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Q1. In March 2026, the first edition of the Bharat Electricity Summit (BES 2026) was held at which venue, and which portal was launched during the event?

- (a) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi – National Solar Portal
- (b) Yashobhoomi, New Delhi – Indian Carbon Market Portal
- (c) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi – National Power Exchange Portal
- (d) India Expo Centre, Greater Noida – Green Energy Portal

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: B. Yashobhoomi, New Delhi – Indian Carbon Market Portal
Solution

- Bharat Electricity Summit (BES 2026) was held from 19–22 March 2026
 - Venue: Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi
 - It was the first edition of the summit focusing on power sector reforms
 - Indian Carbon Market Portal was launched during the event
 - The portal serves as a central platform for carbon trading and implementation
- Information Booster
- Inaugurated by Union Power Minister Manohar Lal
 - Organised by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under Ministry of Power
 - Theme: “Electrifying Growth. Empowering Sustainability. Connecting Globally”
 - Countries participated: Malawi, Tajikistan, Mauritius, Kyrgyzstan, Russia

Additional Knowledge

- Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) works under Ministry of Power
- Indian Carbon Market helps in achieving emission reduction targets
- Yashobhoomi is a major international convention centre in Delhi
- BES 2028 will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Supports India’s Net Zero target by 2070

Q2. In March 2026, Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) signed an MoU with which organization to enhance national security training?

- (a) Border Security Force (BSF) Academy
- (b) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Academy
- (c) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Academy
- (d) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Academy

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: B. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Academy
Solution

- Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) signed an MoU in March 2026
- The agreement was signed with Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Academy, New Delhi
- Objective: Strengthen national security training and capacity building
- It bridges the gap between academic research and field-level requirements of border forces
- RRU will provide academic accreditation to training programs conducted at SSB Academy

Information Booster

- RRU is an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Home Affairs
- MoU includes exchange of faculty, training tools, and infrastructure
- Focus on curriculum development aligned with degree and diploma programmes
- Establishment of assessment and grading framework as per RRU standards

Additional Knowledge

- Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) guards India's borders with Nepal and Bhutan
- RRU is India's first dedicated university for national security and policing studies
- Such collaborations enhance professional training of paramilitary forces
- Helps integrate theoretical knowledge with practical field operations
- Supports modernization and skill development in internal security forces

Q3. In March 2026, City Union Bank appointed which Indian cricketer as its brand ambassador?

- (a) Rohit Sharma
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) Hardik Pandya
- (d) Ravindra Jadeja

Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct Answer: (d) Ravindra Jadeja

Solution

- City Union Bank Limited appointed Ravindra Jadeja as its brand ambassador in March 2026
- The appointment is valid for a period of two years
- Objective: Enhance brand visibility and expand customer outreach across India
- The partnership was executed through Baseline Ventures India Pvt. Ltd.
- The announcement was made as per SEBI disclosure norms

Information Booster

- City Union Bank (CUB) is a private sector bank headquartered in Tamil Nadu
- Baseline Ventures manages sports personalities and brand endorsements
- Disclosure made under SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015
- Focus on strengthening brand presence through sports marketing

Additional Knowledge

- Ravindra Jadeja is a prominent all-rounder in Indian cricket
- Brand ambassadors help companies improve market recognition and trust
- SEBI ensures transparency in corporate disclosures
- Banking sector uses celebrity endorsements for customer engagement
- CUB is one of the oldest private sector banks in India

Q4. In March 2026, the Government of India established a pilot plant for manufacturing Neodymium-Iron-Boron (Nd-Fe-B) magnets at which institution?

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) BARC, Mumbai
- (c) ARCI, Hyderabad
- (d) DRDO, Bengaluru

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: C. ARCI, Hyderabad

Solution

- Government of India established a pilot plant for Nd-Fe-B rare earth magnets in March 2026
- The plant is located at International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad
- ARCI functions under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science & Technology
- The facility uses an end-to-end manufacturing process from alloy production to finished magnets
- It aims to promote indigenous manufacturing and reduce import dependence

Information Booster

- Inaugurated by Prof. Abhay Karandikar (DST Secretary) and Dr. R. Vijay (Director, ARCI)
- Nd-Fe-B magnets are high-performance permanent magnets
- Key applications: Electric Vehicles (EVs), Renewable Energy systems, advanced electronics
- Focus on technology validation, process optimization, and industry collaboration

Additional Knowledge

- Rare earth elements are strategically important for clean energy technologies
- India currently depends heavily on imports for rare earth magnets
- ARCI is a premier R&D institute in materials science and advanced manufacturing
- Initiative supports “Atmanirbhar Bharat” in critical mineral technologies

Q5. In March 2026, India and Bhutan signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation in which sector, and where was it signed?

- (a) Telecom Sector – New Delhi
- (b) Postal Sector – Thimphu
- (c) Banking Sector – Paro
- (d) Energy Sector – New Delhi

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Postal Sector – Thimphu

Solution

- India and Bhutan signed the MoU in March 2026
- The agreement was signed at Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan
- It focuses on strengthening cooperation in the postal sector
- Aim: Improve connectivity, service delivery, and institutional collaboration
- It includes launch of UPU–UPI cross-border digital remittance system

Information Booster

- MoU signed during visit of Vandita Kaul, Secretary (Posts), Ministry of Communications
- Covers areas like logistics, e-commerce, financial services, and technology development
- Implemented by Department of Posts (India) and Bhutan Postal Corporation Limited
- Promotes knowledge exchange and capacity building

Additional Knowledge

- India Post operates under Ministry of Communications
- UPU (Universal Postal Union) is a UN agency for global postal services
- UPI is India’s flagship digital payment system developed by NPCI
- Cross-border remittance improves financial connectivity between countries
- Strengthens India-Bhutan bilateral relations under Neighbourhood First policy

Q6. According to the Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2026, which country was ranked as the most affected by terrorism, and what was India's rank?

- (a) Pakistan – 13th
- (b) Afghanistan – 10th
- (c) Nigeria – 15th
- (d) Burkina Faso – 12th

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer: A. Pakistan – 13th

Solution

- Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2026 was published by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)
- Pakistan was ranked as the most affected country by terrorism with highest impact score
- It recorded the highest number of deaths and incidents in 2025
- India was placed at 13th position with a moderate impact score
- Rankings are based on a composite score ranging from 0 (no impact) to 10 (highest impact)

Information Booster

- GTI measures terrorism impact using indicators like deaths, incidents, injuries, and property damage
- Pakistan score: 8.574; India score: 6.428
- Burkina Faso ranked 2nd, followed by Niger, Nigeria, and Mali
- Terror incidents in 2025 were significantly higher compared to 2020
- Total global terrorism deaths declined by 28% in 2025

Additional Knowledge

- Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) is an Australian think tank
- GTI is released annually to assess global terrorism trends
- India's ranking reflects regional security challenges
- Africa remains highly impacted by terrorism in recent years
- Index helps policymakers in planning counter-terrorism strategies

Q7. In March 2026, which Indian Naval Ship participated in 'Exercise Kakadu 2026' held in Australia?

- (a) INS Vikrant
- (b) INS Kolkata
- (c) INS Nilgiri
- (d) INS Shivalik

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) INS Nilgiri

Solution

- Exercise Kakadu 2026 was conducted in Australia in March 2026
- It is a multinational naval exercise aimed at enhancing maritime cooperation
- Indian Navy participated with INS Nilgiri frigate
- The exercise covered areas from Jervis Bay to Darwin
- INS Nilgiri also won the Kakadu Shield Trophy during harbour phase events

Information Booster

- 17th edition of Exercise Kakadu
- Participation: 19+ nations and around 6,000 personnel

- Kakadu Fleet Review held at Sydney Harbour
- Commemorated 125th anniversary of Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- India conducted joint naval manoeuvres with Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand

Additional Knowledge

- Exercise Kakadu is hosted by the Royal Australian Navy
- It focuses on maritime security and interoperability in Indo-Pacific region
- INS Nilgiri is part of India's modern stealth frigate class

Q8. Veteran BJP leader Datta Meghe, who passed away in March 2026, had served as a Member of Parliament from which of the following states?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer: (a) Maharashtra

Solution

- Datta Meghe passed away in March 2026 at the age of 89
- He was a veteran BJP leader from Maharashtra
- He represented constituencies like Nagpur, Ramtek, and Wardha
- He served as a four-time Lok Sabha MP and also as a Rajya Sabha member
- His political career spanned over five decades

Information Booster

- Born on 11 November 1936 in Wardha district, Maharashtra
- First elected as Member of Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC) in 1978
- Served three consecutive terms as MLC till 1991
- Rajya Sabha tenure: 2002 to 2008

Additional Knowledge

- Lok Sabha is the lower house of Parliament
- Rajya Sabha is the upper house of Parliament
- MLC is part of the State Legislative Council (upper house in some states)
- Maharashtra is one of the states with a bicameral legislature

Q9. World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People is observed annually on which date?

- (a) 18 March
- (b) 19 March
- (c) 20 March
- (d) 21 March

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) 20 March

Solution

- World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People is observed every year on 20 March
- It aims to promote cultural rights of children and young people
- The day highlights the importance of theatre and performing arts in youth development

- It is associated with global awareness and participation in creative arts
- In 2026, the theme focuses on rights of children to arts and culture

Information Booster

- Established in 2001 by ASSITEJ (International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People)
- First observed on 20 March 2001
- World Performance Week is celebrated from 20–27 March
- 2026 Theme: “Staging the Rights of the Child to Arts and Culture”

Additional Knowledge

- ASSITEJ is an international network promoting theatre for young audiences
- Theatre helps in creativity, communication, and emotional development
- Cultural rights are part of human rights framework

Q10. World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS) is observed annually on which date, as declared by the United Nations?

- (a) 20 March
- (b) 21 March
- (c) 22 March
- (d) 19 December

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) 21 March

Solution

- World Down Syndrome Day is observed every year on 21 March
- It is recognized by the United Nations to promote awareness and inclusion
- The date (21/3) symbolizes the triplication of the 21st chromosome
- First officially observed in 2012 after UN declaration
- The 2026 theme is “Together Against Loneliness”

Information Booster

- UNGA declared the day on 19 December 2011 (Resolution A/RES/66/149)
- 2026 marked the 15th observance of WSDS
- Global campaign began in 2006 by Down Syndrome Association Singapore
- Coordinated globally by Down Syndrome International (DSi)

Additional Knowledge

- Down syndrome is a genetic condition caused by an extra copy of chromosome 21
- It leads to developmental and intellectual differences
- Early intervention and inclusive education improve quality of life
- The day promotes dignity, rights, and social inclusion
- Awareness campaigns include “Lots of Socks” initiative to celebrate uniqueness



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