

- **Significant Global Market Share Growth:** India increased its share of global ship recycling to 35.4% in 2025, rising from 30.1% in the previous year. The total volume of processed ships surged to 2.99 million gross tons, marking a nearly 60% increase over 2024 figures.
- **Commitment to International Standards:** The growth is driven by the strict implementation of the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019, which aligns Indian yards with the Hong Kong International Convention.

Financial support has helped 115 facilities modernize their operations to meet these global environmental and safety requirements.

FRANCE TO GET FIRST TRADITIONAL HINDU TEMPLE WITH INDIAN STONES



- **Authentic Traditional Craftsmanship:** The temple is being constructed using hand-carved stones specifically sourced from India and sculpted by master artisans using ancient Shilpa Shastra architectural principles. These stones were then transported to France to be assembled, ensuring the structure maintains its traditional design and cultural authenticity.
- **Unique Indo-French Collaboration:** The construction features a remarkable partnership where Indian temple craftsmen work alongside French stonemasons, including experts who contributed to the restoration of the Notre-Dame Cathedral. This cross-cultural effort blends India's ancient spiritual heritage with French engineering and stonemasonry expertise.
- **Cultural Hub for Community:** Beyond serving as a place of worship for the Hindu community, the temple is envisioned as a center for cultural exchange, education, and community engagement. To mark its opening in September 2026, organizers have planned an extensive 15-day inaugural celebration welcoming visitors from across the globe.

TRICK OF THE DAY

क्षेत्रफल की दृष्टि से सबसे बड़े देश

Trick:- "रुक चीन अब आ भारत"

- रु → रूस (17,098,242 km²)
- क → कनाडा (9,984,670 km²)
- चीन → चीन (9,596,961 km²)
- अ → अमेरिका (9,525,067 km²)
- ब → ब्राज़ील (8,515,767 km²)
- आ → ऑस्ट्रेलिया (7,692,024 km²)

INDIAN JURIST ELECTED AS JUDGE OF INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL OF THE LAW OF THE SEA

- **Securing a Prestigious Global Mandate:** Dr. Patel was elected during the 36th Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) in New York. He secured a strong mandate, receiving 115 votes from member states to ensure India's continued presence in the Hamburg-based judicial body.
- **A Proven Expert in International Law:** Currently serving as the Vice-Chancellor of Rashtriya Raksha University and a member of the UN International Law Commission, Dr. Patel brings over three decades of legal expertise. His background includes extensive experience in maritime law, international dispute settlement, and public policy, making him a highly qualified candidate for the role.

HARMANPREET KAUR BECOMES FIRST CRICKETER EVER TO PLAY 200 T20 INTERNATIONALS

- **Historic Global Milestone:** Kaur reached this landmark during India's ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 group stage match against South Africa at Old Trafford. She stands alone at the top of the list for most T20I appearances, surpassing all other competitors in both the men's and women's games.
- **Commemoration of a Stellar Journey:** To celebrate her 17-year international career, she was felicitated in a team huddle by head coach Amol Muzumdar and vice-captain Smriti Mandhana. She was presented with a special jersey and cap embroidered with the number "200" to mark the occasion.
- **Full-Circle Moment:** The milestone holds special significance as her 200th match took place in England, the same country where she made her T20I debut back in 2009. Having played consistently since the inaugural edition of the tournament, her longevity and influence have been instrumental in the growth of women's cricket globally.

WARSHIP-MAKER GRSE CONFERRED 'NAVRATNA' STATUS

- **Granting of Enhanced Financial Autonomy:** The 'Navratna' status grants the company greater operational flexibility, allowing its board to make significant capital investments of up to ₹1,000 crore

without requiring prior government approval. This empowerment will accelerate decision-making for large-scale projects and help the shipyard execute strategic expansion plans more efficiently.

- **Recognition of Exceptional Financial Performance:** The award follows a period of remarkable growth, with the company's annual revenue rising from ₹1,754 crore in FY22 to ₹7,002 crore in FY26. During this same five-year timeframe, its Profit After Tax (PAT) witnessed a substantial increase of approximately 294%, growing from ₹190 crore to ₹748 crore.
- **Support for Strategic Expansion & 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat':** As the 29th CPSE to receive this status, GRSE is now better positioned to strengthen its shipbuilding infrastructure through both brownfield and greenfield projects.

ANAND JAIN APPOINTED AS THE NEW DGP OF LADAKH



- **Transition from J & K:** Anand Jain, a 1999-batch AGMUT cadre IPS officer, was transferred to Ladakh from his previous role as Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) for the Armed Police in Jammu and Kashmir.

- **Filling a Leadership Vacancy:** The position had been held as an additional charge by K.K. Sharma following the transfer of the former DGP, Mukesh Singh, to Manipur earlier this year. The appointment of a full-time DGP is expected to bring greater stability and dedicated focus to the police administration in the Union Territory.
- **Focus on Regional Security:** As DGP, Jain will be responsible for overseeing the overall law and order, security coordination, and policing strategy across Ladakh. His tenure begins at a significant time for the region, which has been seeing a heightened focus on border security management and rapid infrastructure development.

NBCC INDIA WINS KALINGA CSR EXCELLENCE AWARD 2025 AT EECC 2026

- **Recognition of Social Impact:** The award acknowledges NBCC's dedication to executing high-impact CSR projects that prioritize health, education, and skill development in underserved regions. Their efforts align with national goals to improve the quality of life for marginalized communities through sustainable infrastructure and community outreach.
- **Commitment to Sustainability and Governance:** As a leading Public Sector Undertaking, NBCC has integrated social responsibility into its core business strategy, focusing on environmental sustainability and transparent project implementation. This award serves as a testament to their professional approach in balancing infrastructure growth with meaningful social contribution.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

23.06.2026 / TUESDAY

- **United Nations Public Service Day: 23rd June**
- **2026 Focus: "Innovation for Resilient and Inclusive Governance"**
- **These awards recognize projects that excel in areas such as gender-responsive services, transparent governance and inclusive decision-making.**