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Q1. According to the UNCTAD Review of Maritime Transport 2025, which country became the world's leading ship recycling nation in 2025?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) India
- (d) China

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) India

Solution:

- India became the world's leading ship recycling nation in 2025, according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development report "Review of Maritime Transport 2025".
- India's global share of ship recycling increased from 30.1% in 2024 to 35.4% in 2025.
- Ship recycling volumes rose from 1.86 million Gross Tons (GT) to 2.99 million GT, registering nearly 60% growth.
- India achieved its Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030 target five years ahead of schedule.

Information Booster:

- The Ship-breaking Credit Note Scheme (SbCN) provides credits equal to 40% of the scrap value, which can be used up to 5% of the cost of a new vessel.
- The Government has also provided Rs.53.5 crore for modernization of ship recycling facilities.
- A total of 115 ship recycling facilities have been made compliant with the Hong Kong International Convention (HKC).
- The initiative supports environmentally sound and safe ship recycling practices.

Additional Knowledge:

- Alang-Sosiya Ship Recycling Yard handles nearly 97% of India's ship recycling activity.
- Under the Gujarat master plan, its capacity is being expanded to 9 million Light Displacement Tons (LDT).
- Alang-Sosiya is recognized as the world's largest ship recycling hub.
- Gross Ton (GT) is a measure of a ship's total internal volume, while Light Displacement Ton (LDT) refers to the weight of a ship excluding cargo, fuel, passengers, and stores.

Q2. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed an MoU with which organization to establish India's first permanent research centre on transportation, mobility, and logistics?

- (a) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi)
- (b) National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)
- (c) National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP)
- (d) Indian Statistical Institute (ISI)

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)

Solution:

- The National Highways Authority of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Council of Applied Economic Research in June 2026.
- The MoU aims to establish India's first permanent and independent research centre dedicated to the economics of transportation, mobility, and logistics.
- The centre will be set up at the NCAER headquarters in New Delhi.
- It is intended to strengthen evidence-based policymaking and data-driven decision-making in the road transport sector.

Information Booster:

- The centre will undertake applied economic research on:

- Transportation
- Mobility

- Logistics

- It will generate actionable insights for:

- Long-term planning
- Investment decisions
- Policy formulation

- Research areas include:

- National Highway economics
- Freight logistics
- Modal integration
- Toll policy
- Asset monetization
- Road safety interventions

Additional Knowledge:

- The centre will be guided by an Advisory Committee comprising economists, transportation specialists, public policy experts, and academicians.
- N. R. V. V. M. K. Rajendra Kumar and Suresh Goyal will be members of the committee.
- National Highways Authority of India functions under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- National Council of Applied Economic Research is one of India's leading independent economic policy research institutions.

Q3. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Israel in June 2026?

1. The MoU was signed between the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of Israel.
2. The agreement aims to strengthen cooperation in public sector auditing.
3. The MoU promotes the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), data analytics, and digital audit tools in auditing.
4. The agreement also focuses on enhancing performance auditing and compliance auditing.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 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 MoU was signed between the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of Israel.
- Statement 2 is correct as the agreement aims to strengthen cooperation in public sector auditing.
- Statement 3 is correct because it emphasizes the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), data analytics, and digital audit tools to improve audit efficiency and accuracy.
- Statement 4 is correct since the MoU also focuses on strengthening performance auditing and compliance auditing.

Information Booster

- The MoU was signed following a bilateral meeting between:
 - K. Sanjay Murthy
 - Matanyahu Englman
- Key areas of cooperation include:
 - AI-enabled auditing
 - Data analytics
 - Digital audit tools
 - Performance auditing
 - Compliance auditing
 - Innovation in public sector oversight
 - Transparency and accountability in governance
- During the visit, Matanyahu Englman delivered the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Lecture Series lecture on the role of AI in public sector auditing.

Additional Knowledge

- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) is an independent constitutional authority established under Article 148 of the Constitution of India.
- The CAG audits the accounts of the Union Government, State Governments, and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).
- The Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) is the highest public auditing authority of a country.
- Performance Audit evaluates the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of government programmes, while Compliance Audit examines whether public authorities comply with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Q4. SatSure Analytics India Pvt. Ltd. signed an MoU with which company in June 2026 to collaborate on Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) solutions?

- (a) Airbus Defence and Space
- (b) Thales Group
- (c) Safran Electronics & Defence
- (d) Dassault Aviation

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Safran Electronics & Defence

Solution:

- Safran Electronics & defence and Satsure Analytics India Pvt. Ltd. signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in June 2026.

- The collaboration aims to develop Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) solutions for the Indian market.
- The initiative is part of the France–India Year of Innovation, promoting cooperation in aerospace and defence technologies.
- The partnership will integrate satellite imagery, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and intelligence systems for improved decision-making.

Information Booster:

- The collaboration combines:
 - Safran.AI's Artificial Intelligence capabilities.
 - SatSure's geospatial analytics and satellite data expertise.
 - KaleidEO Space Systems Pvt. Ltd. will provide the integrated Earth observation-to-intelligence system.
- The partnership aims to deliver end-to-end GEOINT solutions for India.

Additional Knowledge:

- The solutions will support:
 - Defence operations
 - Environmental monitoring
 - Infrastructure security
 - Intelligence and surveillance
- GEOINT (Geospatial Intelligence) combines imagery, geospatial data, and analysis to support strategic and operational decision-making.
- The collaboration is expected to strengthen India's capabilities in AI-enabled Earth observation and national security applications.
- The France–India Year of Innovation promotes bilateral cooperation in advanced technologies, research, and innovation.

Q5. How many Chandigarh University students received the IndiaAI Fellowship in June 2026?

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) 7

Solution:

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology awarded the IndiaAI Fellowship to 7 students of Chandigarh University in June 2026.
- The fellowship supports engineering students working on innovative Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) projects.
- The IndiaAI Fellowship was introduced in 2024 under the Future Skills pillar of the IndiaAI Mission.
- The selected students belong to Computer Science and related engineering disciplines.

Information Booster:

- The seven awardees include:
 - Five B.Tech (AI & ML) students
 - One B.Tech (Computer Science and Business Systems - CSBS) student
 - One B.Tech (Gaming and Graphics) student
- Each fellowship recipient receives Rs.1 lakh to support their research project.
- The fellowship encourages innovation in emerging AI technologies.

Additional Knowledge:

- The selected projects focus on areas such as:
- Education technology
- Disaster response systems
- Traffic management
- Deep-learning-based real-time yoga pose correction
- The IndiaAI Mission aims to strengthen India's AI ecosystem through research, innovation, computing infrastructure, datasets, startups, and future-ready skills.
- The Future Skills pillar focuses on building AI talent and supporting advanced research among students and professionals.

Q6. International Widows' Day is observed every year on which date?

- (a) 21 June
- (b) 22 June
- (c) 23 June
- (d) 24 June

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) 23 June

Solution:

- International Widows' Day is observed annually on 23 June to raise awareness about the rights of widows and the social, economic, and human rights challenges they face worldwide.
- The observance highlights issues such as discrimination, poverty, exclusion, and lack of legal protection for widows.
- It promotes measures to ensure equality, dignity, and social security for widows across the world.

Information Booster:

- The day was initiated in 2005 by the Loomba Foundation.
- The United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution A/RES/65/189 on 21 December 2010, declaring 23 June as International Widows' Day.
- The first UN-recognized observance was held on 23 June 2011 at the UN Headquarters, New York.

Additional Knowledge:

- The date 23 June was chosen because Lord Raj Loomba lost his father on 23 June 1954, when his mother became a widow.
- The Loomba Foundation works globally to improve the welfare and rights of widows and their children.
- International Widows' Day encourages governments and organizations to strengthen legal, financial, educational, and social support for widows.

Q7. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the revised Kerala Budget for FY 2026–27?

1. The revised Budget was presented by Chief Minister V. D. Satheesan.
2. The budget announced Mission Samudra with an allocation of ₹400 crore.
3. The Fiscal Deficit (FD) for FY27 is estimated at 3.46% of GSDP.
4. The Oommen Chandy Health Insurance Scheme received an allocation of ₹10 crore.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 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 revised Budget for FY27 was presented by V. D. Satheesan, who also holds the finance portfolio.
- Statement 2 is correct as Mission Samudra received an allocation of ₹400 crore.
- Statement 3 is correct because the Fiscal Deficit is estimated at 3.46% of GSDP.
- Statement 4 is correct since ₹10 crore was allocated for the Oommen Chandy Health Insurance Scheme.

Information Booster

- Revenue Receipts: ₹1,69,646.37 crore
- Revenue Expenditure: ₹2,05,001.67 crore
- Major Allocations:
- Mission Samudra – ₹400 crore
- Aviation Hub – ₹200 crore
- Economic Corridor – ₹50 crore
- Mineral Corridor – ₹100 crore
- Life Science City – ₹100 crore
- Oommen Chandy Health Insurance Scheme – ₹10 crore

Additional Knowledge

- Mission Samudra focuses on integrating coastline, ports, and inland waterways.
- The Oommen Chandy Health Insurance Scheme provides health insurance coverage of up to ₹25 lakh per family.
- Fiscal Deficit represents the gap between the government's total expenditure and total receipts (excluding borrowings).

Q8. Which port was recognized as a Scope-2 Emission Free Port by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPS&W) in June 2026?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- (b) Deendayal Port
- (c) V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority
- (d) Paradip Port Authority

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority

Solution:

- V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority was recognized as a Scope-2 Emission Free Port by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways in June 2026.
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced that the port had achieved a 45% reduction in net carbon emissions, making it a model for sustainable maritime development.
- The recognition validates the port's transition towards clean energy and low-carbon operations.
- Six new initiatives in education, green energy, and digital transformation were also dedicated during the event.

Information Booster:

- The port released its first sustainability report titled "VOCPA Sustainability Report 2026: Towards a Green Maritime Future."
- Indian Institute of Management Calcutta released a case study titled "The Hydrogen Pivot: Orchestrating the Green Transition at V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority."
- A new Kendriya Vidyalaya began academic activities for the 2026–27 session.
- The initiatives were announced at Transport Bhawan, New Delhi.

Additional Knowledge:

- Scope-2 emissions refer to indirect greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the consumption of purchased electricity, steam, heating, or cooling.
- V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority is located at Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, and is one of India's major ports.
- The port is named after V. O. Chidambaram Pillai, popularly known as Kappalottiya Tamizhan.
- Green ports focus on reducing emissions, improving energy efficiency, and adopting sustainable maritime practices.

Q9. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the QS World Future Skills Index 2027?

1. India ranked 13th globally in the QS World Future Skills Index 2027.
2. India ranked 1st in South Asia and was the only South Asian country among the top 15.
3. The United States of America (USA) retained the top position in the index.
4. India secured 5th rank in the Future of Work indicator.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1, 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 India ranked 13th globally with an overall score of 89.4.
- Statement 2 is correct as India ranked 1st in South Asia and was the only South Asian country among the top 15.
- Statement 3 is correct because the United States retained the 1st position with a score of 99.2.
- Statement 4 is correct since India ranked 5th under the Future of Work indicator.

Information Booster

- The QS World Future Skills Index 2027 was released by Quacquarelli Symonds.
- The index evaluated 89 countries using indicators such as:
 - Higher education performance
 - Labour market metrics
 - Skills-gap analysis
 - AI transformation readiness
 - Third-party datasets

Top 3 Countries:

1. United States – 99.2
2. Australia – 97.5
3. United Kingdom – 96.6

Additional Knowledge

India's Performance Across Indicators:

- Skills Alignment – 18th
- Academic Readiness – 22nd
- Future of Work – 5th
- Economic Transformation – 14th
- India emerged as the top-performing lower-middle-income country in the index.
- The index measures countries' preparedness for future workforce demands, particularly in the era of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and technological transformation.

Q10. Which of the following applications was NOT among the four digital policing apps launched by Union Minister Amit Shah in June 2026 to strengthen the Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS)?

- (a) NCRB-Abhigyan
- (b) e-Prosecution 2.0
- (c) e-Forensics 2.0
- (d) DigiLocker Justice

Ans.(d)

Sol. Answer: (d) DigiLocker Justice

Solution:

- Union Minister Amit Shah launched four digital policing applications in June 2026 to strengthen the Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS).
- The four applications launched were:
 - NCRB-Abhigyan
 - Criminal Procedure Identification (CrPI)
 - e-Prosecution 2.0
 - e-Forensics 2.0
- These applications aim to improve investigation, prosecution, and conviction through Artificial Intelligence (AI), biometric identification, forensic integration, and digital prosecution management.

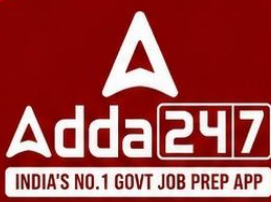
Information Booster:

- The applications were developed by the National Crime Records Bureau under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- They were launched during the 26th All India Fingerprint Conference held in New Delhi.
- The initiative seeks to complete the justice process within three years from First Information Report (FIR) registration to conviction.
- It integrates police, forensic, and judicial systems under the ICJS framework.

Additional Knowledge:

- During the same event, Amit Shah also launched the NAFEX.in along with:
- DRISHTI (Digital Resource for Information, Support, Training and Human Interface)

- Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
- NAFED KALYAN
- The ICJS is designed to facilitate seamless data sharing among police, courts, prisons, prosecution, and forensic laboratories.
- AI-enabled biometric identification and digital forensics are expected to improve the efficiency and transparency of criminal justice delivery.

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