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Q1. Lieutenant General (Retired) Madan Mohan (M.M.) Lakhera, who passed away in June 2026, served as the Governor of which Indian state from 2006 to 2011?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Tripura

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Mizoram

Solution:

- Madan Mohan Lakhera, a retired Lieutenant General of the Indian Army, passed away in June 2026 at the age of 88 in Dehradun.
- He served as the 8th Governor of Mizoram from 25 July 2006 to 2 September 2011.
- Before this, he had served as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry after retiring from military service.
- He also held additional charge as the 9th Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Information Booster:

- Lt Gen M.M. Lakhera was commissioned into the Indian Army from the Indian Military Academy in June 1958.
- He had extensive experience in counter-insurgency operations.
- He was honoured with:
 - Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM)
 - Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM)
 - Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM)

Additional Knowledge:

- He was appointed as the Lieutenant Governor and Administrator of Puducherry in 2004.
- On 29 November 2005, he assumed additional charge as the Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands under Article 239 of the Constitution of India.
- Lt Gen Lakhera was widely respected for his distinguished military service and contributions to public administration after retirement.

Q2. Puviyarasu, who passed away in July 2026, was primarily associated with which Indian language?

- (a) Kannada
- (b) Malayalam
- (c) Tamil
- (d) Telugu

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Tamil

Solution:

- Puviyarasu was a renowned Tamil poet, translator, screenwriter, and actor who passed away in July 2026 at the age of 96 in Coimbatore.
- Born as Jagannathan in 1930, he later adopted the pen name Puviyarasu.
- He worked as a Tamil teacher and began publishing poetry in 1952.
- He was a founding member of the Vaanampaadi movement, which promoted Tamil free verse poetry and modern literary expression.

Information Booster:

- Puviyarasu authored more than 120 books, including poetry collections and translations.
- He translated the works of:
 - Khalil Gibran
 - Fyodor Dostoevsky

- Osho

- Rabindranath Tagore

Additional Knowledge:

- He received the Sahitya Akademi Award twice:

- 2007 for Puratchikaran, the Tamil translation of The Revolutionary.

- 2010 for Kaiyoppam.

- He was widely recognized for his contributions to both Tamil poetry and literary translation.

Q3. World Sports Journalists Day is observed every year on 2 July to commemorate the establishment of which organization?

(a) International Olympic Committee

(b) International Sports Press Association

(c) International Sports Federation

(d) Fédération Internationale de Football Association

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) International Sports Press Association (AIPS)

Solution:

- World Sports Journalists Day is observed every year on 2 July to recognize the contribution of sports journalists in promoting sports, ensuring fair reporting, and connecting audiences with sporting events worldwide.

- The day commemorates the establishment of the International Sports Press Association on 2 July 1924.

- It highlights the important role of sports journalism in promoting ethics, transparency, and public awareness in sports.

Information Booster:

- World Sports Journalists Day was established by the International Sports Press Association in 1994.

- The first observance was held on 2 July 1994, marking the 70th anniversary of AIPS.

- AIPS is the global association representing sports journalists and sports media professionals.

Additional Knowledge:

- The International Sports Press Association was founded in 1924 during the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris, France.

- AIPS works to promote professional standards, ethical journalism, press freedom, and international cooperation among sports journalists.

Q4. After receiving eight new Geographical Indication (GI) tags in July 2026, the total number of GI-tagged products in Himachal Pradesh increased to:

(a) 15

(b) 16

(c) 17

(d) 18

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) 17

Solution:

- Himachal Pradesh secured eight new Geographical Indication (GI) registrations in July 2026.

- With these additions, the total number of GI-tagged products in the state increased from 9 to 17.

- The registrations were facilitated by the Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology and Environment.

- Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu stated that the achievement would strengthen the state's cultural identity, traditional knowledge, and rural economy.

Information Booster: The eight newly registered GI products are:

- Seabuckthorn (Chharma) – Spiti

- Salooni Safed Makka (White Maize) – Chamba

- Chamba Metal Art – Chamba

- Sirmauri Loiya – Sirmaur
- Kinnauri Topi – Kinnaur
- Kinnauri Apple – Kinnaur
- Kinnauri Jewellery – Kinnaur
- Sepuvadi – Mandi

Additional Knowledge:

- A Geographical Indication (GI) is an intellectual property right that identifies products originating from a specific geographical region whose quality, reputation, or characteristics are essentially linked to that place.
- GI tags help:
 - Protect traditional products and artisans.
 - Promote rural livelihoods and local economies.
 - Preserve cultural heritage and indigenous knowledge.
- In India, GI registration is governed by the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

Q5. The Digital India Programme, launched on 1 July 2015, is implemented by which Ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Communications
- (b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- (c) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (d) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

Solution:

- The Digital India Programme is implemented by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- It was launched by Narendra Modi on 1 July 2015.
- On 1 July 2026, the programme completed 11 years.
- It aims to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy and has expanded its focus to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and semiconductor manufacturing.

Information Booster:

- The three key visions of the Digital India Programme are:
 - Provide every citizen with accessible, reliable, and secure digital infrastructure.
 - Ensure seamless, integrated, and on-demand digital delivery of government services.
 - Promote digital literacy, universal access to digital resources, and citizen participation in governance.

Additional Knowledge:

- Since the launch of the programme:
 - Internet connections have increased by around four times.
 - The cost of mobile data has declined from about ₹269 per GB to ₹8-10 per GB, making internet access among the most affordable globally.
- The Digital India Programme has supported initiatives such as:
 - Digital public infrastructure
 - Digital payments
 - E-governance services
 - AI and semiconductor ecosystem development

Q6. The Ministry of Tourism signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which company in June 2026 to strengthen the digital promotion of India's tourism destinations?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Meta
- (c) Google India
- (d) Amazon

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Google India

Solution:

- The Ministry of Tourism signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Google India in June 2026.
- The partnership aims to strengthen the digital promotion of India's tourism destinations using Artificial Intelligence (AI), analytics, and data-driven insights.
- The MoU was signed in the presence of Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in New Delhi.
- It seeks to enhance the global visibility of India's tourism sector.

Information Booster:

- The collaboration focuses on:
 - Digital tourism promotion
 - AI-based visitor engagement tools
 - Knowledge sharing and capacity building
 - Campaign optimisation
- Leveraging Google's digital ecosystem for wider outreach
- The initiative promotes India's:
 - Cultural heritage
 - Natural attractions
 - Spiritual tourism
 - Wellness tourism
 - Adventure tourism

Additional Knowledge:

- The MoU is non-commercial, non-binding, and non-exclusive.
- It involves no financial commitment from either party.
- The collaboration supports the Government of India's Incredible India initiative by using digital technologies to attract more domestic and international tourists.

Q7. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) partnered with HSBC India and JP Morgan Payments to enable real-time Foreign Exchange (FX) settlement for which payment system?

- (a) National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)
- (b) Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)
- (c) Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
- (d) Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Unified Payments Interface (UPI)

Solution:

- National Payments Corporation of India partnered with HSBC India and J.P. Morgan Payments in July 2026.
- The collaboration enables real-time Foreign Exchange (FX) settlement for cross-border Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions.
- The initiative aims to improve the transparency, speed, and efficiency of international digital payments for Indian users.

Information Booster:

- Under the partnership:
 - HSBC India will provide real-time FX rates through direct API integration.
 - J.P. Morgan Payments will support real-time FX conversion and settlement across multiple currencies.
- The collaboration combines UPI's global acceptance with advanced cross-border payment capabilities.

Additional Knowledge:

- Currently, UPI is operational in 9 countries:
 - Singapore
 - United Arab Emirates

- Nepal
- Bhutan
- Mauritius
- France
- Sri Lanka
- Qatar
- Cambodia
- Global UPI transaction volume increased from 0.75 million (FY25) to 1.48 million (FY26), while the transaction value reached ₹330.43 crore in FY26.

Q8. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Seychelles in June 2026?

1. PM Modi visited Seychelles from 27 to 29 June 2026.
2. He attended the Golden Jubilee National Day celebrations of Seychelles as the Guest of Honour.
3. He was conferred the "Guardian of the Blue Horizon" title, the highest distinction of Seychelles.
4. During the visit, India and Seychelles signed 9 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs).

- (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 Narendra Modi visited Seychelles from 27–29 June 2026.
- Statement 2 is correct as he attended the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Seychelles' National Day as the Guest of Honour, marking 50 years of independence.
- Statement 3 is correct because he received the honorary title "Guardian of the Blue Horizon", the highest distinction of Seychelles.
- Statement 4 is correct since India and Seychelles signed 9 MoUs covering multiple sectors.

Information Booster

- Host: Patrick Herminie
- Venue of Bilateral Meeting: State House, Victoria

Key Areas of Cooperation:

- Defence
- Healthcare
- Digital payments
- Agriculture
- Maritime cooperation
- Space
- Infrastructure
- Renewable energy
- Capacity building

Major Outcomes:

- ₹1,250 crore Line of Credit (LoC)
- Handover of Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) PS LESPWAR
- Delivery of 6 ambulances, 10 utility vehicles, and 5 Laser Radical Boats
- Release of a joint commemorative logo marking 50 years of diplomatic relations between India and Seychelles

Additional Knowledge

- Capital of Seychelles: Victoria.
- Seychelles is an island nation located in the Indian Ocean and is strategically important for India's maritime security and SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision.

- India and Seychelles maintain close cooperation in:
- Blue Economy
- Maritime security
- Capacity building
- Disaster management
- Renewable energy
- Development partnership

Q9. On the occasion of its 111th Foundation Day, the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) inaugurated which event in June 2026?

- (a) National Biodiversity Congress 2026
- (b) 4th Animal Taxonomy Summit (ATS 4.0)
- (c) India Wildlife Expo 2026
- (d) National Faunal Conservation Conference

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) 4th Animal Taxonomy Summit (ATS 4.0)

Solution:

- Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the 4th Animal Taxonomy Summit (ATS 4.0) on 30 June 2026.
- The event marked the 111th Foundation Day of the Zoological Survey of India and was held at the Dhano Dhanyo Auditorium in Kolkata.
- The three-day summit (30 June–2 July 2026) highlighted India's biodiversity research and wildlife conservation efforts.
- The summit documented 709 new faunal records.

Information Booster:

- During the summit, the following publications were released jointly by the Zoological Survey of India and the Botanical Survey of India:
- Animal Discoveries–2025
- Plant Discoveries–2025
- The 19th edition of Plant Discoveries–2025 added 353 taxa to India's floral database.
- Digital platforms launched included:
- Fauna of India Checklist Version 3.0
- PaleoIndia Portal

Additional Knowledge:

- Major activities of ATS 4.0 included:
- 111-Hours Nationwide Hackathon on Traditional Knowledge for Biodiversity.
- 16 regional competitions.
- National semi-finals at Dehradun.
- Grand finale in Kolkata.
- The Zoological Survey of India is India's premier institution for faunal exploration, taxonomy, and biodiversity documentation under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

Q10. Who was appointed as the Part-time Chairman of HDFC Bank in July 2026?

- (a) Keki Mistry
- (b) Atanu Chakraborty
- (c) Rajiv Kumar
- (d) Shaktikanta Das

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Rajiv Kumar

Solution:

- Rajiv Kumar was appointed as the Part-time Chairman of HDFC Bank in July 2026.
- His appointment is for a three-year term, effective from the date approved by the Reserve Bank of India.
- He is the former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India.

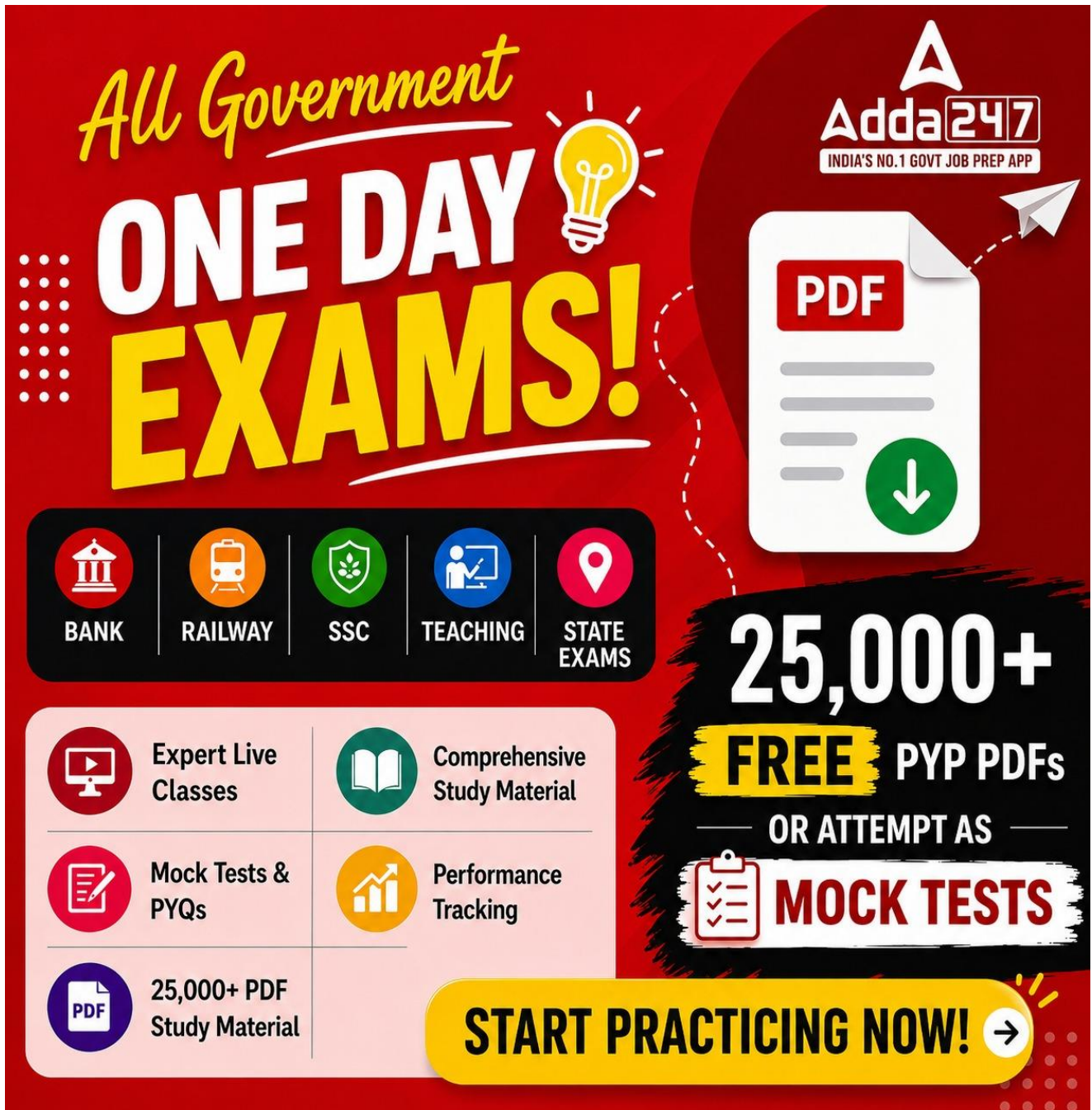
- The appointment strengthens the bank's governance structure through independent leadership.

Information Booster:

- Rajiv Kumar will succeed Keki Mistry, who had been serving as the interim Chairman of HDFC Bank.
- Keki Mistry took over after Atanu Chakraborty stepped down in March 2026, citing ethical concerns.
- Rajiv Kumar has also been appointed as an Additional Independent Director of HDFC Bank for a four-year term, effective 30 June 2026.

Additional Knowledge:

- The appointment of the Chairman of a private sector bank requires the approval of the Reserve Bank of India.
- Rajiv Kumar previously served as the Chief Election Commissioner of India, the constitutional authority responsible for supervising elections to Parliament, State Legislatures, and the offices of the President and Vice-President of India.



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