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Q1. International Day of Play (IDOP) is observed annually across the globe on which date?

- (a) 1 June
- (b) 5 June
- (c) 11 June
- (d) 14 June

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) 11 June

Solution:

- The International Day of Play (IDOP) is observed every year on 11 June.
- The day highlights the importance of play in children's growth, learning, well-being, and overall development.
- The 2026 theme was "Protect Play, Protect Childhood."
- The observance promotes awareness about the role of play in fostering creativity, social skills, emotional health, and education.

Information Booster:

- The United Nations General Assembly officially proclaimed 11 June as the International Day of Play through Resolution A/RES/78/286 in March 2024.
- The first International Day of Play was observed on 11 June 2024.
- The initiative was spearheaded by Bulgaria, El Salvador, Jamaica, Kenya, Luxembourg, and Romania.
- The observance is jointly facilitated by United Nations Children's Fund and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Additional Knowledge:

- Play is recognized as a fundamental right of every child under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Play contributes to physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development.
- UNICEF works globally to promote child welfare and development.
- UNESCO supports education, culture, science, and child development initiatives worldwide.

Q2. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of an additional 2.80% stake in Shriram Life Insurance Company Limited by which entity in June 2026?

- (a) Tata AIA Life Insurance
- (b) Sanlam Emerging Markets (Mauritius) Limited
- (c) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- (d) HDFC Life Insurance

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Sanlam Emerging Markets (Mauritius) Limited

Solution:

- The Competition Commission of India approved the acquisition of an additional 2.80% stake in Shriram Life Insurance Company Limited by Sanlam Emerging Markets (Mauritius) Limited.

- The acquisition was carried out through a preferential issue of equity shares.
- The transaction was valued at approximately Rs. 220.88 crore.
- The deal increased SEMM's overall effective shareholding in SLIC to 68.37%.

Information Booster:

- The transaction involved the issuance of 1,90,41,203 equity shares.
- Each share had a face value of Rs. 10.
- Prior to the transaction, SEMM had an indirect stake in SLIC through its holding in Shriram Capital Private Limited.
- CCI also approved the acquisition of a 29.06% stake in PUMA SE by Ancat Holding GmbH.

Additional Knowledge:

- CCI is the statutory body responsible for enforcing competition law in India.
- Preferential issue refers to the allotment of shares to a selected group of investors.
- Shriram Life Insurance is a joint venture in India's life insurance sector.
- Sanlam is a leading financial services group headquartered in South Africa.

Q3. What is the total estimated cost approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) for the Central Government Office and Residential Complexes in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh?

- (a) Rs. 2,169 crore
- (b) Rs. 2,533 crore
- (c) Rs. 1,299 crore
- (d) Rs. 3,000 crore

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Rs. 2,533 crore

Solution:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the construction of the Central Government General Pool Office Accommodation (CGGPOA) and General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) campus in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
- The combined estimated cost of the two projects is Rs. 2,533 crore.
- The CGGPOA project will be developed at a cost of Rs. 1,299 crore.
- The GPRA residential campus will be developed at a cost of approximately Rs. 1,235 crore.

Information Booster:

- The projects are designed to accommodate around 8,000 officials and staff members of various central government departments.
- The projects will be implemented by the Central Public Works Department under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- Amaravati is being developed as the capital city of Andhra Pradesh.
- The approval was granted by the CCEA chaired by Narendra Modi.

Additional Knowledge:

- CGGPOA stands for Central Government General Pool Office Accommodation.
- GPRA stands for General Pool Residential Accommodation.
- CPWD is the principal engineering and construction agency of the Government of India.
- The same Cabinet meeting also approved Phase-2(A) of the Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project in Gujarat.

Q4. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Microfinance Institutions-2.0 (CGSMFI-2.0)?

1. The Government of India extended the validity of CGSMFI-2.0 until 31 August 2026 or until guarantees worth ₹20,000 crore are issued.
2. The maximum loan limit for large NBFC-MFIs/MFIs was increased from ₹300 crore to ₹1,000 crore.
3. The guarantee cover on the default amount is 80% for small NBFC-MFIs/MFIs.
4. The scheme is administered through the Ministry of Finance.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1, 2 and 3 only
(c) 2, 3 and 4 only
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans.(d)

Sol. Answer

- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Solution

Explanation

- Statement 1 is correct because the validity of CGSMFI-2.0 was extended until 31 August 2026 or until guarantees worth ₹20,000 crore are issued.
- Statement 2 is correct as the maximum loan limit for large NBFC-MFIs/MFIs was increased from ₹300 crore to ₹1,000 crore.
- Statement 3 is correct because the guarantee cover on the amount in default is 80% for small, 75% for medium, and 70% for large NBFC-MFIs/MFIs.
- Statement 4 is correct because the extension was announced by the Ministry of Finance.

Information Booster

- The enhanced loan limit is subject to 20% of Assets Under Management (AUM).
- A guarantee fee of 0.50% per annum is charged on the sanctioned amount during the first year.
- Interest rates for lending institutions are linked to EBLR or MCLR plus 2% per annum.
- The scheme aims to improve credit flow to the microfinance sector and support financial inclusion.

Additional Knowledge

- NBFC-MFI stands for Non-Banking Financial Company – Microfinance Institution.
- AUM (Assets Under Management) refers to the total value of assets managed by a financial institution.
- EBLR stands for External Benchmark Lending Rate.
- MCLR stands for Marginal Cost of Funds Based Lending Rate.
- Microfinance institutions provide small loans and financial services to low-income households and small entrepreneurs.

Q5. Which space agency announced the four-member Artemis III crew in June 2026 for a late-2027 Low-Earth Orbit mission?

- (a) European Space Agency (ESA)
(b) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
(c) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
(d) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Solution:

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced the four-member Artemis III crew in June 2026.

- The crew comprises three American astronauts and one Italian astronaut from the European Space Agency.
- The mission is scheduled for a late-2027 Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) flight.
- It will test docking operations between SpaceX's Starship, Blue Origin's Blue Moon lander, and NASA's Orion spacecraft.

Information Booster:

- The Artemis III crew includes Randy Bresnik (Commander), Andre Douglas, Frank Rubio, and Luca Parmitano.
- Luca Parmitano will become the first ESA astronaut and the second non-American astronaut to participate in an Artemis mission.
- The mission will not approach the Moon but will focus on testing systems needed for future lunar landings.
- NASA's Orion spacecraft will be launched using the Space Launch System (SLS).

Additional Knowledge:

- The Artemis program aims to return humans to the Moon and establish a sustainable lunar presence.
- Orion is NASA's next-generation crew spacecraft designed for deep-space missions.
- SpaceX's Starship and Blue Origin's Blue Moon are lunar landing systems under development.
- LEO (Low-Earth Orbit) generally refers to an orbit within approximately 2,000 kilometers of Earth's surface.

Q6. BSNL signed an MoU with which institution in June 2026 to develop next-generation telecom technologies?

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Bombay
- (c) IIT Kanpur
- (d) IIT Madras

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) IIT Kanpur

Solution:

- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur in June 2026.
- The partnership aims to accelerate the development, testing, and deployment of indigenous next-generation telecom technologies.
- The collaboration supports India's vision of digital self-reliance and technological innovation in the telecommunications sector.
- Both organizations will jointly undertake research and technology development projects for future telecom infrastructure.

Information Booster:

- The collaboration focuses on Direct-to-Mobile (D2M) broadcasting technology.
- It also includes work on indigenous 4G development and advanced spectrum research.
- The initiative is intended to strengthen India's domestic telecom ecosystem.
- The partnership promotes innovation-driven solutions for future communication networks.

Additional Knowledge:

- BSNL is a state-owned telecommunications company under the Government of India.
- IIT Kanpur is one of India's premier engineering and research institutions.
- D2M (Direct-to-Mobile) technology enables direct broadcasting of content to mobile devices without relying on internet connectivity.
- Indigenous telecom technologies contribute to the objectives of Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India).

Q7. Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) provides free antenatal care services to pregnant women on which day of every month?

- (a) 1st day
- (b) 5th day
- (c) 9th day
- (d) 15th day

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) 9th day

Solution:

- The Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) provides free, comprehensive, and quality antenatal care services to pregnant women on the 9th day of every month.
- The scheme was launched on 9 June 2016 by Narendra Modi.
- In June 2026, nationwide celebrations were organized to mark “10 Years of PMSMA – A Decade of Care.”
- The celebrations were launched by Jagat Prakash Nadda in New Delhi.

Information Booster:

- PMSMA is implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).
- The initiative aims to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality through timely antenatal care.
- During the 10-year celebration, a Rs 75 commemorative coin and a Rs 5 postal stamp were released.
- Awareness campaigns were organized across States and Union Territories to encourage utilization of PMSMA services.

Additional Knowledge:

- Antenatal care helps monitor the health of both mother and unborn child during pregnancy.
- PMSMA focuses particularly on identifying and managing high-risk pregnancies.
- Maternal healthcare is a key component of India's public health strategy.
- Regular antenatal check-ups help reduce complications during pregnancy and childbirth.

Q8. Under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, how many companies have been approved by the Government of India up to Round-3 as of June 2026?

- (a) 72
- (b) 84
- (c) 96
- (d) 108

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) 96

Solution:

- The Ministry of Textiles approved 96 companies under Round-3 of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles.
- These companies have committed investments worth Rs. 12,822.67 crore.
- The approved projects are expected to generate a projected turnover of Rs. 58,294.18 crore.
- The initiative aims to strengthen India's textile manufacturing ecosystem and enhance global competitiveness.

Information Booster:

- In Round-3 alone, 22 new applicants were approved.
- These 22 applicants are expected to invest Rs. 2,339.14 crore.
- The projects are projected to create 36,217 jobs across the textile value chain.
- The scheme focuses on Man-Made Fibre (MMF) apparel, MMF fabrics, and technical textiles.

Additional Knowledge:

- PLI stands for Production Linked Incentive.
- The PLI Scheme encourages domestic manufacturing through performance-based incentives.
- Technical textiles are textiles designed primarily for functional and industrial applications rather than aesthetics.
- The scheme supports the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) by promoting value-added manufacturing and exports.

Q9. Indian-origin scientist Gautam Dey received the EMBO Gold Medal 2026 for research related to:

- (a) Quantum Computing
- (b) Nuclear Organization and Cell Division
- (c) Climate Change Modelling
- (d) Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Nuclear Organization and Cell Division

Solution:

- Gautam Dey was awarded the EMBO Gold Medal 2026.
- He received the honour for his pioneering research on the evolutionary origins of nuclear organization and cell division.
- Gautam Dey is associated with the European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg, Germany.
- He shared the award with Omayya Dudin from Switzerland.

Information Booster:

- The EMBO Gold Medal is one of Europe's most prestigious awards in life sciences.
- It is awarded annually by the European Molecular Biology Organization.
- The award recognizes scientists in the early stages of their independent research careers.
- Award recipients receive a medal along with a bursary of EUR 10,000.

Additional Knowledge:

- EMBO stands for European Molecular Biology Organization.
- The award is granted within the framework of the European Molecular Biology Conference, which consists of 32 member states.
- EMBL is one of the world's leading research institutions in molecular biology.
- Cell division is a fundamental biological process responsible for growth, development, and reproduction in living organisms.

Q10. How many eminent personalities were elected as Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellows (Akademi Ratna Sadasyata) by the General Council of Sangeet Natak Akademi in June 2026?

- (a) 5
- (b) 7
- (c) 9
- (d) 12

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) 7

Solution:

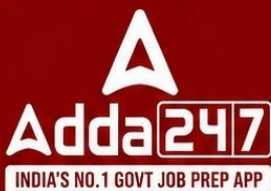
- The General Council of the Sangeet Natak Akademi unanimously elected 7 eminent personalities as Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellows (Akademi Ratna Sadasyata) in June 2026.
- The fellowship is the highest honour conferred by the Akademi in the field of performing arts.
- The selected personalities were recognized for their outstanding contributions to music, dance, theatre, and other performing arts disciplines.
- The decision was taken during the General Council meeting held on 10 June 2026.

Information Booster:

- The council also selected 108 artists for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the years 2024 and 2025.
- The awards cover fields such as music, dance, theatre, puppetry, and folk, tribal, and traditional arts.
- Additionally, 106 young artists were selected for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 2024 and 2025.
- The Fellowships and Awards will be conferred by Droupadi Murmu.

Additional Knowledge:

- Sangeet Natak Akademi functions under the Ministry of Culture.
- It is India's apex body for the promotion and preservation of performing arts.
- The Akademi Ratna (Fellowship) is the highest recognition awarded by Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- The Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar recognizes promising young artists below the age of 40 years.

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