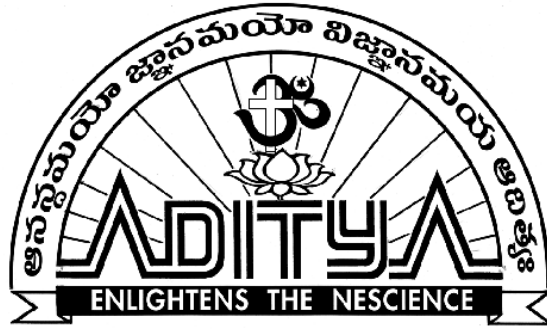


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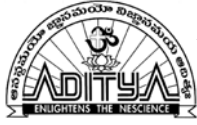
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1. The Board of Directors of HDFC Bank has approved the appointment of Rajiv Kumar to which position?
(a) Managing Director and CEO
(b) Executive Director
(c) Whole-Time Director and Part-Time Chairman
(d) Additional Director (Independent Director) and Part-Time Chairman
(e) Chief Financial Officer Ans. d
2. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has constituted a study group under whose chairmanship to assess the challenges and opportunities before the Indian cinema industry?
(a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Aamir Khan (c) Rajkumar Hirani
(d) Prasoon Joshi (e) Anurag Basu Ans. d
3. Which public sector bank has recently inaugurated its International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City, Gujarat?
(a) Punjab National Bank (b) Bank of Baroda (c) Canara Bank
(d) State Bank of India (e) Central Bank of India Ans. e
4. According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) recorded what year-on-year growth rate in May 2026?
(a) 4.2% (b) 4.5% (c) 4.9% (d) 5.1% (e) 5.8% Ans. d
5. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) signed a Statement of Intent (Sol) with which organization to implement the Embark India Development Fellowship?
(a) NITI Aayog Foundation (b) PRS Legislative Research
(c) National Productivity Council (NPC) (d) Centre for Policy Research (CPR)
(e) Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM) Ans. e
6. In July 2026, which AI-powered fintech platform has recently received approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to operate as a Third Party Application Provider (TPAP)?
(a) CRED (b) BharatPe (c) PhonePe (d) Navi (e) JUMPP Ans. e
7. Herbalife International India Pvt. Ltd., in collaboration with IIT Madras, has launched India's first Centre of Excellence (CoE) dedicated to which technology?
(a) Artificial Intelligence Technology (b) Nanotechnology for Drug Delivery
(c) Renewable Energy Storage Technology (d) Agricultural Biotechnology
(e) Plant Cell Fermentation Technology Ans. e
8. Which Indian institution has signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with the State University of New York (SUNY) Old Westbury to strengthen academic and research collaboration?
(a) IIT Delhi (b) IIT Madras (c) IISc Bengaluru (d) IIT Kanpur (e) IIT Bombay Ans. e
9. National Doctors' Day is observed every year on 1 July in India to honour the dedication, service, and invaluable contributions of doctors and healthcare professionals to society. National Doctors' Day in India is observed to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of which eminent physician and Bharat Ratna awardee?
(a) Dr. Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Dr. Verghese Kurien (c) Dr. M. Visvesvaraya
(d) Dr. Homi J. Bhabha (e) Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy Ans. e
10. Chartered Accountants' Day (CA Day) is observed every year on 1 July to commemorate the establishment of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949. Chartered Accountants' Day is celebrated to commemorate the establishment of which statutory body in India?
(a) Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) (b) Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)
(c) National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(e) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Ans. e
11. National Postal Workers' Day is observed every year on 1 July to recognise and appreciate the dedication and hard work of postal employees who ensure the timely delivery of letters, parcels, and essential services, even under challenging conditions. National Postal Workers' Day was first established in which year?
(a) 1991 (b) 1995 (c) 1997 (d) 2000 (e) 2005 Ans. c
12. DRiV has appointed which Indian cricket legend as its National Brand Ambassador?
(a) Virat Kohli (b) Rohit Sharma (c) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
(d) KL Rahul (e) Jasprit Bumrah Ans. c
13. State Bank of India (SBI) recently raised \$300 million by issuing senior unsecured floating rate notes with what maturity period?
(a) 1 Year (b) 2 Years (c) 3 Years (d) 5 Years (e) 10 Years Ans. c

14. Union Ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw and Bhupender Yadav, along with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, laid the foundation stone for the Amber-Ascent-K Circuits manufacturing plant in which city of Uttar Pradesh?
(a) Noida (b) Ghaziabad (c) Kanpur (d) Jewar (e) Lucknow Ans. d
15. Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi launched the "Go East" initiative to boost industrial investment in Odisha and eastern India through a dedicated investment facilitation mechanism. The "Go East" initiative announced by the Odisha Government stands for:
(a) Government of Odisha – Economic and Sustainable Transformation
(b) Government of Odisha – Eastern Investment Accelerator and Special Task Force
(c) Government of Odisha – Enterprise and Industrial Scheme for Trade
(d) Growth of Eastern States through Technology
(e) Government of Odisha – Export and Investment Strategy Team Ans. b
16. In the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, an agreement for the construction and implementation of the Yamuna Water Project was signed in New Delhi between which two state governments?
(a) Punjab and Haryana (b) Haryana and Rajasthan (c) Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan
(d) Haryana and Delhi (e) Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh Ans. b
17. Gujarat Police signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which organisation to improve public safety, traffic management, and urban mobility?
(a) Ola Cabs
(b) Uber India
(c) Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited (Bharat Taxi)
(d) Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation (GSRTC)
(e) Indian Railways Ans. c
18. Which prestigious international award, popularly known as the "Green Oscar", was recently conferred on Indian conservationists Parveen Shaikh and Barkha Subba?
(a) Goldman Environmental Prize (b) Whitley Award (c) Ramon Magsaysay Award
(d) UNEP Champions of the Earth Award (e) Blue Planet Prize Ans. b
19. Mission ShakthiSAT, recently launched with the support of several Indian institutions, is recognised as the world's first :
(a) All-women Mars exploration mission (b) All-girls international lunar mission
(c) Student-led Earth observation mission (d) Private commercial lunar mission
(e) International space station mission Ans. b
20. The Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Akshay, recently commissioned into the Bharatiya Tatrakshak Fleet, belongs to which category of vessel?
(a) Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) (b) Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) (c) Landing Craft Utility (LCU)
(d) Missile Corvette (e) Survey Vessel Ans. b
21. The Indian women's cricket team recently became one of the first teams to qualify for which major international sporting event?
(a) ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2028 (b) Commonwealth Games 2028 (c) Asian Games 2026
(d) Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games (e) ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2029 Ans. d
22. State Bank of India (SBI) celebrated which Foundation Day on 1 July 2026?
(a) 68th Foundation Day (b) 69th Foundation Day (c) 70th Foundation Day
(d) 71st Foundation Day (e) 72nd Foundation Day Ans. d
23. Which Indian institution has partnered with Sorbonne University, France, to launch a joint Master's programme in Biological Science and a joint PhD programme?
(a) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (b) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
(c) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) (d) Jawaharlal Nehru University
(e) University of Delhi Ans. b
24. The Union Cabinet recently approved an additional investment of Rs. 30,000 crore in which organisation to support the creation of new infrastructure focused funds?
(a) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
(b) National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)
(c) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
(d) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
(e) Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) Ans. b
25. Who assumed charge as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force on 1 July 2026?
(a) Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari (b) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
(c) Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh (d) Air Marshal S. P. Dharkar
(e) Air Marshal Tejinder Singh Ans. b
26. World UFO Day is observed every year on which date?
(a) 30 June (b) 1 July (c) 2 July (d) 5 July (e) 3 July Ans. c

27. National Anisette Day is celebrated every year on which date to recognize the history and cultural significance of the traditional anise-flavoured beverage?
(a) 30 June (b) 1 July (c) 2 July (d) 4 July (e) 10 July Ans. c
28. The Durand Cup will be held from 25 July to 23 August 2026 across Kolkata, Ranchi, Imphal, Shillong, and Guwahati, with Kolkata serving as the tournament's main hub. Which of the following teams is among the debutants in the 135th Durand Cup?
(a) Mohun Bagan Super Giant (b) Bengaluru FC
(c) Defenders FC of the Sri Lankan Armed Forces (d) East Bengal FC (e) FC Goa Ans. c
29. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL)?
(a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Amitava Mukherjee (c) Pramod Agrawal
(d) Amarendu Prakash (e) Anupam Misra Ans. e
30. Which body approved the one-year extension of Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's tenure?
(a) Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) (b) Election Commission of India (ECI)
(c) Cabinet Secretariat (d) Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)
(e) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) Ans. e
31. Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) with effect from 1 July 2026?
(a) Ishika Bansal (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj (c) T. Rabi Sankar
(d) Rajesh Bansal (e) Ravi Shankar Ans. e
32. To ensure that no worker receives wages below the prescribed minimum, what interim base wage rate has been introduced under the VB-G RAM G scheme?
(a) Rs. 500 per day (b) Rs. 400 per day (c) Rs. 290 per day (d) Rs. 450 per day (e) Rs. 300 per day Ans. e
33. India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in June 2026 increased to approximately how much?
(a) Rs. 1.71 lakh crore (b) Rs. 1.80 lakh crore (c) Rs. 1.85 lakh crore
(d) Rs. 2.00 lakh crore (e) Rs. 1.95 lakh crore Ans. e
34. What was the total value of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions in June 2026, according to NPCI?
(a) Rs. 24.03 lakh crore (b) Rs. 26.75 lakh crore (c) Rs. 28.90 lakh crore
(d) Rs. 29.90 lakh crore (e) Rs. 26.90 lakh crore Ans. c
35. Punjab National Bank, Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda, and Indian Bank—paid a combined dividend of Rs. 9,439 crore to the Government of India for FY 2025–26. Which public sector bank paid the highest dividend among the four banks for FY 2025–26?
(a) Punjab National Bank (PNB) (b) Canara Bank (c) Indian Bank
(d) Bank of Baroda (BoB) (e) All gave equal dividends Ans. d
36. Which regulatory body has granted the Certificate of Registration to Prudential HCL Health Insurance to operate in India?
(a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
(c) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
(d) Competition Commission of India (CCI)
(e) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) Ans. e
37. Which regulatory authority has proposed the 'One KYC' framework to simplify customer onboarding and KYC compliance in GIFT IFSC?
(a) International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)
(b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
(d) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
(e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Ans. a
38. HiWiPay has received in-principle approval from which regulatory authority to establish a PSP subsidiary at GIFT City?
(a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
(b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
(d) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
(e) International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) Ans. e
39. Recently, Ravi Agrawal has been re-appointed on a contract basis as the Chairman of which statutory body responsible for administering direct taxes in India?
(a) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) (b) Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
(c) National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Ans. b
40. Recently, the Government of India has appointed Somnath Ghosh as the next High Commissioner of India to which country?
(a) Singapore (b) Indonesia (c) Thailand (d) Malaysia (e) Vietnam Ans. d

41. Recently, HDFC Bank launched its in-house generative AI platform with which name?
(a) Astra (b) Shraddha (c) FinGPT (d) Neev (e) Sarthi Ans. d
42. Recently, how many traditional products of Himachal Pradesh were granted the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag?
(a) Five (b) Six (c) Seven (d) Eight (e) Ten Ans. d
43. Recently, which state government launched the 'Gyanodaya – Shiksharu Samruddhi' Scheme?
(a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Jharkhand (c) Chhattisgarh (d) West Bengal (e) Odisha Ans. e
44. Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. inaugurated its new vehicle manufacturing facility at which location?
(a) Sanand, Gujarat (b) Chakan, Maharashtra (c) IMT Kharkhoda, Haryana
(d) Hosur, Tamil Nadu (e) Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh Ans. c
45. Who represented India at the funeral ceremony of former Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei?
(a) S. Jaishankar and Amit Shah (b) Pabitra Margherita and Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Syed Ata Hasnain
(c) Rajnath Singh and Jagdeep Dhankhar (d) Kiren Rijiju and Arif Mohammed Khan
(e) Nirmala Sitharaman and Ajit Doval Ans. b
46. Harshavardhan G.B. became which numbered Grandmaster (GM) of India?
(a) 95th (b) 96th (c) 97th (d) 98th (e) 99th Ans. c
47. Indian athlete Ancy Sojan recently created history by breaking whose 22-year-old National Record in the women's long jump?
(a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Anju Bobby George (c) Nayana James
(d) Jyothi Yarraji (e) Dutee Chand Ans. b
48. Swiss Tennis legend Stan Wawrinka has announced that he will retire from professional tennis after a remarkable career spanning more than 20 years on the ATP Tour. How many Grand Slam singles titles did Stan Wawrinka win during his professional career?
(a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 5 (e) 6 Ans. b
49. Which Indian Navy ships recently arrived at Changi Naval Base in Singapore as part of the Eastern Fleet's operational deployment?
(a) INS Shraddha, INS Raj and INS Nisha (b) INS Udaygiri, INS Kavaratti, and INS Shakti
(c) INS Kolkata, INS Mumbai, and INS Kochi (d) INS Talwar, INS Teg, and INS Trikanth
(e) INS Satpura, INS Sahyadri, and INS Kamorta Ans. b
50. Skyroot Aerospace has unveiled Vikram-1, India's first privately developed orbital rocket, named in honour of Dr Vikram Sarabhai, the father of India's space programme. What is the name of Vikram-1's maiden launch mission, which means "Arrival" in Sanskrit?
(a) Shraddha (b) Prarambh (c) Aagaman (d) Gaganyaan (e) Sankalp Ans. c
51. World Sports Journalists Day is observed every year on 2 July to recognise the contribution of sports journalists in promoting sports and delivering accurate sports coverage. What is the theme of World Sports Journalists Day 2026?
(a) Sports for Peace and Development
(b) Journalism Beyond Boundaries
(c) Championing Fair Play: Reporting with Integrity and Impact
(d) Inspiring the Next Generation Through Sports
(e) Media for Global Sporting Excellence Ans. c
52. The Digital India Programme completed how many years on 1 July 2026?
(a) 9 years (b) 10 years (c) 11 years (d) 12 years (e) 15 years Ans. c
53. Which ministry signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Google India to promote India's tourism through AI and digital technology?
(a) Ministry of Culture (b) Ministry of Civil Aviation
(c) Ministry of Tourism (d) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(e) Ministry of External Affairs Ans. c
54. Which regulatory body has constituted an Expert Working Group to review the regulatory framework governing debenture trustees?
(a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
(b) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
(c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(d) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
(e) National Stock Exchange (NSE) Ans. c
55. Which Indian cross-border payments platform has launched Google Pay Card Payments on its International Payment Gateway?
(a) Razorpay (b) CCAvenue (c) PayGlocal (d) Cashfree Payments (e) PayU India Ans. c
56. National Fried Clam Day is observed every year on which date?
(a) 1 July (b) 2 July (c) 3 July (d) 4 July (e) 5 July Ans. c

57. Which Indian public sector bank has entered into a strategic partnership with Mizuho Bank for M&A financing and related services?
 (a) Punjab National Bank (b) Canara Bank (c) Bank of Baroda
 (d) Union Bank of India (e) Indian Bank Ans. c
58. Which Indian private sector bank has announced the acquisition of Deutsche Bank India's retail and wealth business?
 (a) HDFC Bank (b) ICICI Bank (c) Axis Bank
 (d) Kotak Mahindra Bank (e) IndusInd Bank Ans. d
59. IIT Bombay has partnered with which company to establish the 'Bharat AI & Cyber Innovation Hub for Insurance'?
 (a) LIC of India (b) HDFC Life Insurance (c) SBI Life Insurance
 (d) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance (e) Max Life Insurance Ans. c
60. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) successfully conducted India's first Satellite-Based Landing System (SLS) approach on an Airbus A320 at Udaipur using the GAGAN navigation system. What is the full form of GAGAN?
 (a) GPS-Aided GEO Augmented Navigation (b) Global Aviation Geo Augmented Network
 (c) Geo-Assisted GPS Air Navigation (d) Ground-Assisted Geo Aviation Network
 (e) Global Augmented Guidance and Navigation System Ans. a
61. India has approved its first Private Point-in-Space (PinS) instrument approach procedure for helicopter operations at which heliport?
 (a) Jakkur Heliport (b) Pawan Hans Heliport (c) Undavalli Heliport
 (d) Begumpet Heliport (e) Katra Heliport Ans. c
62. The Odisha Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, approved the Deep Sea Fishing Mission with an outlay of Rs. 2,295.45 crore to promote the Blue Economy and establish Odisha as a leading marine export hub. The Deep Sea Fishing Mission will be implemented over which period to unlock the state's offshore fisheries potential?
 (a) 2025–2030 (b) 2025–2035 (c) 2026–2036 (d) 2027–2037 (e) 2028–2038 Ans. c
63. Which Union Minister inaugurated the Common Incubation Centre at Parbhani, Maharashtra?
 (a) Shivraj Singh Chouhan (b) Piyush Goyal (c) Dharmendra Pradhan
 (d) Nitin Gadkari (e) Chirag Paswan Ans. e
64. The Ayushman Sarathi PM-JAY Chatbot is a _____-based digital platform designed to provide beneficiaries with 24x7 access to services under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).
 (a) Telegram (b) WhatsApp (c) Facebook Messenger
 (d) SMS (e) Email Ans. b
65. Lt Gen (Retd.) Madan Mohan Lakhera, who passed away recently at the age of 88, had served as the Governor of which Indian state from July 2006 to September 2011?
 (a) Manipur (b) Nagaland (c) Mizoram (d) Tripura (e) Arunachal Pradesh Ans. c
66. Puviyarasu, who recently passed away, was primarily associated with which language?
 (a) Telugu (b) Kannada (c) Malayalam (d) Sanskrit (e) Tamil Ans. e
67. International Day of Cooperatives is observed every year on:
 (a) The first Monday of July (b) The second Saturday of July (c) The last Friday of June
 (d) The first Sunday of July (e) The first Saturday of July Ans. e
68. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL) in which district of Rajasthan?
 (a) Jodhpur (b) Barmer (c) Bikaner (d) Jaisalmer (e) Balotra Ans. e
69. In July 2026, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of ₹63.6 lakh on which bank for non-compliance with KYC norms and Fair Practices Code?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) Canara Bank
 (d) Union Bank of India (e) Bank of Baroda Ans. e
70. World Zoonoses Day is observed every year on 6 July to raise awareness about zoonotic diseases. What are zoonotic diseases?
 (a) Diseases transmitted through water only (b) Diseases affecting plants only
 (c) Diseases spread only by insects (d) Diseases caused by vitamin deficiency
 (e) Diseases transmitted from animals to humans Ans. e
71. World Rural Development Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 4 July (b) 5 July (c) 6 July (d) 7 July (e) 8 July Ans. c
72. Project SAMARTH (Silicon and Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing Research and Training Hub) is being established at which institution?
 (a) IIT Madras (b) IIT Delhi (c) IIT Bombay (d) IIT Gandhinagar (e) IIT Hyderabad Ans. d
73. According to the Ministry of Commerce, which Indian state emerged as the fastest-growing merchandise exporting state in FY26, driven by strong growth in smartphone and electronics exports?
 (a) Karnataka (b) Maharashtra (c) Gujarat (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. e

74. Consider the following pairs regarding Small Savings Schemes and their interest rates for the July–September 2026 quarter:
1. Public Provident Fund (PPF) 7.1%
 2. National Savings Certificate (NSC) 7.7%
 3. Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) 7.5%
 4. Post Office Savings Deposit 5.0%
- Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 only (c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 only (e) 1, 2, 3 and 4 Ans. d
75. According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) report 'Labour Market Dynamics in Million-plus Cities', which two cities recorded an unemployment rate of more than 20%?
- (a) Lucknow and Kanpur (b) Delhi and Jaipur (c) Chennai and Bengaluru
(d) Prayagraj and Patna (e) Hyderabad and Indore Ans. d
76. The Government of India has decided to divest up to what percentage of its stake in Cochin Shipyard Ltd through an Offer for Sale (OFS)?
- (a) 2.52% (b) 3.50% (c) 4.00% (d) 5.04% (e) 7.50% Ans. d
77. Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL) and International Resources Holding (IRH) have signed an MoU with which state government to develop a greenfield aluminium project?
- (a) Chhattisgarh (b) Jharkhand (c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Gujarat (e) Odisha Ans. e
78. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 230 million loan to modernise and expand water supply and sanitation infrastructure in Chennai, benefiting approximately 4.5 million residents in the Greater Chennai area. The ADB project aims to support which of the following Government of India flagship urban development programmes?
1. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0
 2. Urban Challenge Fund
 3. Smart Cities Mission
 4. Jal Jeevan Mission
- Select the correct answer using the code below:
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only (e) 1, 2 and 3 Ans. b
79. The Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) flagship digital mental healthcare initiative, ICMR-MINDS, received the Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026 under which category?
- (a) Excellence in Digital Health Governance and Service Delivery through eGovernance Platforms
(b) Innovation in Digital Healthcare Delivery through Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies
(c) Best Public Health Innovation for Digital Inclusion and Citizen Welfare
(d) Digital Transformation in Healthcare Services through Technology Adoption
(e) Innovation by Use of AI and Other New Age Technologies for Providing Citizen-Centric Services Ans. e
80. The Indian Navy will commission INS Mahendragiri (F38), the sixth indigenous stealth frigate under Project 17A, at Visakhapatnam on 11 July, further strengthening India's naval capabilities. INS Mahendragiri has been built by which Indian shipbuilding company?
- (a) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) (b) Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)
(c) Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) (d) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)
(e) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL) Ans. e
81. India and Japan recently signed their first-ever Defence Co-Development Agreement for the joint development and licensed production of which advanced defence system?
- (a) Akash Weapon System (b) Advanced Radar Communication Network
(c) Integrated Naval Surveillance System (d) Maritime Satellite Communication Terminal
(e) UNICORN (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) Ans. e
82. What is the name of the first orbital technology demonstration mission of CosmoServe Space, which aims to demonstrate Active Debris Removal (ADR) technology by performing the world's first soft robotic capture in orbit?
- (a) Mission Parambh for In-Orbit Satellite Servicing
(b) Mission Udaan for Space Robotics Demonstration
(c) Mission Suraksha for Orbital Sustainability
(d) Mission Sankalp for Space Technology Validation
(e) Mission Embrace Ans. e
83. Neymar Jr announced his retirement from international football after which major football tournament?
- (a) UEFA Euro Cup 2026 (b) Copa America 2026 (c) FIFA Club World Cup 2026
(d) AFC Asian Cup 2026 (e) FIFA World Cup 2026 Ans. e
84. Who was honoured with the AAPI Humanitarian Award in the United States for her contributions to healthcare, education, sports, culture and community development?
- (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Ishika Bansal (c) Nita Ambani
(d) Indra Nooyi (e) Sudha Murty Ans. e

85. World Kiswahili Language Day is observed every year on which date?
(a) 5 July (b) 6 July (c) 7 July (d) 8 July (e) 10 July Ans. c
86. Conservative leader Keiko Fujimori has been elected as the President of which country?
(a) Chile (b) Ecuador (c) Peru (d) Bolivia (e) Argentina Ans. c
87. Dilip Asbe, who has been inducted into the SWIFT Supervisory Board, is the MD & CEO of which organisation?
(a) RBI (b) SEBI (c) NABARD (d) NPCI (e) SIDBI Ans. d
88. Which city is hosting the BRICS Women Working Group (WWG) Meeting under India's BRICS Chairship 2026?
(a) Bengaluru (b) Hyderabad (c) Chennai (d) Mumbai (e) Kochi Ans. e
89. Which Ministry organised the 'Reforms Utsav & Chintan Shivir 2026'?
(a) Ministry of Home Affairs (b) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(c) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (d) Ministry of Law and Justice
(e) Ministry of Finance Ans. d
90. Which of the following Indian business leaders is not among the three Indians inducted into the AI for Good Global Commission?
(a) Mukesh Ambani (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj (c) Sunil Bharti Mittal
(d) Lakshmi Mittal (e) All of the above are members Ans. b
91. Who will represent India at the inaugural United Nations Global Dialogue on AI Governance?
(a) S. Jaishankar (b) Ashwini Vaishnaw (c) Piyush Goyal
(d) Rajeev Chandrasekhar (e) Kirti Vardhan Singh Ans. e
92. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched which scheme as the next phase of India's regional air connectivity initiative to improve affordable air travel in Tier-2, Tier-3 cities and remote regions?
(a) Bharat Udaan Mission (b) Regional Aviation Mission (c) UDAN 2.0
(d) National Air Connectivity Scheme (e) Viksit UDAN Scheme Ans. e
93. Which company will establish the ₹2,500 crore defence manufacturing plant at Shivpuri to manufacture ammunition, high-tech weapons, and mission-ready missiles?
(a) Tata Advanced Systems (b) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) (c) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
(d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) (e) Adani Group Ans. e
94. The Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA), which recently came into force, is between India and which country?
(a) France (b) Israel (c) Japan (d) Australia (e) United Arab Emirates Ans. b
95. Australia clinched the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 title, defeating hosts England by 7 wickets in the final at Lord's Cricket Ground, London. How many ICC Women's T20 World Cup titles has Australia won after winning the 2026 edition?
(a) 5 (b) 6 (c) 7 (d) 8 (e) 9 Ans. c
96. Who won the 2026 British Grand Prix?
(a) Max Verstappen (b) Lewis Hamilton (c) Lando Norris
(d) Charles Leclerc (e) George Russell Ans. d
97. Dr. Teejan Bai, who passed away recently, was renowned for which traditional folk art form?
(a) Lavani (b) Yakshagana (c) Pandavani (d) Bihu (e) Nautanki Ans. c
98. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)?
(a) Captain Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Rear Admiral (Retd.) C. Raghuram (c) Admiral Ishika Bansal
(d) Vice Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi (e) Rear Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan Ans. b
99. Jalbhara (Jalbhara Sandesh), which recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, belongs to which state?
(a) Odisha (b) Assam (c) West Bengal (d) Bihar (e) Tripura Ans. c
100. World Chocolate Day is observed every year on which date?
(a) 5 July (b) 6 July (c) 7 July (d) 8 July (e) 9 July Ans. c
101. Global Forgiveness Day is observed every year on which date?
(a) 5 July (b) 6 July (c) 7 July (d) 8 July (e) 9 July Ans. c
102. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has constituted an Expert Committee on Energy Statistics to audit and modernize India's energy data framework. Who is the Chairman of the Expert Committee on Energy Statistics?
(a) R. Chidambaram (b) Ajay Kumar Sood (c) Rangan Banerjee
(d) Shraddha Joshi Raj (e) S. Somanath Ans. c
103. The Government of Delhi has approved the ₹8,300-crore "Clean Air, Healthy Delhi" project, a seven-year initiative (September 2026–August 2033) aimed at reducing air pollution, with _____ funding from the World Bank and the remaining _____ from the Delhi government.
(a) 50% and 50% (b) 60% and 40% (c) 65% and 35% (d) 70% and 30% (e) 75% and 25% Ans. c
104. State Bank of India (SBI) will acquire National Housing Bank (NHB)'s 10% stake in RMBS Development Company (RDCL), a middle-layer NBFC dedicated to residential mortgage-backed securitisation (RMBS). After the stake sale to SBI, NHB's shareholding in RMBS Development Company (RDCL) will decline to:
(a) 49% (b) 39% (c) 35% (d) 29% (e) 25% Ans. d

105. According to the 2026 UNCTAD World Investment Report, by what percentage did India's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows increase in 2025?
(a) 22% (b) 30% (c) 44% (d) 59% (e) 60% Ans. d
106. Which aviation regulator has granted type certification to Embraer's larger E-Jet variants for operations in India?
(a) Airports Authority of India (b) Directorate General of Civil Aviation
(c) Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (d) International Civil Aviation Organization
(e) Federal Aviation Administration Ans. b
107. Which Indian Institute of Management (IIM) will establish its first overseas campus in Indonesia?
(a) Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (b) Indian Institute of Management Calcutta
(c) Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (d) Indian Institute of Management Lucknow
(e) Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode Ans. c
108. India and Indonesia signed initial agreements for the procurement of which two indigenous missile systems?
(a) Akash and Nag (b) BrahMos and Astra (c) Prithvi and Agni-V
(d) Helina and Pinaka (e) QRSAM and SANT Ans. b
109. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred which highest civilian honour of Indonesia during his official state visit to the country in recognition of his contribution to strengthening India-Indonesia relations?
(a) Bintang Mahaputera of Indonesia (b) Satyalancana Wira Karya of Indonesia
(c) Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia (d) Bintang Jasa Utama of Indonesia
(e) Bintang Kartika Eka Paksi of Indonesia Ans. c
110. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi broke the long-standing record of which legendary Indian cricketer to become India's youngest men's international debutant?
(a) Sunil Gavaskar (b) Virat Kohli (c) Sachin Tendulkar (d) MS Dhoni (e) Kapil Dev Ans. c
111. The 36th NATO Summit 2026 was held in which city?
(a) Istanbul (b) Ankara (c) Brussels (d) Paris (e) Rome Ans. b
112. In July 2026, who became the Sikkim mountaineer to successfully scale Mount Elbrus, the highest peak in Europe?
(a) Arunima Sinha (b) Baljeet Kaur (c) Tshering Choden (d) Bachendri Pal (e) Anshu Jamsenpa Ans. c
113. Former Afghanistan fast bowler Shapoor Zadran, who recently passed away, was associated with which sport?
(a) Football (b) Hockey (c) Cricket (d) Tennis (e) Badminton Ans. c
114. In July 2026, PM Narendra Modi addressed the Parliament of which country, becoming the first Indian Prime Minister to do so?
(a) Malaysia (b) Thailand (c) Indonesia (d) Singapore (e) Vietnam Ans. c
115. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director & CEO of South Indian Bank from October 1, 2026?
(a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Mahesh Muralidhar Pai (c) Pralay Mondal
(d) Ramesh Babu (e) Rajesh Kumar Ans. b
116. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Economist and Economic Counsellor of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?
(a) Kristalina Georgieva (b) Gita Gopinath (c) Silvana Tenreiro
(d) Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas (e) Maurice Obstfeld Ans. c
117. Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)?
(a) Aliawati Longkumer (b) Sanjeev Jain (c) Ishika Bansal
(d) Pavan Kapoor (e) Harsh Vardhan Shringla Ans. b
118. Consider the following statements regarding the Reserve Bank-Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS), 2026:
1. It came into effect on July 1, 2026, replacing the earlier Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, 2021.
2. The scheme has been introduced by the Ministry of Finance.
3. There is no upper limit on the value of disputes that can be brought before the RBI Ombudsman.
4. The RBI Ombudsman can award compensation of up to Rs. 30 lakh for consequential financial loss.
5. Compensation of up to Rs. 5 lakh may be awarded for loss of time, expenses incurred, harassment, or mental anguish suffered by the complainant.
Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) Any 2 statements are correct (b) Any 3 statements are correct
(c) Any 1 statement is correct (d) Any 4 statements are correct
(e) All statements are incorrect Ans. b
119. Which authority granted the licence to Punjab & Sind Bank to establish an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU)?
(a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
(b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(c) International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)
(d) Ministry of Finance
(e) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) Ans. c

120. According to the IMF's latest World Economic Outlook (WEO), India's GDP growth forecast for FY 2026–27 has been revised to :
 (a) 6.2% (b) 6.3% (c) 6.4% (d) 6.5% (e) 6.7% Ans. c
121. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto jointly inaugurated the restoration project at which UNESCO World Heritage Site?
 (a) Borobudur Temple (b) Angkor Wat (c) Prambanan Temple Compounds
 (d) Bagan Archaeological Zone (e) My Son Sanctuary Ans. c
122. Which major port has become the second in India, after Visakhapatnam Port, to achieve an operational draft of 18 metres, enabling it to handle fully laden Capesize vessels?
 (a) Jawaharlal Nehru Port (b) Kamarajar Port Limited (c) Paradip Port Authority
 (d) Deendayal Port Authority (e) Chennai Port Ans. b
123. Which 17th-century Buddhist monastery in Nepal has received the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Award for Cultural Heritage Conservation?
 (a) Boudhanath Stupa (b) Swayambhunath Temple (c) Jestha Varna Mahavihar
 (d) Changu Narayan Temple (e) Hiranya Varna Mahavihar Ans. c
124. Which state will host the 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026?
 (a) Karnataka (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Telangana (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Kerala Ans. c
125. Who has become India's 98th Chess Grandmaster (GM)?
 (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Arjun Erigaisi (c) Aswath S
 (d) Nihal Sarin (e) Leon Luke Mendonca Ans. c
126. Batter Tammy Beaumont has announced her retirement from international cricket, with her final match set to be the first-ever women's Test at Lord's against India. Tammy Beaumont represented which country in international cricket?
 (a) Australia (b) New Zealand (c) England (d) Ireland (e) South Africa Ans. c
127. National Fish Farmers Day is observed every year in India on which date?
 (a) 5 July (b) 8 July (c) 10 July (d) 15 July (e) 20 July Ans. c
128. Consider the following statements regarding the appointment of senior IPS officers to key police organisations:
 1. Amit Garg has been appointed as the Director of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), New Delhi.
 2. Alok Kumar Mittal has been appointed as the Director General of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)
 3. Sujeet Pandey has been appointed as the Director of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA), Hyderabad.
 Which of the statements given above are correct?
 (a) Only 1 statement is correct (b) Only 2 statements are correct
 (c) All 3 statements are correct (d) None of the statements are correct
 (e) Only 1 and 3 statements are correct Ans. c
129. InsuranceDekho has appointed whom as its Brand Ambassador?
 (a) Rahul Dravid (b) MS Dhoni (c) Virat Kohli (d) Kapil Dev (e) Sourav Ganguly Ans. e
130. National Commission for Women (NCW) has constituted a high-level Expert Committee to review the regulatory framework governing IVF clinics, ART centres and gamete banks. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the NCW's Expert Committee on the ART sector?
 (a) Justice Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Justice Hima Kohli (c) Justice R. Banumathi
 (d) Justice Gita Mittal (e) Justice Asha Menon Ans. e
131. Sirsa Kinnow has become the first GI-tagged fruit of which state?
 (a) Punjab (b) Rajasthan (c) Himachal Pradesh
 (d) Uttar Pradesh (e) Haryana Ans. e
132. Uttarakhand has recently become the _____ fully literate State in India under the ULLAS – New India Literacy Programme.
 (a) Third (b) Fourth (c) Fifth (d) Seventh (e) Sixth Ans. e
133. Consider the following statements regarding the PM-SETU Scheme:
 1. PM-SETU stands for Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs.
 2. The scheme aims to upgrade 1,000 Government ITIs through 200 hub-and-spoke clusters. ambitiousbaba.com Online Test Series
 3. The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
 4. The expansion of the scheme was approved by the National Steering Committee (NSC) under the MSDE.
 Which of the statements given above is/are INCORRECT?
 (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only (c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (e) all are correct Ans. e
134. Which Union Ministry has launched the Tribex digital learning platform?
 (a) Ministry of Culture, Government of India
 (b) Ministry of Education, Government of India
 (c) Ministry of Textile, Government of India
 (d) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India
 (e) Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India Ans. e

135. Global Energy Independence Day is observed every year on:
 (a) 11 July (b) 16 July (c) 10 July (d) 15 July (e) 28 July Ans. c
136. Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Pragati Project to empower over 20,000 agricultural entrepreneurs and benefit around 20 lakh farmers across the country. The Pragati Project has been launched to support which national vision?
 (a) Digital India (b) Atmanirbhar Bharat (c) Startup India
 (d) Skill India (e) Viksit Bharat Ans. d
137. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) signed an agreement to provide access to the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) with which organisation?
 (a) European Patent Office (EPO), Germany
 (b) United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), USA
 (c) Japan Patent Office (JPO), Japan
 (d) World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), Switzerland
 (e) IP Australia, the Australian Government's Intellectual Property Office Ans. e
138. Which pharmaceutical company has launched Awiqli (Insulin Icodec), the world's first once-weekly basal insulin for adults with diabetes?
 (a) Pfizer (b) Eli Lilly (c) Sanofi (d) Abbott (e) Novo Nordisk Ans. e
139. Giles Thomson, who assumed office as the President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on 1 July 2026, belongs to which country?
 (a) United Kingdom (b) Canada (c) Australia
 (d) Germany (e) France Ans. a
140. Olympic medallist Leander Paes has been appointed as the Player Ambassador of which organisation?
 (a) International Tennis Federation (ITF) (b) All India Tennis Association (AITA)
 (c) Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) (d) Asian Tennis Federation (ATF)
 (e) Davis Cup Committee Ans. d
141. Which state has made the full version of Vande Mataram and the National Anthem Jana Gana Mana compulsory in all schools from 7 July 2026?
 (a) Assam (b) Manipur (c) Meghalaya (d) Mizoram (e) Tripura Ans. e
142. Union Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the Centre of Excellence (COE) on Human-Wildlife Conflict at which institution?
 (a) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, Karnataka
 (b) Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun, Uttarakhand
 (c) Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, Uttarakhand
 (d) Wildlife Institute of India-Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (WII-SACON), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
 (e) Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh Ans. d
143. World Population Day is observed every year on 11 July to raise awareness about global population issues, including family planning, gender equality, maternal health, and sustainable development. What is the theme of World Population Day 2026?
 (a) Leave No One Behind: Count Everyone
 (b) Harnessing the Power of Data for a Resilient Future
 (c) Investing in People for Sustainable Development
 (d) Population and Climate Action for a Better Tomorrow
 (e) Realising the hopes and aspirations of young people – today and for the future Ans. d
144. AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has partnered with which company to launch the AU Zaggle Co-Branded Retail Credit Card?
 (a) Razorpay (b) Pine Labs (c) Zaggle Prepaid Ocean Services Ltd.
 (d) MobiKwik (e) Paytm Payments Bank Ans. c
145. State Bank of India (SBI) will sell a 1.42% stake in which company through a pre-IPO placement?
 (a) SBI Life Insurance (b) SBI General Insurance (c) SBI Funds Management
 (d) SBI Cards and Payment Services (e) SBI Mutual Fund Trustee Company Ans. c
146. Which state-owned company has raised USD 300 million through the issuance of Floating Rate Notes (FRNs)?
 (a) REC Limited (b) NTPC Limited (c) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
 (d) Power Grid Corporation of India (e) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) Ans. d
147. The \$890 million financing package approved by the World Bank for the PM Surya Ghar programme includes an \$820 million loan from which institution?
 (a) International Development Association (IDA)
 (b) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
 (c) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
 (d) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
 (e) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Ans. c

148. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently conducted the Integrated Main Parachute Airdrop Test-05 (IMAT-05) for which upcoming mission?
 (a) Chandrayaan-4 (b) Aditya-L2 (c) Gaganyaan G1 Mission
 (d) SPADEX Mission (e) NISAR Mission Ans. c
149. World Horse Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 8 July (b) 10 July (c) 11 July (d) 15 July (e) 16 July Ans. c
150. The BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting 2026 was held in which Indian city under India's BRICS Chairmanship?
 (a) Bengaluru (b) Hyderabad (c) Kochi (d) Chennai (e) New Delhi Ans. c
151. India inaugurated the International Centre for Civilizational Studies "Manas and Mahabharata" in which country?
 (a) Kazakhstan (b) Uzbekistan (c) Tajikistan (d) Turkmenistan (e) Kyrgyzstan Ans. e
152. Consider the following statements regarding the Global Passport Index 2026:
 1. The Global Passport Index 2026 was released by Henley Passport Group.
 2. Norway secured the 1st position in the Global Passport Index 2026.
 3. India was ranked 125th in the Global Passport Index 2026.
 4. Somalia ranked 197th, the lowest in the index.
 5. The index measures passport strength using 14 indicators.
 Which of the statements given above are correct?
 (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 3 and 5 only (c) 2, 3, 4 and 5 only (d) 1, 3, 4 and 5 only (e) all are correct Ans. b
153. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) launched a monthly webinar series under the National Health Mission (NHM) on World Population Day 2026 to promote healthcare innovation, knowledge sharing, and strengthen public health systems across States and Union Territories. The inaugural webinar of the NHM series focused on which theme?
 (a) Maternal and Reproductive Health (b) Digital Health and Telemedicine
 (c) Immunisation and Nutrition (d) Non-Communicable Diseases
 (e) Anemia, Child and Adolescent Health Ans. e
154. As part of the India–New Zealand Strategic Partnership, how many agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed to strengthen cooperation in areas such as defence, trade, maritime security, agriculture, culture, and scientific research?
 (a) 6 (b) 8 (c) 10 (d) 12 (e) 15 Ans. c
155. What was the name of India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission launched to assist earthquake-hit Venezuela?
 (a) Operation Maitri (b) Operation Shraddha (c) Operation Sadbhavana
 (d) Operation Amistad (e) Operation Samudra Setu Ans. d
156. Who won the Wimbledon 2026 Women's Singles title, claiming her maiden Grand Slam championship?
 (a) Karolina Muchova (b) Marketa Vondrousova (c) Barbora Krejčíková
 (d) Iga Świątek (e) Linda Nosková Ans. e
157. The 19th Governor's Taekwondo Cup, Manipur 2026 is being organised by which organisation?
 (a) Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI) (b) Sports Authority of India (SAI)
 (c) Manipur Olympic Association (d) Youth Affairs and Sports Department, Manipur
 (e) All Manipur Taekwondo Association Ans. e
158. Paper Bag Day is observed every year on:
 (a) 10 July (b) 11 July (c) 12 July (d) 13 July (e) 14 July Ans. c
159. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is establishing a Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research at which location?
 (a) Leh, Ladakh (b) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh (c) Keylong, Himachal Pradesh
 (d) Dehradun, Uttarakhand (e) Gangtok, Sikkim Ans. c
160. Harela, a prominent traditional festival, is primarily celebrated in which region of India?
 (a) Garhwal region of Uttarakhand (b) Kumaon region of Uttarakhand
 (c) Jammu region of Jammu & Kashmir (d) Kangra region of Himachal Pradesh
 (e) Mithila region of Bihar Ans. b
161. Which Indian state is set to develop India's first State-owned Earth Observation Satellite System, named 'AssamSAT'?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Karnataka (c) Assam (d) Odisha (e) Telangana Ans. c
162. Which Indian state became the first to sign the 'Framework for Action – Advanced Clean Energy, Driven Sustainable Development' with the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Karnataka (c) Rajasthan (d) Maharashtra (e) Tamil Nadu Ans. c
163. India's retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), rose to what level in June 2026?
 (a) 3.75% (b) 3.93% (c) 4.10% (d) 4.40% (e) 4.75% Ans. d
164. Which city was ranked as the world's most liveable city in the EIU Global Liveability Index 2026 for the second consecutive year?
 (a) Vienna, Austria (b) Melbourne, Australia (c) Copenhagen, Denmark
 (d) Zurich, Switzerland (e) Tokyo, Japan Ans. d

165. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, who passed away recently, served as the Emir of which country?
(a) Kuwait (b) Bahrain (c) Qatar (d) Oman (e) United Arab Emirates Ans. c
166. Veteran playback singer S. Janaki, who passed away recently, was popularly known by which of the following titles?
(a) Melody Queen of India (b) Nightingale of South India (c) Queen of Ghazals
(d) Bharat Kokila (e) Voice of Karnataka Ans. b
167. Which space agency successfully conducted the first test flight of the experimental reusable rocket 'Reusable Vehicle eXperiment (RV-X)'?
(a) NASA (United States) (b) European Space Agency (ESA)
(c) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) (d) China National Space Administration (CNSA)
(e) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Ans. c
168. The International Cricket Council (ICC) inducted Sourav Ganguly (India), Anjum Chopra (India), and Kevin Pietersen (England) into the ICC Hall of Fame during a ceremony held in Edinburgh, Scotland. Former India women's captain Anjum Chopra became the _____ Indian woman to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.
(a) First (b) Second (c) Third (d) Fourth (e) Fifth Ans. c
169. At the 56th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2026, held in Colombia, India won how many gold medals?
(a) Two (b) Three (c) Four (d) Five (e) Six Ans. d
170. The Indian Army has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for 450 Carl Gustaf Mark-IV (M4) 84mm lightweight rocket launchers, a shoulder-fired, multi-role recoilless weapon system designed for anti-armour and infantry operations. The Carl Gustaf Mark-IV (M4) lightweight rocket launcher is developed by which of the following companies?
(a) Lockheed Martin (USA) (b) Rafael Advanced Defence Systems (Israel)
(c) Saab (Sweden) (d) BAE Systems (United Kingdom)
(e) Thales Group (France) Ans. c
171. Aero India 2027, the 16th edition of Asia's largest airshow, will be held at which of the following locations?
(a) Begumpet Air Force Station, Hyderabad (b) Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru
(c) Hindon Air Force Station, Ghaziabad (d) Lohegaon Air Force Station, Pune
(e) Sulur Air Force Station, Coimbatore Ans. b
172. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has announced the construction of a new Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) of what capacity in Mangalore, Karnataka, to strengthen India's energy security?
(a) 1.25 million metric tonnes (MMT) (b) 1.50 million metric tonnes (MMT)
(c) 1.75 million metric tonnes (MMT) (d) 2.50 million metric tonnes (MMT)
(e) 4.00 million metric tonnes (MMT) Ans. c
173. From which date has the Pink Saheli Smart Card become mandatory for free travel on DTC and cluster buses?
(a) 1 July 2026 (b) 15 July 2026 (c) 31 July 2026 (d) 1 August 2026 (e) 15 August 2026 Ans. d
174. Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda laid the foundation stone of the ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research at which location?
(a) Leh, Ladakh (b) Gangtok, Sikkim (c) Keylong, Himachal Pradesh
(d) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh (e) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh Ans. c
175. The Union Cabinet has approved an additional investment commitment of Rs. 30,000 crore to which institution with the objective of mobilising long-term capital for infrastructure and other strategic sectors?
(a) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
(b) National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)
(c) National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP)
(d) India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL)
(e) National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) Ans. b
176. Australia's largest pension fund manager, AustralianSuper, announced an investment of AU\$500 million (over Rs. 3,300 crore) in which of the following Indian investment platforms to support long-term infrastructure development?
(a) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
(b) National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)
(c) National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP)
(d) India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL)
(e) National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) Ans. b
177. Former _____ Women's captain Heather Knight has announced her retirement from international cricket, ending a distinguished 16-year international career.
(a) Australia (b) India (c) England (d) New Zealand (e) South Africa Ans. c
178. World No. 1 Jannik Sinner successfully defended his Wimbledon men's singles title in 2026, becoming the first player from which country to win the Wimbledon men's singles championship in consecutive years?
(a) Spain (b) Germany (c) France (d) Switzerland (e) Italy Ans. e

179. Which Hyderabad-based Spacetechnology Company became the first recipient of investment from the Antariksh Venture Capital Fund?
 (a) Skyroot Aerospace (b) Agnikul Cosmos (c) Pixxel
 (d) Bellatrix Aerospace (e) Dhruva Space Ans. e
180. China recently achieved a major milestone in reusable space technology by successfully testing an experimental rocket retrieval system using a net attached to an offshore sea platform. Which rocket was used for this mission?
 (a) Long March 5B (b) Long March 7A (c) Long March 8 (d) Falcon 9 (e) Long March 10B Ans. e
181. Jio Platforms Ltd. (JPL) has appointed whom as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?
 (a) Akash Ambani (b) Mathew Oommen (c) Sanjay Mashruwala
 (d) Kiran Thomas (e) Pankaj Pawar Ans. e
182. According to the latest government data, Wholesale Price Index (WPI)- based inflation in India increased to what level in June 2026?
 (a) 8.9% (b) 9.2% (c) 9.5% (d) 9.7% (e) 9.9% Ans. e
183. On the occasion of its 45th Foundation Day, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) launched which programme to promote rural entrepreneurship?
 (a) Shraddha Mission (b) Rural Udyam Mission (c) Startup Gram Bharat
 (d) Village Enterprise Scheme (e) Gramodyam Ans. e
184. Lakhanpur, recently selected for the development of a Street Food Hub under the PM SVANidhi initiative, is located in which district of Jammu & Kashmir?
 (a) Jammu (b) Samba (c) Udhampur (d) Reasi (e) Kathua Ans. e
185. The Department of Posts and the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to conduct:
 (a) India's first satellite communication survey (b) India's first 6G readiness assessment
 (c) A nationwide digital literacy survey (d) A telecom manufacturing capacity survey
 (e) India's largest village-level telecom network performance survey Ans. e
186. Which two agricultural products from North Gujarat have recently been granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags by the Geographical Indications Registry of India?
 (a) Turmeric and Coriander (b) Cardamom and Black Pepper (c) Mustard and Fenugreek
 (d) Saffron and Cumin (e) Unjha Cumin and Unjha Fennel Ans. e
187. Who was honoured with the Fortune India Most Powerful Women Honour at the event held in Mumbai, Maharashtra?
 (a) Roshni Nadar (b) Dr. Priti Adani (c) Savitri Jindal (d) Shraddha Joshi Raj (e) Nita Ambani Ans. e
188. World Youth Skills Day is observed every year on 15 July to highlight the importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, entrepreneurship, and sustainable development. What is the theme of World Youth Skills Day 2026?
 (a) Skills for a Digital World (b) Youth Skills for Sustainable Growth
 (c) Empowering Youth Through Education (d) Skills for a Shared Future
 (e) Building Skills for Tomorrow Ans. d
189. India and New Zealand have set a target to increase their annual bilateral trade in goods and services to how much by 2030?
 (a) Rs. 35,000 crore (b) Rs. 25,000 crore (c) Rs. 40,000 crore (d) Rs. 50,000 crore (e) Rs. 30,000 crore Ans. a
190. What is the name of the official mascot unveiled for the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026?
 (a) Shera (b) Mayur (c) Gajraj (d) Veer (e) Garuda Ans. b
191. Which public sector bank has launched 'FinSpark'26', a national-level cybersecurity hackathon to promote innovative solutions for banking security challenges?
 (a) Bank of Baroda (b) Punjab National Bank (c) Bank of Maharashtra
 (d) Canara Bank (e) Union Bank of India Ans. c
192. Sahitya Akademi Award-winning Tamil writer Poomani passed away in Chennai. He was widely known for portraying the karisal bhoomi (rain-fed black-soil region) of southern Tamil Nadu. Which National Award-winning film was adapted from Poomani's novel Vekkai?
 (a) Karnan (b) Jai Bhim (c) Pariyerum Perumal (d) Asuran (e) Viduthalai Ans. d
193. Who became the first woman to score a century in a Women's Test match at Lord's during the historic India-England Test?
 (a) Harmanpreet Kaur (b) Smriti Mandhana (c) Jemimah Rodrigues
 (d) Yastika Bhatia (e) Shraddha Joshi Ans. d
194. The 'Pillale Sampada' initiative launched by the Andhra Pradesh Government focuses on:
 (a) Population control through family planning
 (b) Population conservation and balanced population growth
 (c) Urban migration management
 (d) Skill development for youth
 (e) Digital governance reforms Ans. b

195. India and Poland recently held bilateral talks in New Delhi to strengthen cooperation in which sector?
(a) Agriculture (b) Defence (c) MSME (d) Renewable Energy (e) Tourism Ans. c
196. Consider the following statements regarding the Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath:
1. The Rath Yatra begins from the Shree Jagannath Temple in Puri.
2. Lord Jagannath, Lord Bahudar and Devi Subhadra give darshan to devotees from their chariots. W
3. Bahuda Yatra is the return journey of the deities to the Shree Jagannath Temple.
4. The Rath Yatra concludes at the Shree Gundicha Temple.
5. The procession covers a distance of nearly 13 kilometres between the two temples. W
Which of the statements given above are correct?
(a) 1, 2, 3 and 5 only (b) 1, 4 and 5 only (c) 1, 3, 4 and 5 (d) 2, 3 and 4 only (e) 1, 3 and 4 only Ans. e
197. World Snake Day is observed every year on:
(a) 8 July (b) 12 July (c) 16 July (d) 20 July (e) 28 July Ans. c
198. Thailand has reduced the maximum visa-free stay for Indian passport holders from 60 days to how many days?
(a) 30 days (b) 45 days (c) 90 days (d) 15 days (e) 50 days Ans. a
199. During his visit to New Zealand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented which two traditional Indian gifts to Prime Minister Christopher Luxon?
(a) Dhokra Tree of Life sculpture and Uttarakhandi Cap (b) Madhubani Painting and Banarasi Shawl
(c) Pashmina Shawl and Channapatna Toys (d) Warli Painting and Blue Pottery Vase
(e) Bastar Bell Metal Lamp and Kashmiri Carpet Ans. a
200. India and Australia recently finalised an Administrative Arrangement under which agreement?
(a) Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement
(b) Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement
(c) Free Trade Agreement
(d) Mutual Defence Cooperation Agreement
(e) Strategic Energy Partnership Agreement Ans. a
201. The Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which organisation to promote joint technical research, standardisation activities, innovation, and collaborative studies in broadcasting technologies?
(a) Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL) (b) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
(c) Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) (d) Prasar Bharati
(e) Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) Ans. a
202. Which state has announced that 2027 will be celebrated as the "Year of Youth"?
(a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Uttar Pradesh (c) Rajasthan
(d) Gujarat (e) Maharashtra Ans. a
203. Indian-origin NASA astronaut Anil Menon launched to the International Space Station (ISS) aboard Russia's Soyuz MS-29 spacecraft, marking his first spaceflight on an eight-month mission. The Soyuz MS-29 spacecraft was launched from which spaceport?
(a) Kennedy Space Center, USA (b) Satish Dhawan Space Centre, India
(c) Vostochny Cosmodrome, Russia (d) Guiana Space Centre, French Guiana
(e) Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan Ans. e
204. Bharat Tex 2026, India's largest global textile event, was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Bharat Tex 2026 was the _____ edition of the event.
(a) Third (b) First (c) Second (d) Fourth (e) Fifth Ans. a
205. India Post recorded its highest-ever first-quarter revenue of how much in Q1 of FY 2026–27?
(a) Rs. 4,009 crore (b) Rs. 4,951 crore (c) Rs. 19,803 crore (d) Rs. 3,800 crore (e) Rs. 5,200 crore Ans. a
206. Mangaluru International Airport has received which level of accreditation under the Airports Council International (ACI) Airport Customer Experience Accreditation Programme?
(a) Level 5 (b) Level 4 (c) Level 3 (d) Level 2 (e) Level 1 Ans. a
207. India's Samridh Gram Initiative has won the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2026 in which category?
(a) Enabling Environment (b) Digital Innovation (c) Smart Governance
(d) ICT for Education (e) Sustainable Development Ans. a
208. In July 2026, Indian sprinter Animesh Kujur recorded the fastest-ever 100m time by an Indian on foreign soil with a timing of:
(a) 10.14 seconds (b) 10.09 seconds (c) 10.18 seconds (d) 10.21 seconds (e) 10.25 seconds Ans. a
209. Who released the book "The Voice of Justice: Justice Gavai Speaks"?
(a) Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan (b) President Droupadi Murmu
(c) Prime Minister Narendra Modi (d) Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai
(e) Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal Ans. a

210. Consider the following statements regarding India's first hydrogenpowered train:
1. It was flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi between Jind and Sonipat.
 2. It has been developed using indigenous technology.
 3. The train emits only water vapour during operation and requires continuous overhead electrification like conventional electric trains.
 4. It consists of a 10-coach formation, can carry around 2,600 passengers, and is powered by a 3,200-horsepower propulsion system.
 5. Germany and China currently operate hydrogen-powered trains with more coaches than India.
- Which of the statements given above are INCORRECT?
- (a) 1, 2 and 4 only (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only (c) 3 and 5 only
(d) 1 and 5 only (e) 1, 3 and 5 only Ans. c
211. Operation Southern Readiness 26-2 will be hosted by which organisation?
- (a) Indian Navy (b) Indian Coast Guard (c) Indian Air Force
(d) Border Security Force (BSF) (e) National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Ans. a
212. Who has been appointed as the Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)?
- (a) Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala (b) Dr. Shraddha Joshi Raj (c) Dr. Ishika Bansal
(d) Dr. Ajay Kumar Sood (e) Dr. R. Umamaheshwaran Ans. a
213. With reference to the Parivartan Scheme, consider the following statements :
1. It aims to replace old polluting trucks and buses operating in the National Capital Region (NCR).
 2. The scheme promotes the adoption of Bharat Stage (BS)-V-compliant and electric vehicles.
 3. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is the implementing ministry.
 4. The total financial outlay of the scheme is ₹9,585 crore.
 5. The Parivartan Scheme provides a minimum 10% OEM discount on eligible new vehicles.
 6. It provides one-time financial assistance for electric replacement vehicles.
- Which of the statements given above are incorrect?
- (a) 1, 4, 5 and 6 only (b) 1, 3 and 5 only (c) 2, 3 and 5 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 6 (e) All are correct Ans. c
214. With reference to the recent investment in Ather Energy, consider the following statements:
1. The Central Government will invest Rs. 200 crore in Ather Energy through the India-Japan Fund.
 2. The investment is part of Ather Energy's proposed Rs. 1,200-crore preferential fundraising.
 3. The investment will be made through the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Ltd. (NIIFL).
 4. Hero MotoCorp will invest through convertible warrants.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- (a) 1, 3 and 4 only (b) 1, 2 and 4 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 4 only (e) all are correct Ans. e
215. Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) launched its first scheduled international flight to which destination?
- (a) Abu Dhabi (b) Dubai (c) Doha (d) Muscat (e) Riyadh Ans. a
216. World Day for International Justice is observed every year on 17 July to promote international criminal justice and strengthen the fight against genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and the crime of aggression. What is the theme of World Day for International Justice 2026?
- (a) Justice for All: A Global Commitment
(b) Peace Through Law and Equality
(c) Promoting Justice, Accountability, and Human Rights Worldwide
(d) Building a Fair and Inclusive World
(e) Strengthening Global Rule of Law Ans. c
217. World Emoji Day is observed every year on which date?
- (a) 17 July (b) 16 July (c) 18 July (d) 20 July (e) 21 July Ans. a
218. Nelson Mandela International Day is observed every year on which date?
- (a) 18 July (b) 17 July (c) 20 July (d) 21 July (e) 22 July Ans. a
219. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 75 redeveloped railway stations under which scheme?
- (a) PM Gati Shakti Scheme (b) Bharatmala Pariyojana (c) National Rail Plan
(d) Smart Stations Mission (e) Amrit Bharat Station Scheme Ans. e
220. What is the title of the report released by NITI Aayog on India's BioEconomy?
- (a) BioVision India 2047 (b) National Biotechnology Mission 2035
(c) India BioGrowth Strategy 2040 (d) BioEconomy Development Framework 2035
(e) Roadmap for Building India as a Leading BioEconomy Powerhouse by 2035 Ans. e
221. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released India's first Trial Index of Services Production (ISP). The first Trial Index of Services Production (ISP) released by MoSPI covers which month?
- (a) January 2026 (b) March 2026 (c) April 2026 (d) May 2026 (e) June 2026 Ans. c
222. Renowned poet, lyricist, and writer R. Vairamuthu has been selected for the 60th Jnanpith Award (2025), India's highest literary honour. R. Vairamuthu is primarily associated with which Indian language?
- (a) Kannada (b) Malayalam (c) Telugu (d) Hindi (e) Tamil Ans. e

223. Which film won the Best Feature Film award at the 72nd National Film Awards (2024)?
(a) Kalki 2898 AD (b) Amaran (c) Chandu Champion (d) Captain Miller (e) Article 370 Ans. e
224. India achieved its best-ever performance at the 58th International Chemistry Olympiad (ICHO) 2026, with all four team members winning gold medals for the first time. The 58th IChO 2026 was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, from 10–19 July 2026, with 363 students from 93 countries, making it the largest edition of the Olympiad. Which of the following Indian students won gold medals at the 58th International Chemistry Olympiad (ICHO) 2026?
1. Shraddha Joshi Raj 2. Debadatta Priyadarshi 3. Harshit Singla
4. Ishika Bansal 5. Kabeer Chillar 6. Sandeep Kuchi
Select the correct answer using the code below:
(a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) 2, 3, 4 and 5 (c) 3, 4, 5 and 6 (d) 2, 3, 5 and 6 (e) 3, 4, 5 and 6 Ans. d
225. India's first privately developed orbital rocket Vikram-1 has been developed by which of the following?
(a) Agnikul Cosmos (b) Skyroot Aerospace (c) NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)
(d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) (e) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) Ans. b
226. Cricket legend Sir Garfield Sobers, who passed away recently at the age of 89, represented which country in international cricket?
(a) Australia (b) England (c) South Africa (d) West Indies (e) New Zealand Ans. d
227. With reference to the FIFA World Cup 2026, consider the following statements :
1. Spain won its second FIFA Men's World Cup title by defeating Argentina in the final.
2. The 2026 edition was the first FIFA World Cup to feature 36 teams.
3. The tournament was jointly hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada.
4. Spain became the second nation to simultaneously hold both the FIFA Men's and FIFA Women's World Cup titles.
5. France's Kylian Mbappé became the first player to win the Golden Boot at multiple FIFA World Cups.
6. Spain previously won the FIFA Men's World Cup in 2006.
Which of the statements given above are incorrect?
(a) 1, 2, and 6 only (b) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 only (c) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6
(d) 2, 4 and 6 only (e) 1, 3, 5 and 6 only Ans. d
228. PV Sindhu created history by becoming the first Indian shuttler to win which of the following badminton tournaments?
(a) All England Open (b) China Open (c) Japan Open
(d) Indonesia Open (e) Malaysia Open Ans. d
229. National Flag Adoption Day is observed in India on 21 July every year to commemorate the adoption of the Tiranga by the Constituent Assembly on 21 July 1947. Who designed the Indian National Flag?
(a) B. R. Ambedkar (b) Mahatma Gandhi (c) Jawaharlal Nehru
(d) Pingali Venkayya (e) Rajendra Prasad Ans. d
230. International Moon Day is observed every year on:
(a) 20 July (b) 21 July (c) 22 July (d) 16 July (e) 24 July Ans. d
231. Recently, who became the 59th Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?
(a) Keir Starmer (b) Boris Johnson (c) Rishi Sunak (d) Andy Burnham (e) David Cameron Ans. d
232. Recently, who was elected as the Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)?
(a) Julius Maada Bio (b) Bola Ahmed Tinubu (c) Bassirou Diomaye Faye
(d) Patrice Talon (e) Alassane Ouattara Ans. c
233. Recently, Policybazaar appointed whom as its new Brand Ambassador?
(a) Shah Rukh Khan (b) Amitabh Bachchan (c) Aamir Khan
(d) Akshay Kumar (e) Salman Khan Ans. b
234. India's core infrastructure sectors recorded what percentage growth in June 2026?
(a) 3% (b) 4% (c) 5% (d) 6% (e) 7% Ans. c
235. Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport, which was seen in the news recently, is located at:
(a) Amaravati (b) Vijayawada (c) Tirupati (d) Bhogapuram (e) Visakhapatnam Ans. d
236. India recently commissioned its first and deepest geothermal wells in which location?
(a) Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh (b) Puga Valley, Ladakh (c) Kutch, Gujarat
(d) Chamoli, Uttarakhand (e) Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Ans. b
237. Recently, who has been selected for the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026?
(a) Amit Shah (b) Rajnath Singh (c) Ajit Doval (d) S. Jaishankar (e) Nitin Gadkari Ans. c
238. Rahul Himalian, who was seen in the news recently, has been given the additional charge of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of which organization?
(a) RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.
(b) Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC)
(c) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)
(d) Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL)
(e) Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) Ans. c

239. The official mascot 'Peacko', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which sporting event?
 (a) Thomas Cup 2026 (b) Sudirman Cup 2026 (c) BWF World Championships 2026
 (d) Asian Games 2026 (e) Commonwealth Games 2026 Ans. c
240. The VISHWAS 2026 scheme, which was seen in the news recently, has been launched by which organisation?
 (a) Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)
 (b) National Pension System Trust (NPST)
 (c) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)
 (d) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
 (e) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Ans. d
241. 'Operation Jal Rahat' was launched to assist which state in flood rescue and relief operations?
 (a) Bihar (b) Assam (c) Meghalaya (d) Arunachal Pradesh (e) Tripura Ans. b
242. Which organisation has launched the Digital Local Pass facility and MargMitra Help Centre on the RajmargYatra mobile application?
 (a) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) (b) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
 (c) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) (d) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
 (e) Indian Road Congress (IRC) Ans. a
243. Which of the following Ministries has launched the pilot phase of the nationwide "Gems of India Challenge" to identify, nurture, and promote grassroots digital creators?
 (a) Ministry of Culture
 (b) Ministry of Tourism
 (c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
 (d) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 (e) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports Ans. c
244. According to the data presented in Parliament, what was India's provisional debt-to-GDP ratio at the end of FY26, reflecting an improvement in the country's overall fiscal position?
 (a) 56.8% (b) 57.5% (c) 58.2% (d) 59.0% (e) 60.1% Ans. c
245. Which regulatory body has opened the continuous 'on-tap' registration window for prospective Pension Fund Managers under the National Pension System (NPS)?
 (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
 (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 (c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
 (d) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
 (e) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) Ans. d
246. Which country will host the 14th South Asian Games (XIV South Asian Games) scheduled to be held from 23 to 31 March 2027?
 (a) India (b) Bangladesh (c) Sri Lanka (d) Nepal (e) Pakistan Ans. e
247. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog for a period of two years by the Central Government?
 (a) Amitabh Kant (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj (c) B.V.R. Subrahmanyam
 (d) T.V. Somanathan (e) Anurag Jain Ans. e
248. Who has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at the Museum of the City of Skopje during a state visit to North Macedonia?
 (a) Narendra Modi (b) Jagdeep Dhankhar (c) S. Jaishankar
 (d) Om Birla (e) Droupadi Murmu Ans. e
249. France recently became the first European Union country to ban social media access for children below which age?
 (a) 13 years (b) 14 years (c) 15 years (d) 16 years (e) 12 years Ans. c
250. India is hosting the 16th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting in Chandigarh as a three-day event, bringing together Health Ministers and senior officials from BRICS countries to strengthen cooperation on global health issues. The theme of the 16th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting is:
 (a) Health for All through Innovation
 (b) One Earth, One Health
 (c) Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
 (d) Universal Health for a Sustainable Future
 (e) None of above Ans. c
251. Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the Lakadong Turmeric Mission – Golden Spice in New Delhi along with Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma. The mission, launched under the Ministry of DoNER's Unlock the Economic Potential of India's Northeast (USP) initiative, has an outlay of over Rs. 175 crore. The Lakadong Turmeric Mission is planned to be implemented over which period?
 (a) 2024–2028 (b) 2025–2029 (c) 2025–2030 (d) 2026–2031 (e) 2026–2030 Ans. c

252. Rajasthan launched the Mukhyamantri Yuva Suyog platform in July 2026 from Jaipur to promote sports, skill development, employment opportunities, and community engagement among youth at the panchayat and ward levels.
Which of the following sports is NOT included under the Mukhyamantri Yuva Suyog platform?
(a) Cricket (b) Kabaddi (c) Volleyball (d) Hockey (e) Basketball Ans. e
253. National Thermal Engineer Day is observed every year on:
(a) 22 July (b) 23 July (c) 24 July (d) 25 July (e) 26 July Ans. c
254. Which state has renamed the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme as the Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme?
(a) Maharashtra (b) Uttar Pradesh (c) Punjab (d) Tamil Nadu (e) Haryana Ans. d
255. World Brain Day is observed every year on 22 July to raise awareness about brain health, neurological disorders, and the importance of early diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. What is the theme of World Brain Day 2026?
(a) Brain Health for All Ages (b) Healthy Brain, Healthy Life (c) Protect Your Brain
(d) Brain Health: Access for All (e) Brain Health for Everyone Ans. d
256. Which of the following locations have been approved by the Central Government for the development of the two new Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) in Tamil Nadu?
(a) Hosur and Coimbatore (b) Chennai and Madurai (c) Manallur and Pillapaikkam
(d) Salem and Tiruppur (e) Tirunelveli and Erode Ans. c
257. With reference to railway electrification in India, consider the following statements :
1. India has electrified 99.6% of its broad gauge railway network.
2. India is the most electrified major railway system in the world.
3. China has achieved 100% railway electrification.
4. Between 2014 and 2026, Indian Railways electrified more route kilometres than it did during the nearly six decades before 2014.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1, 3 and 4 only (c) 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (e) 1 and 4 only Ans. e
258. NABARD signed an MoU with which organisation to promote green and climate-resilient infrastructure in rural India?
(a) Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)
(b) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
(c) Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology (MAHAPREIT)
(d) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
(e) National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) Ans. c
259. Carnelian Asset Management & Advisors has received approval from which regulatory body to launch its mutual fund business?
(a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
(b) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
(c) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
(d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(e) Ministry of Finance Ans. d
260. Which of the following expeditions became India's first-ever tri-services all-women global circumnavigation mission, successfully sailing around the world onboard IASV Triveni?
(a) Sagar Shraddha (b) Samudra Setu (c) Samudra Shakti
(d) Samudra Pradakshina (e) Sagar Parikrama Ans. d
261. Who became India's 99th Chess Grandmaster after crossing the 2500 Elo rating mark at the Guwahati Smart City International Open 2026?
(a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Leon Luke Mendonca (c) Nihal Sarin
(d) V.S. Rathnvel (e) Ishika Bansal Ans. d
262. National Mango Day is observed every year on which date?
(a) 15 July (b) 18 July (c) 20 July (d) 22 July (e) 25 July Ans. d
263. Vaibhav Sooryavanshi became the youngest player to score a T20I fifty against Zimbabwe in Harare recently. At what age did Vaibhav Sooryavanshi become the youngest player to score a T20I fifty?
(a) 16 years and 56 days (b) 15 years and 150 days (c) 15 years and 130 days
(d) 16 years and 10 days (e) 15 years and 118 days Ans. e
264. Which venue has been confirmed to host the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Final 2027?
(a) Lord's, London (b) Edgbaston, Birmingham (c) Old Trafford, Manchester
(d) Headingley, Leeds (e) The Oval, London Ans. e
265. Who has taken charge as the Interim President of the International Chess Federation (FIDE)?
(a) Magnus Carlsen (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj (c) Vladimir Kramnik
(d) Viswanathan Anand (e) Ding Liren Ans. d

266. The Union Cabinet approved the BHAVYA Rasayan scheme with an outlay of Rs. 3,030 crore to establish three dedicated chemical parks across India during FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31. The acronym 'BHAVYA' in the BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme stands for:
 (a) Bharat Heavy Advanced Vision for Yields and Agriculture
 (b) Bharat High-tech Venture for Young Agriculture
 (c) Bharat Horticulture and Village Advancement Yojana
 (d) Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan
 (e) Bharat Advanced Value-added Yojana for Agrochemicals Ans. d
267. Which of the following states has recently approved the establishment of Vishnu Women's University, which will become the state's first private women's university?
 (a) Telangana (b) Karnataka (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Andhra Pradesh (e) Kerala Ans. d
268. Punjab National Bank (PNB) has signed an MoU with which organisation to establish India's first Quantum Finance Innovation Hub for the banking sector?
 (a) NITI Aayog (b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 (c) Andhra Pradesh Quantum Mission (d) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)
 (e) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Ans. c
269. Which bank has launched the 'Gen Z Tech Loan' scheme to help students purchase laptops and tablets for educational purposes?
 (a) State Bank of India (b) Punjab National Bank (c) Canara Bank
 (d) Bank of Baroda (e) Kerala State Cooperative Bank Ans. e
270. World Embryologist Day is observed every year on 25 July to recognise the contribution of embryologists in the field of reproductive medicine, assisted reproductive technologies (ART), and fertility treatments. What was the theme of World Embryologist Day 2026?
 (a) Science for a Better Tomorrow (b) Advancing Medical Innovation Through Research
 (c) Fertility Care for All (d) Creating Hope, Advancing Fertility, Transforming Lives
 (e) Technology and Human Health Ans. d
271. Viyona has received approval from which system to operate as a Customer Operating Unit (COU)?
 (a) Unified Payments Interface (UPI) (b) Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)
 (c) National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) (d) Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)
 (e) National Automated Clearing House (NACH) Ans. b
272. The 23rd Commonwealth Games 2026 officially began in which city?
 (a) Birmingham (b) Glasgow (c) London (d) Manchester (e) Cardiff Ans. b
273. Which organisation successfully conducted the maiden flight test of the indigenous Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM) Kusha?
 (a) ISRO (b) HAL (c) DRDO (d) BEL (e) BDL Ans. c
274. HCLTech will establish its first AI Data Centre with a planned investment of Rs. 14,257 crore in which state?
 (a) Karnataka (b) Telangana (c) Odisha (d) Tamil Nadu (e) Gujarat Ans. c
275. Mohammed Shahabuddin, who was seen in the news recently after resigning from his post, was the President of which country?
 (a) Pakistan (b) Bangladesh (c) Sri Lanka (d) Nepal (e) Maldives Ans. b
276. The Indian Navy recently inducted INS Malvan as the second AntiSubmarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) of which class?
 (a) Nilgiri-class Frigate (b) Visakhapatnam-class Destroyer
 (c) Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (d) Kamorta-class Corvette
 (e) Shivalik-class Frigate Ans. c
277. Which village has recently become Tamil Nadu's first fully operational Climate-Resilient Village (CRV) under the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission (TNCCM)?
 (a) Chomu (b) Nagapattinam (c) Killai (d) Velankanni (e) Cuddalore Ans. c
278. The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has launched Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) with the primary objective of:
 (a) Promoting gold mining in India
 (b) Formalising the gold market through a transparent and regulated trading platform
 (c) Replacing sovereign gold bonds completely
 (d) Regulating jewellery exports only
 (e) Fixing the international price of gold Ans. b
279. Glomo, which was seen in the news recently, became India's first non-bank acquirer to receive Principal Membership from which global payment network?
 (a) Mastercard (b) American Express (c) Visa (d) RuPay (e) Discover Ans. d
280. EnKash, which was seen in the news recently, launched India's first Meal Card with which payment feature?
 (a) NFC-based offline payments only (b) Credit card EMI facility (c) UPI-based payment capability
 (d) CBDC payment integration (e) Biometric payment system Ans. c

281. Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed every year on which date to commemorate India's victory in the Kargil War (1999)?
 (a) 15 July (b) 26 July (c) 26 July (d) 25 July (e) 23 July Ans. c
282. The International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem is observed every year on 26 July to raise awareness about the importance of mangroves in protecting coastal ecosystems and supporting biodiversity. What is the theme of the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem 2026?
 (a) Restore Wetlands, Restore Nature
 (b) Healthy Mangroves for Sustainable Blue Economy and Climate Resilience
 (c) Protect Forests, Protect Life
 (d) Oceans for a Sustainable Future
 (e) Green Coasts, Green Planet Ans. b
283. World Embryologist Day is observed every year on which date?
 (a) 21 July (b) 23 July (c) 25 July (d) 28 July (e) 30 July Ans. c
284. World Drowning Prevention Day is observed every year on which date in July?
 (a) 10 July (b) 15 July (c) 25 July (d) 28 July (e) 30 July Ans. c
285. Pralhad Joshi assumed charge as the Union Education Minister after the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan. Which of the following portfolios does Pralhad Joshi continue to hold along with the Education Ministry?
 (a) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
 (b) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
 (c) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers
 (d) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)
 (e) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Ans. e
286. Who won India's first medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026?
 (a) Jhandu Kumar (b) Anahat Singh (c) Neeraj Chopra (d) Lovepreet Singh (e) Ravi Kumar Ans. a
287. Who has been reappointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Axis Bank for a further three-year term from October 27, 2026, to October 26, 2029, subject to his reappointment as an Independent Director?
 (a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) N. S. Vishwanathan (c) iShika Bansal
 (d) M. Rajeshwar Rao (e) T. Rabi Sankar Ans. b
288. BNP Paribas Cardif has signed a definitive agreement to acquire an approximately 26% stake in which insurance company?
 (a) SBI Life Insurance (b) HDFC Life Insurance (c) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
 (d) Max Life Insurance (e) IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ans. e
289. Kanwar Lake (Kabartal Wetland), recently in the news, is located in which district of Bihar?
 (a) Patna (b) Gaya (c) Darbhanga (d) Muzaffarpur (e) Begusarai Ans. e
290. UNESCO has inscribed the Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath (Uttar Pradesh) on the World Heritage List during the 48th Session of the World Heritage Committee held in Busan, South Korea. With the inclusion of Sarnath, how many UNESCO World Heritage Sites does India now have?
 (a) 42 (b) 43 (c) 44 (d) 45 (e) 46 Ans. d
291. President Droupadi Murmu was conferred the honorary title of Doctor Honoris Causa by which institution?
 (a) University of Bucharest (b) Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy
 (c) Babes-Bolyai University (d) Bucharest University of Economic Studies
 (e) Politehnica University of Bucharest Ans. d
292. Satya Pal Kumar has been appointed as the Director of which organisation under the Ministry of Finance?
 (a) Enforcement Directorate (ED) (b) Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
 (c) Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) (d) Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO)
 (e) Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) Ans. c
293. Who became the first Indian squash player to win the World Squash Junior Championships title in 2026?
 (a) Joshna Chinappa (b) Shraddha Joshi Raj (c) Aryaveer Dewan
 (d) Anahat Singh (e) Yusha Nafees Ans. d
294. Mirabai Chanu won India's first gold medal at the 2026 Commonwealth Games by clinching the title in which weightlifting event?
 (a) Women's 49 kg Weightlifting event (b) Women's 55 kg Weightlifting event
 (c) Women's 59 kg Weightlifting event (d) Women's 45 kg Weightlifting event
 (e) Women's 48 kg Weightlifting event Ans. e
295. Which Union Minister inaugurated the Laghu Udyog Bharati Pharma Conclave 2026 in New Delhi?
 (a) Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Jagat Prakash Nadda
 (b) Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal
 (c) Minister of Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh
 (d) Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Jagat Prakash Nadda
 (e) Minister of Heavy Industries, H. D. Kumaraswamy Ans. d

296. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the new Income Tax Department office complex, 'Aayakar Sindhu', in which city?
(a) New Delhi (b) Chennai (c) Bengaluru (d) Kolkata (e) Mumbai Ans. e
297. Where was the AI Holobox of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee inaugurated?
(a) National Museum, New Delhi (b) Parliament Museum, New Delhi
(c) National Archives of India (d) Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya, New Delhi
(e) Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum Ans. d
298. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the high-powered task force on examination reforms constituted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
(a) Former ISRO Chairman S. Somanath (b) Former IB Director Tapan Deka
(c) Nandan Nilekani, renowned technology expert (d) IIT Madras Director V. Kamakoti
(e) Former Education Secretary Anita Karwal Ans. c
299. The 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2026 will be held in which city?
(a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi (c) Chennai (d) Hyderabad (e) Goa Ans. e
300. CRPF Foundation Day is observed every year on 27 July to commemorate the raising of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in 1939, originally as the Crown Representative's Police. In which year was the Crown Representative's Police renamed as the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?
(a) 1947 (b) 1948 (c) 1949 (d) 1950 (e) 1952 Ans. c
301. World Head and Neck Cancer Day is observed every year on which date?
(a) 24 July (b) 25 July (c) 26 July (d) 27 July (e) 28 July Ans. d
302. Keshav Chandra has assumed charge as the Secretary of which ministry?
(a) Ministry of Coal (b) Ministry of Steel (c) Ministry of Mines
(d) Ministry of Heavy Industries (e) Ministry of Power Ans. c
303. During President Droupadi Murmu's State Visit to Romania, India and Romania signed how many agreements, and these agreements were related to which sectors?
(a) Two agreements – Defence and Space
(b) Four agreements – Trade, Tourism, and Agriculture
(c) Three agreements – Science & Technology, Education, and Sports
(d) Five agreements – Energy, Banking, and Transport
(e) Six agreements – Healthcare, Railways, and Mining Ans. c
304. Venezuela formally notified the United Nations of its decision to withdraw from which international organisation on 24 July 2026?
(a) International Court of Justice (ICJ) (b) United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
(c) International Labour Organization (ILO) (d) International Criminal Court (ICC)
(e) World Trade Organization (WTO) Ans. d
305. The Ministry of Tourism signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which airline to promote India as a preferred global tourism destination under the 'Incredible India' brand?
(a) IndiGo (b) Akasa Air (c) SpiceJet (d) Vistara (e) Air India Ans. e
306. Which organisation designed India's first indigenous Expendable Turbo Jet Engine in the 350 kg thrust class?
(a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) (b) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
(c) Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) (d) ISRO
(e) DRDO's Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) Ans. e
307. Gyaneshwari Yadav won her medal in which event at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026?
(a) Women's 49 kg Weightlifting (b) Women's 55 kg Weightlifting
(c) Women's 59 kg Weightlifting (d) Women's 53 kg Weightlifting
(e) Women's 64 kg Weightlifting Ans. d
308. Which team won the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) Season 7 title by defeating Dempo Goa Challengers in the final?
(a) Jaipur Patriots (b) Chennai Lions (c) Kolkata ThunderBlades
(d) Ahmedabad SG Pipers (e) U Mumba TT Ans. e
309. Veteran sports journalist Jaswinder Singh Sidhu, who recently passed away, was primarily associated with which field of journalism?
(a) Political Journalism (b) Business Journalism (c) Entertainment Journalism
(d) Investigative Journalism (e) Sports Journalism Ans. e
310. International Day for Women and Girls of African Descent is observed every year on which date?
(a) 21 July (b) 23 July (c) 24 July (d) 25 July (e) 26 July Ans. d
311. International Day on Judicial Well-being is observed every year on which date?
(a) 22 July (b) 23 July (c) 24 July (d) 25 July (e) 26 July Ans. d
312. World Hepatitis Day is observed every year on 28 July to raise awareness about viral hepatitis, promote prevention, early diagnosis, and improve access to treatment and care. What is the theme of World Hepatitis Day 2026?
(a) Hepatitis Can't Wait (b) Bringing Hepatitis Care Closer to You (c) Eliminate Hepatitis Now
(d) Hepatitis Free Future (e) Hepatitis: Let's Break It Down Ans. e

313. Which country successfully launched the Gravity-1 Y4 commercial rocket, placing nine satellites into orbit?
(a) Japan (b) India (c) Russia (d) United States (e) China Ans. e
314. The Union Government has approved the DISHA 2.0 (Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice) Scheme for the period 2026–31 with what total financial outlay?
(a) Rs. 150 crore (b) Rs. 200 crore (c) Rs. 255 crore (d) Rs. 355 crore (e) Rs. 500 crore Ans. c
315. Which bank became the first Southeast Asian bank to be named the "World's Best Corporate Bank" at the 2026 Global Bank Awards by Global Finance?
(a) OCBC Bank (b) United Overseas Bank (c) Maybank
(d) CIMB Bank (e) DBS Bank Ans. e
316. The Government of India approved the RBI's proposal to conduct field trials of 1 billion polymer banknotes each in the ₹10 and ₹20 denominations. Under which section of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, was the proposal for polymer banknotes approved?
(a) Section 17 (b) Section 22 (c) Section 25 (d) Section 35A (e) Section 45 Ans. c
317. India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) recorded what growth rate in June 2026?
(a) 5.3% (b) 6.1% (c) 7.3% (d) 7.8% (e) 10.6% Ans. c
318. How much did private sector banks collect as Minimum Average Balance (MAB) penalties during FY 2025–26?
(a) Rs. 2,137.92 crore (b) Rs. 3,948.71 crore (c) Rs. 4,948.71 crore
(d) Rs. 5,248.71 crore (e) Rs. 6,137.92 crore Ans. c
319. Which company has launched the in-house digital Business Rules Engine (BRE) named 'Drishti'?
(a) Axis Bank (b) Axis Finance Limited (c) HDFC Bank
(d) Bajaj Finance (e) ICICI Bank Ans. b
320. Which airport became the second in India to be integrated into the Huband-Spoke framework for international passenger movement?
(a) Jaipur Airport (b) Chandigarh Airport (c) Amritsar Airport
(d) Lucknow Airport (e) Ahmedabad Airport Ans. c
321. Which state government has launched the 'Mukhyamantri Machhuara Samman Nidhi Yojana' to provide financial assistance and social security to fishermen engaged in reservoir fisheries?
(a) Uttarakhand (b) Himachal Pradesh (c) Punjab
(d) Haryana (e) Rajasthan Ans. b
322. Which Indian para-athlete won the gold medal in the women's shot put F57 event at the 2026 Commonwealth Games?
(a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Bhavina Patel (c) Sharmila Dhankar
(d) Deepa Malik (e) Simran Sharma Ans. c
323. Which Indian weightlifter won the silver medal in the men's 65 kg category at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026?
(a) Shraddha Joshi Raj (b) Raja Muthupandi (c) Ajith Narayanan
(d) Ishika Bansal (e) Sathish Sivalingam Ans. b
324. Which Indian shooter won the gold medal in the women's 25 metre pistol event at the ISSF World Cup (Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun) held in Hangzhou, China?
(a) Manu Bhaker (b) Esha Singh (c) Rhythm Sangwan
(d) Sift Kaur Samra (e) Anjum Moudgil Ans. b
325. Who became the first Indian athlete to win a medal in the men's 10,000 metres event at the Commonwealth Games?
(a) Avinash Sable (b) Gulveer Singh (c) Murali Sreeshankar
(d) Tajinderpal Singh Toor (e) Neeraj Chopra Ans. b
326. The Delhi Government approved the Delhi Lakshmi Yojana to promote the economic empowerment and social security of women, under which eligible beneficiaries. Under the Delhi Lakshmi Yojana, how much monthly financial assistance will each eligible woman receive?
(a) Rs. 1,500 (b) Rs. 2,000 (c) Rs. 2,500 (d) Rs. 3,000 (e) Rs. 3,500 Ans. c
327. How much has the Government allocated under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Act, 2025, for FY 2026–27?
(a) Rs. 85,692 crore (b) Rs. 90,692 crore (c) Rs. 95,692 crore
(d) Rs. 99,692 crore (e) Rs. 1,05,692 crore Ans. c
328. International Tiger Day (Global Tiger Day) is observed every year on:
(a) 26 July (b) 27 July (c) 28 July (d) 29 July (e) 30 July Ans. d
329. World Hepatitis Day is observed every year on:
(a) 26 July (b) 27 July (c) 28 July (d) 29 July (e) 30 July Ans. c
330. Which Ministry launched the 'DAANVEER' initiative to strengthen the digital infrastructure of Gram Panchayats?
(a) Ministry of Rural Development (b) Ministry of Electronics and IT
(c) Ministry of Panchayati Raj (d) Ministry of Home Affairs
(e) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Ans. c

331. Machilipatnam, recently launched for the Indian Navy, is the _____ AntiSubmarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) in the series of eight.
(a) Fifth (b) Sixth (c) Seventh (d) Eighth (e) Fourth Ans. c
332. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyaan', a 100-week nationwide Jan Bhagidari movement to build a drug-free India. Which platform will lead the 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyaan'?
(a) Digital India Platform (b) Fit India Platform (c) National Youth Portal
(d) Yuva Setu Platform (e) MY Bharat Platform Ans. e
333. According to the BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report 2026, India is the world's _____ largest supplier of seafarers.
(a) First (b) Second (c) Third (d) Fourth (e) Fifth Ans. b
334. Which tourist attraction in the UAE has become the first to accept UPI for e-commerce transactions?
(a) Dubai Frame (b) Museum of the Future (c) At the Top, Burj Khalifa
(d) Palm Tower (e) Ain Dubai Ans. c
335. Which regulatory body approved the acquisition of Magma General Insurance by Patanjali Ayurved and DS Group?
(a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
(b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
(c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
(d) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
(e) Competition Commission of India (CCI) Ans. c
336. Which RBI-licensed AI-powered Business Fintech OS has launched India's first Flexi Benefits Basket on UPI for corporate employee spend management?
(a) Razorpay (b) OmniCard (c) PhonePe (d) BharatPe (e) Paytm Ans. b
337. The 2nd Bharat Green Hydrogen Summit 2026, which focused on green hydrogen, hydrogen-based mobility, and export competitiveness in the energy sector, was held in which city?
(a) Mumbai (b) Bengaluru (c) New Delhi (d) Hyderabad (e) Ahmedabad Ans. c
338. Where was the 6th Lieutenant Governor's Cup Horse Polo Tournament 2026 held?
(a) Leh (b) Kargil (c) Drass (d) Srinagar (e) Jammu Ans. c
339. India finished the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2026 in Hangzhou, China, with a total of how many medals?
(a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 5 (e) 6 Ans. c
340. Which IPL franchise became the first to cross a brand value of US\$300 million, according to the latest Houlihan Lokey report?
(a) Mumbai Indians (b) Chennai Super Kings (c) Kolkata Knight Riders
(d) Royal Challengers Bengaluru (e) Sunrisers Hyderabad Ans. d
341. World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is observed on 30 July to raise global awareness about human trafficking and promote the protection of victims' rights. What is the theme of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2026?
(a) End Human Exploitation Now (b) Protect Every Child (c) Trapped Behind the Scam
(d) Freedom for All Victims (e) Together Against Trafficking Ans. c
342. What was the amount of the dividend cheque handed over by LIC to the Central Government?
(a) Rs. 10,207.25 crore (b) Rs. 11,500.00 crore (c) Rs. 12,207.25 crore
(d) Rs. 13,207.25 crore (e) Rs. 14,000.00 crore Ans. c
343. World Ranger Day is observed every year on which date to honour the contribution of forest rangers across the world?
(a) 29 July (b) 30 July (c) 31 July (d) 1 August (e) 28 July Ans. c

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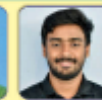
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