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Q1. During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Odisha on 20 June 2026, the foundation stone of India's first commercial-scale Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project was laid at which place?

- (a) Talcher
- (b) Rourkela
- (c) Lakhanpur
- (d) Jharsuguda

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Lakhanpur

Solution:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Odisha on 20 June 2026 and participated in several development initiatives.
- During the visit, PM Modi and Droupadi Murmu jointly laid the foundation stone of India's first commercial-scale Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate Project at Lakhanpur, Odisha.
- The project is expected to strengthen India's industrial and fertilizer-related infrastructure.
- The leaders also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for projects worth over Rs.47,600 crore.

Information Booster:

- The programme was held at Rairangpur.
- The event marked the completion of two years of the Government of Odisha.
- The theme of the programme was "Vikas ra Dhara, Odisha Sara".
- A total of 60 projects were inaugurated and the foundation stone for 12 projects was laid.

Additional Knowledge:

- The projects covered sectors such as:
 - Energy
 - Industrial infrastructure
 - Road connectivity
 - Drinking water supply
 - Health facilities
 - Tourism
 - Irrigation
- PM Modi also announced the development of Pahadpur as a Model Solar Village.
- The initiative aims to ensure solar power generation facilities for every household in the village.
- Coal-to-Ammonium Nitrate technology converts coal-derived feedstock into industrial-grade ammonium nitrate used in mining, infrastructure, and industrial applications.

Q2. What is the total outlay approved for the DISHA 2.0 Scheme for the period 2026–2031?

- (a) Rs. 155 crore
- (b) Rs. 205 crore
- (c) Rs. 255 crore
- (d) Rs. 355 crore

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Rs. 255 crore

Solution:

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Arjun Ram Meghwal approved the continuation of the Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA) scheme as DISHA 2.0.
- The scheme has been approved with a total outlay of Rs.255 crore.
- It will be implemented for a period of five years, from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031.
- The scheme aims to strengthen digital justice delivery and improve access to justice across India.

Information Booster:

- DISHA 2.0 is a Central Sector Scheme funded through 100% Gross Budgetary Support of the Government of India.
- The proposal was recommended by the Standing Finance Committee chaired by Niraj Verma.
- The scheme will be implemented across all States and Union Territories.
- It aims to achieve a cumulative outreach of 3 crore beneficiaries.

Additional Knowledge:

- DISHA 2.0 supports the constitutional principle of Access to Justice under:
- Article 14 (Equality before Law)
- Article 21 (Protection of Life and Personal Liberty)
- Article 39A (Equal Justice and Free Legal Aid)
- The scheme aligns with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16.
- It also supports India's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.
- DISHA 2.0 comprises four components focused on improving justice delivery and legal accessibility.

Q3. Who was honoured with the Global Prestige Award at the UK Parliament in June 2026 for his contribution towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047?

- (a) Jay Shah
- (b) Harsh Vardhan
- (c) Roger Binny
- (d) Sourav Ganguly

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Harsh Vardhan

Solution:

- Harsh Vardhan received the Global Prestige Award on 20 June 2026 at the House of Lords, UK Parliament, London.
- He was honoured for his significant contribution towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.
- The recognition highlighted his leadership and developmental contributions.
- The award ceremony was held in the United Kingdom.

Information Booster:

- The award was presented under the theme: "Visionaries of Change: Charting the Course to Viksit Bharat 2047."
- The theme celebrated leaders contributing to:
- Development
- Innovation
- Peace
- Justice
- The Global Prestige Award recognizes outstanding individuals for leadership, innovation, and service to society.

Additional Knowledge:

- Harsh Vardhan became the youngest President in the history of the Bihar Cricket Association (BCA).
- He was elected unopposed as BCA President in September 2025.
- Viksit Bharat 2047 is India's long-term vision to become a developed nation by the centenary year of independence in 2047.
- The House of Lords is the upper chamber of the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

Q4. The United Nations' International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice is observed every year on which date?

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

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) 21 June

Solution:

- The International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice is observed annually on 21 June.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the cultural, religious, and historical significance of the solstice in different societies across the world.
- It recognizes solstices as important celestial events shared by humanity.
- The observance highlights the role of astronomy in cultural traditions and heritage.

Information Booster:

- The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly through Resolution A/RES/73/300 on 20 June 2019.
- It was first observed on 21 June 2020.
- The initiative emphasizes that solstices and equinoxes are shared astronomical events that transcend national boundaries.
- The observance promotes cultural diversity and mutual understanding among nations.

Additional Knowledge:

- A solstice occurs when the Sun reaches its highest or lowest position in the sky relative to the Earth's equator.
- The June Solstice marks:
 - The longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.
 - The shortest day of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The word "solstice" is derived from the Latin words *sol* (Sun) and *sistere* (to stand still).
- Many ancient civilizations celebrated solstices through festivals, rituals, and astronomical observations

Q5. Who is the author of the book "*IIT: The Story of India's Most Prestigious Educational Ecosystem*" launched in June 2026?

- (a) Om Birla
- (b) Prabhat Kumar
- (c) N. R. Narayana Murthy
- (d) Raghuram Rajan

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Prabhat Kumar

Solution:

- Om Birla launched the book "*IIT: The Story of India's Most Prestigious Educational Ecosystem*" in June 2026 at Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.
- The book was authored by Prabhat Kumar.
- It was published by HarperCollins India.
- The publication highlights the evolution and impact of the IIT ecosystem in India.

Information Booster:

- The book commemorates 75 years of the IIT ecosystem.
- Its release coincided with the launch of the Global PanIIT Book Club.
- The book traces the journey of IITs from 1951 to the present network of 23 IIT campuses across India.
- It documents the growth of India's premier technical education system over seven decades.

Additional Knowledge:

- The first IIT, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, was established in 1951 at the site of the former Hijli Detention Camp.
- The book explores topics such as:
 - Student life
 - Placements
 - Startups
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - Venture capital
 - India's technological development
- IITs are recognized globally for excellence in engineering, technology, and innovation.
- India currently has 23 IITs functioning under the Ministry of Education.

Q6. According to the FAO's State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) 2026 Report, India ranked ____ in aquatic animal production globally.

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) 2nd

Solution:

- According to the Food and Agriculture Organization report State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) 2026, India emerged as the world's second-largest producer of aquatic animals, after China.
- India contributed 9% of global aquatic animal production in 2024.
- The report was released under the theme "Blue Transformation: Turning Vision into Impact."
- India's strong performance reflects the rapid growth of its fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

Information Booster:

- India ranked 1st globally in inland water catches, producing 2.2 million tonnes (MT) from rivers, lakes, and freshwater systems.
- China remained the largest aquatic animal producer in the world.
- India is among the top five aquaculture-producing countries, along with:
 - China
 - Indonesia
 - Viet Nam
 - Bangladesh
- These five countries account for 84% of global aquaculture output.

Additional Knowledge:

- Global fisheries and aquaculture production reached a record 235 million tonnes (MT) in 2024.
- This included:
 - 195 MT of aquatic animals
 - 40 MT of algae
- Global aquaculture production alone reached 142 MT in 2024.
- Aquaculture refers to the farming of aquatic organisms such as fish, crustaceans, molluscs, and aquatic plants under controlled conditions.

Q7. Which of the following products from Madhya Pradesh were granted Geographical Indication (GI) tags in June 2026?

1. Khurasani Imli
 2. Garadu
 3. Balam Kakdi
 4. Malwi Potato
- (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

- Khurasani Imli received a GI tag. It is the fruit of the iconic Baobab tree found in the Mandu region of Dhar district.
- Garadu, a popular winter delicacy and starchy tuber from the Malwa region, also received GI recognition.
- Balam Kakdi, a unique cucumber variety grown in Sailana of Ratlam district, was granted a GI tag.
- Malwi Potato, known for its low sugar and starch content, also received GI recognition.

Therefore, all four statements are correct.

Information Booster

- The GI tags were granted by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

Key Features of GI-Tagged Products:

- Khurasani Imli
- Found in Mandu, Dhar district.
- Sour-sweet taste.
- Derived from the Baobab tree (*Adansonia digitata*).
- Balam Kakdi
- Grown in Sailana, Ratlam district.
- Known for saffron and green coloured flesh.
- Garadu
- Popular winter snack.
- Usually deep-fried and served with spices.
- Malwi Potato
- Low sugar and starch content.
- Ideal for chips, French fries, and street foods.

Additional Knowledge

- A Geographical Indication (GI) tag identifies products originating from a specific geographical region and possessing unique qualities linked to that location.
- GI registration in India is governed by the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.
- The GI Registry is headquartered in Chennai.
- Famous GI-tagged products of Madhya Pradesh include:
 - Chanderi Fabric
 - Maheshwari Saree
 - Ratlami Sev
 - Kadaknath Chicken

Q8. The Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) signed an MoU with which organization to promote language technology and multilingual AI solutions in Assam?

- (a) Assam Electronics Development Corporation
- (b) Assam Innovation & Startup Foundation (AISF)
- (c) North Eastern Development Finance Corporation
- (d) Assam Skill Development Mission

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Assam Innovation & Startup Foundation (AISF)

Solution:

- The Digital India BHASHINI Division signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Assam Innovation & Startup Foundation in June 2026.
- The partnership aims to promote language technology and multilingual Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions in Assam.
- The collaboration seeks to expand access to digital services through Indian languages and encourage technological innovation.
- AISF is a Section 8 company operating under the Government of Assam.

Information Booster:

- The collaboration will be implemented under the BHASHINI Rajyam Initiative.
- It aims to provide multilingual access to AISF's programmes, digital platforms, and services.
- The MoU focuses on integrating BHASHINI Language Translation APIs into official platforms.
- Special emphasis will be placed on improving services in Assamese and other regional languages.

Additional Knowledge:

- BHASHINI is an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to enable digital inclusion through Indian languages.
- The project supports the development of:
 - Voice-enabled applications
 - Translation services
 - Multilingual digital platforms
- The collaboration will also support linguistic data collection and dissemination through Bhashadaan.
- BHASHINI aims to bridge language barriers and make digital services accessible to citizens in their native languages.

Q9. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to West Bengal in June 2026?

1. PM Modi visited West Bengal from 20–21 June 2026.
 2. He participated in Paschimanga Divas celebrations held at Tarakeswar, Hooghly.
 3. During the visit, he released the 23rd instalment of the PM-KISAN scheme.
 4. Development projects related to railways, agriculture, rural development, fisheries, and animal husbandry were launched and inaugurated.
- (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 PM Modi undertook a two-day visit to West Bengal from 20–21 June 2026.
- Statement 2 is correct as he participated in Paschimbanga Divas celebrations at Tarakeswar.
- Statement 3 is correct because he released the 23rd instalment of the PM-KISAN scheme during the visit.
- Statement 4 is correct as several projects related to railways, agriculture, rural development, fisheries, and animal husbandry were launched, dedicated, or had their foundation stones laid.

Information Booster

- Theme of Paschimbanga Divas 2026:
- "West Bengal: Heritage, Harmony and Development"
- The visit focused on:
- Infrastructure development
- Farmer welfare
- Livelihood enhancement
- Socio-economic development
- The Government of India also decided to celebrate PM-KISAN Utsav Diwas through awareness programmes at:
- State level
- District level
- Block level
- Gram Panchayat level

Additional Knowledge

- PM-KISAN (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) was launched in 2019.
- Under the scheme, eligible farmer families receive ₹6,000 annually in three equal instalments.
- West Bengal Day is known as Paschimbanga Divas.
- West Bengal Capital: Kolkata.
- Hooghly district is named after the Hooghly River, a distributary of the Ganga.

Q10. Who was reportedly appointed to lead WhatsApp globally at Meta Platforms Inc. in June 2026?

- (a) Miten Sampat
- (b) Kunal Shah
- (c) Mark Zuckerberg
- (d) Nandan Nilekani

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Kunal Shah

Solution:

- Kunal Shah reportedly joined Meta Platforms in June 2026 and was appointed to lead WhatsApp globally.
- Following this move, he stepped away from his operational role as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CRED.
- Meta continued as a minority investor in CRED and reportedly had no access to user data.
- Miten Sampat was appointed as the interim CEO of CRED.

Information Booster:

- Kunal Shah is a well-known Indian entrepreneur and investor.
- Before founding CRED, he established FreeCharge, which was later acquired by Snapdeal.
- CRED grew from a startup into a major fintech platform with around 17 million users between 2019 and 2025.
- The company expanded into payments, lending, insurance, commerce, wealth management, and credit services.

Additional Knowledge:

- CRED is headquartered in Bengaluru.
- Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) allow employees to own shares in a company.
- CRED reportedly recorded its first profitable quarter in 2026.
- WhatsApp is one of the world's largest messaging platforms and is owned by Meta Platforms.


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