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Q1. Which ministry launched the Green Hydrogen Certification Portal of India (GHCI Portal) in June 2026?

- (a) Ministry of Power
- (b) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- (c) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- (d) Ministry of Heavy Industries

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Solution:

- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi launched the Green Hydrogen Certification Portal of India (GHCI Portal) in June 2026.
- The portal was launched during the National Workshop on “Strengthening the National Green Hydrogen Mission: Through State Policies, Hubs & Infrastructure” in New Delhi.
- The platform has been developed by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- It aims to enhance transparency, certification, verification, and regulatory compliance in India's green hydrogen ecosystem.

Information Booster:

- The GHCI Portal is a unified digital platform for implementing the Green Hydrogen Certification Scheme of India (GHCI).
- It enables:
 - Measurement and reporting
 - Verification and certification
 - Regulatory compliance
 - Transparency and credibility in the green hydrogen sector
- The portal is scheduled to become operational on 1 July 2026 after completion of a security audit.

Additional Knowledge:

- Certification is mandatory for entities that:
 - Receive incentives or subsidies for green hydrogen production
 - Sell or use green hydrogen in India
 - Seek exemptions under relevant schemes
 - Export green hydrogen products
- The portal supports the objectives of the National Green Hydrogen Mission.
- Green hydrogen is produced using renewable energy sources and is considered a key fuel for achieving net-zero emission goals.
- India aims to become a global hub for green hydrogen production and exports.

Q2. Renowned Buddhist scholar Robert A.F. Thurman, who passed away in June 2026, was awarded which Indian civilian honour in 2020?

- (a) Padma Bhushan
- (b) Padma Vibhushan
- (c) Padma Shri
- (d) Bharat Ratna

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Padma Shri

Solution:

- Robert A. F. Thurman was awarded the Padma Shri in 2020 in the field of Literature and Education.
- He passed away on 16 June 2026 in New York, United States, at the age of 84.
- The award recognized his contributions to literature, education, and the promotion of Buddhist philosophy and culture.
- He was one of the world's most respected scholars of Tibetan Buddhism.

Information Booster:

- Thurman was born on 3 August 1941 in New York City, USA.
- He earned a Ph.D. from Harvard University.
- He later served as the Jey Tsong Khapa Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies at Columbia University.
- He became the first American ordained in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition under Tenzin Gyatso.

Additional Knowledge:

- Robert Thurman translated the Vimalakirti Sutra into English.
- He authored more than 20 books, including the book Inner Revolution.
- In 1986, he co-founded Tibet House US to preserve and promote Tibetan culture and Buddhist traditions.
- He was listed among the 25 Most Influential Americans (1997) and among New York Magazine's influential figures in religion (2006).

Q3. Who was appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) in June 2026?

- (a) Narayanan Ramaswamy
- (b) Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi
- (c) Sanjay Lohiya
- (d) M. Nagaraju

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi

Solution:

- The Department of Financial Services under the Ministry of Finance approved the appointment of Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of General Insurance Corporation of India in June 2026.
- His appointment became effective from 16 June 2026.
- He will serve as CMD until 30 September 2028.
- He succeeded Narayanan Ramaswamy, whose tenure ended on 30 September 2025.

Information Booster:

- Hitesh Rameshchandra Joshi has over three decades of experience in the insurance and reinsurance sector.
- He had been serving as the interim CMD of GIC Re since 1 October 2025.
- Earlier, he served as Executive Director (ED) of GIC Re.
- He supervised international business, human resources, information technology, actuarial services, and business intelligence functions.

Additional Knowledge:

- GIC Re is India's national reinsurer.
- Reinsurance is insurance purchased by insurance companies to reduce their own risk exposure.
- During his career at GIC Re, Joshi handled:
 - Domestic and international reinsurance
 - Retrocession
 - Risk management
 - Strategic planning
 - Finance and internal audit
 - Investor relations and budgetary control
- GIC Re plays a vital role in strengthening India's insurance and risk-management ecosystem.

Q4. Which Indian institution emerged as the highest-ranked Indian university in the QS World University Rankings 2027?

- (a) IIT Bombay
- (b) IISc Bengaluru
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) IIT Delhi

Ans.(d)

Sol. Answer: (d) IIT Delhi

Solution:

- Indian Institute of Technology Delhi emerged as the highest-ranked Indian institution in the QS World University Rankings 2027.
- IIT Delhi secured the 118th position globally with an overall score of 65.7.
- It improved its ranking by five places, moving up from 123rd position in the previous edition.
- This marks the second consecutive year that IIT Delhi has been India's top-ranked institution in the QS rankings.

Information Booster:

- The QS World University Rankings 2027 were released by Quacquarelli Symonds, a global higher education analytics firm based in London, UK.
- The 23rd edition evaluated more than 1,500 universities across 106 countries and territories.
- A total of 52 Indian universities were included in the rankings.
- Other top-ranked Indian institutions were:
 - Indian Institute of Technology Bombay – 134th
 - Indian Institute of Technology Madras – 170th
 - Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur – 205th
 - Indian Institute of Science – 221st

Additional Knowledge:

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology retained the No. 1 global ranking with a perfect score of 100.
- Imperial College London and Stanford University jointly ranked 2nd globally.
- QS rankings assess institutions based on factors such as academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty-student ratio, citations, and internationalization.
- IIT Delhi was established in 1961 and is recognized as an Institute of National Importance.

Q5. How many new sectoral indices were introduced by NSE Indices Limited in June 2026?

- (a) 11
- (b) 10
- (c) 8
- (d) 15

Ans.(a)

Sol. Answer: (a) 11

Solution:

- NSE Indices Limited introduced 11 new sector-specific indices in June 2026.
- With this expansion, the total number of sectoral indices offered by NSE Indices increased to 34.
- The move aims to provide broader representation of various sectors of the Indian economy.
- The indices cover both traditional industries and emerging growth sectors.

Information Booster:

- The newly launched indices are:
 - Nifty Power
 - Nifty Capital Goods

- Nifty Telecommunications
- Nifty Construction
- Nifty Consumer Services
- Nifty Commercial & Transport Services
- Nifty Retail
- Nifty Hospitals
- Nifty NBFC
- Nifty Housing Finance
- Nifty Insurance
- These indices track the performance of companies within their respective sectors.

Additional Knowledge:

- National Stock Exchange of India is one of India's leading stock exchanges.
- Sectoral indices help investors analyze the performance of specific industries.
- The well-known NIFTY 50 tracks the performance of 50 major companies listed on the NSE.
- Sector-specific indices are commonly used for benchmarking, investment products, and market analysis.

Q6. What is the name of the national industry platform launched in June 2026 to strengthen India's Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) framework?

- (a) FINSAFE
- (b) ARIFAC
- (c) AMLNET
- (d) STR India

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) ARIFAC

Solution:

- In June 2026, India's financial sector launched ARIFAC (Alliance of Reporting Entities in AML/CFT).
- The platform aims to strengthen India's Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) ecosystem.
- It was established in response to rising financial crimes, cyber frauds, and evolving risks in the financial sector.
- ARIFAC promotes collaboration among reporting entities covered under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Information Booster:

- The secretariat of ARIFAC is managed by:
 - Payments Council of India
 - Fintech Convergence Council
 - Financial Intelligence Unit-India participates as an observer in the initiative.
- The platform focuses on training, certification, workshops, and continuous learning programmes related to AML/CFT compliance.

Additional Knowledge:

- ARIFAC's membership includes:
 - Banks
 - NBFCs
 - Payment System Operators
 - Insurance Companies
 - Securities Market Intermediaries

- Virtual Digital Asset (VDA) Service Providers
- Key focus areas include:
 - Transaction monitoring
 - Suspicious Transaction Reporting (STR)
 - Sanctions screening
 - Mule account detection
 - Managing risks from digital banking and cross-border financial crimes
- The Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 is India's primary legislation to combat money laundering.

Q7. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to France in June 2026?

1. PM Modi participated in the 52nd G-7 Summit held in Evian-les-Bains, France.
2. He held bilateral talks with French President Emmanuel Macron at Villa Kerylos in Nice.
3. PM Modi and President Macron jointly inaugurated the first edition of Bharat Innovates 2026 in Nice.
4. One of the outcomes of the visit was the adoption of the India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2, 3 and 4 only
(c) 1, 2 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 PM Modi participated in the 52nd G-7 Summit held in Evian-les-Bains.
- Statement 2 is correct as he held bilateral talks with Emmanuel Macron at Villa Kerylos, Nice.
- Statement 3 is correct because both leaders inaugurated the inaugural edition of Bharat Innovates 2026 in Nice.
- Statement 4 is correct as the India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030 was among the key outcomes of the visit.

Information Booster

- PM Modi visited Nice from 13–14 June 2026 and later visited Paris on 18 June 2026.
- He attended the VivaTech 2026 Technology Summit in Paris.
- Bharat Innovates 2026 was organized by the Ministry of Education under the India-France Year of Innovation.
- The visit focused on strategic cooperation, innovation, technology partnerships, and global issues.

Additional Knowledge

- France is a founding member of the Group of Seven.
- Capital of France: Paris.
- Currency of France: Euro (€).
- India and France elevated their relationship to a Special Global Strategic Partnership in February 2026.
- Key outcomes of the visit included:
 - India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030
 - Joint Working Group (JWG) on AI Governance
 - Expansion of UPI in France
 - Target to double bilateral trade within five years

Q8. World Crocodile Day is observed annually on which date to promote crocodile conservation and protection of aquatic ecosystems?

- (a) 5 June
- (b) 8 June
- (c) 17 June
- (d) 21 June

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) 17 June

Solution:

- World Crocodile Day (World Croc Day) is observed every year on 17 June.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the conservation of crocodiles and the protection of aquatic ecosystems.
- It highlights the ecological importance of crocodiles, gharials, alligators, caimans, and other crocodilian species.
- The 2026 theme was “Legacy in Every Scale”.

Information Booster:

- World Crocodile Day was established in 2017.
- It was launched by the Crocodile Research Coalition in collaboration with the Belize Zoo.
- The initiative was led by Marisa Tellez.
- The objective is to promote awareness and conservation of crocodilian species worldwide.

Additional Knowledge:

- Crocodilians include:
 - Crocodiles
 - Alligators
 - Gharials
 - Caimans
- India is home to three crocodilian species:
 - Mugger Crocodile
 - Saltwater Crocodile
 - Gharial
- Crocodiles play a vital role in maintaining the balance of aquatic ecosystems by regulating prey populations.
- Habitat loss, pollution, and illegal hunting remain major threats to crocodilian species globally.

Q9. Under the Regional Plan 2041, how many ‘Namo Cities’ have been approved for development in the Delhi-NCR region?

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 5

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) 4

Solution:

- The National Capital Region Planning Board approved plans to develop 4 greenfield cities, branded as “Namo Cities”, under the Regional Plan 2041.
- One Namo City will be developed in each of the following regions:

- Delhi
- Haryana
- Uttar Pradesh
- Rajasthan
- The initiative aims to promote balanced regional growth across the Delhi-NCR region.
- The decision was taken during a meeting chaired by Manohar Lal Khattar.

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- The proposed Namo Cities will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,000 crore.
- The development is planned over the next five years.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has directed participating states to submit three proposals each, with final selection through a challenge mode process.
- The name "Namo Cities" aligns with the Namo Bharat Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS).

Additional Knowledge:

- NCRPB functions under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- The board also decided to divide the NCR into three planning zones.
- One of the key zones will be the core area between the Kundli-Ghaziabad-Palwal (KGP) and Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) expressways.
- The Regional Plan 2041 focuses on sustainable urbanization, improved infrastructure, and balanced economic development across the NCR region.

Q10. According to the Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER) 2026, what was Bengaluru's rank among the world's top startup ecosystems?

- (a) 10th
- (b) 12th
- (c) 15th
- (d) 20th

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) 15th

Solution:

- According to the Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER) 2026, Bengaluru ranked 15th among the world's top startup ecosystems.
- The report was released by Startup Genome in partnership with the Global Entrepreneurship Network.
- Bengaluru was recognized as one of the leading innovation and startup hubs globally.
- It also emerged as the second-best AI-native cluster in Asia, after Beijing.

Information Booster:

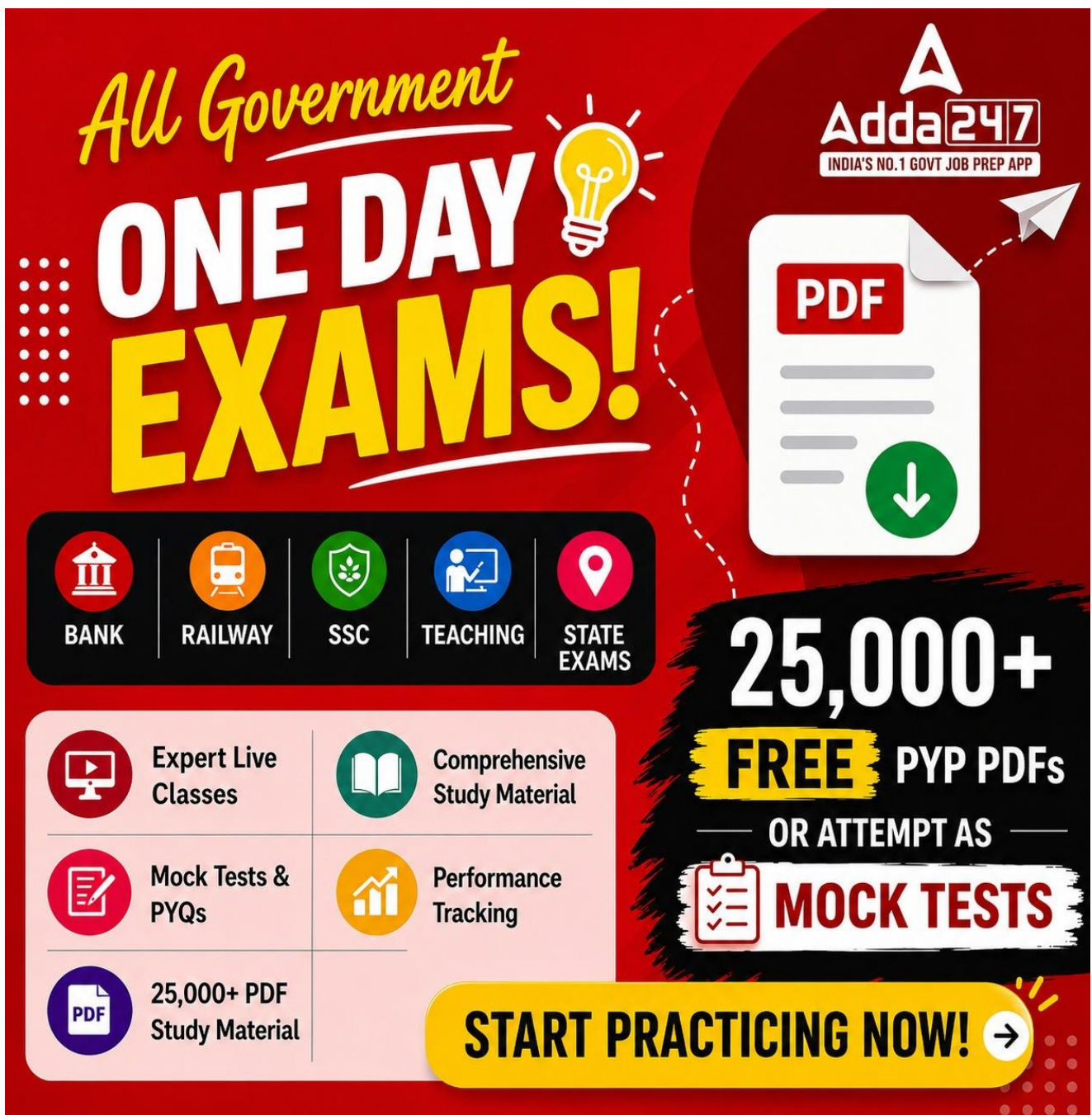
- GSER 2026 is the 14th edition of the Global Startup Ecosystem Report.
- The report analyzed more than 5.5 million startups across 350+ startup ecosystems worldwide.
- It also incorporated policy insights from over 200 organizations across 80+ countries.
- The report evaluates ecosystems based on startup performance, funding, talent, innovation, and business environment.

Additional Knowledge:

- The top three global startup ecosystems in GSER 2026 were:
 1. Silicon Valley
 2. New York City

3. London

- Bengaluru is often referred to as the "Silicon Valley of India" due to its strong technology and startup ecosystem.
- The city hosts numerous unicorns, technology companies, venture capital firms, and research institutions.
- India is among the world's largest startup ecosystems, with thousands of recognized startups across diverse sectors.



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