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Q1. World Brain Day is observed every year on which date?

- (a) 21 June
- (b) 18 July
- (c) 22 July
- (d) 29 September

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- World Brain Day (WBD) is observed annually on 22 July to raise awareness about brain health and neurological disorders.
- The 2026 theme is "Brain Health: Access for All."
- The day promotes equitable access to prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, and care for neurological conditions.

Information Booster:

- The idea of observing World Brain Day was proposed by the Public Awareness and Advocacy Committee (PAAC) of the World Federation of Neurology (WFN) in September 2013.
- The proposal was approved by the WFN Board of Trustees in February 2014.
- The observance is led by the World Federation of Neurology (WFN) in collaboration with the:
 - World Health Organization (WHO)
 - United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC)
- The WFN is headquartered in London, United Kingdom.

Additional Knowledge:

- 22 July commemorates the establishment of the World Federation of Neurology (WFN) in 1957 at Brussels, Belgium.
- The date also marks the adoption of the WFN's first constitution, representing a milestone in international neurological cooperation.
- The World Federation of Neurology (WFN) is a global professional organization dedicated to improving neurological care, education, and research worldwide.

Q2. In July 2026, the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) officially launched the E-Commerce Council of India (ECCI) in which city?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Mumbai

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) officially launched the E-Commerce Council of India (ECCI) in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The ECCI is a nationwide platform established to strengthen India's digital commerce ecosystem through collaboration among industry, government, and other stakeholders.

Information Booster:

- The ECCI has onboarded 70–80 members, including: Amazon ,Flipkart ,IndiaMART ,ixigo,Uber ,Rapido ,Shiprocket ,eBay ,Urban Company ,Meesho
- The Council focuses on: E-commerce for products and services ,Digital trade ,Logistics and supply chain ,Mobility ,MSME enablement ,Market access ,Travel technology
- It will host the annual Indian E-Commerce Summit (IECS).

Additional Knowledge:

- IAMAI was established in 2004 as a not-for-profit industry association under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- It is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Dr. Subho Ray is the President of IAMAI.

Q3. In July 2026, Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched Mission "Golden Spice" to promote which GI-tagged agricultural product?

- (a) Naga King Chilli
- (b) Lakadong Turmeric
- (c) Mizo Bird's Eye Chilli
- (d) Sikkim Large Cardamom

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched Mission "Golden Spice – Integrated Lakadong Turmeric Value Chain Enhancement Project".
- The mission aims to transform Meghalaya's GI-tagged Lakadong Turmeric into a globally competitive premium spice.
- It is a ₹175.45 crore convergence-led initiative with a five-year roadmap (2025–2030).

Information Booster:

- The mission will be implemented in two phases:
- Phase 1: Value Chain Strengthening
- Phase 2: Expansion and Scale-up
- Funding will be shared by:
- Government of Meghalaya
- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW)
- Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), which contributes 50%.
- Lakadong Turmeric is primarily cultivated in:
- West Jaintia Hills
- East Jaintia Hills (Meghalaya)
- It is currently grown on about 2,600 hectares, producing nearly 10,000 metric tonnes annually.

Additional Knowledge:

- Lakadong Turmeric is renowned for its high curcumin content, making it one of the finest turmeric varieties in the world.
- It has been granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag, highlighting its unique quality and origin.
- The mission focuses on improving the entire value chain, including production, processing, branding, marketing, and exports to enhance farmers' income.

Q4. Eight-year-old Iya Krish, who became the youngest Asian to scale Mount Toubkal in July 2026, belongs to which Indian state?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, Iya Krish, an eight-year-old mountaineer from Thrissur, Kerala, became the youngest Asian to summit Mount Toubkal (4,167 m), the highest peak in North Africa.
- The expedition took place in Morocco's Atlas Mountains and lasted three days.
- The summit involved trekking approximately 42 km with an elevation gain of over 2,900 metres.

Information Booster:

- Mount Toubkal
- Highest peak in North Africa
- Iya Krish currently lives in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- She prepared through:
 - Regular trekking in Ras Al Khaimah and Fujairah
 - Kalaripayattu training for endurance and fitness.
- At the age of 5 years 11 months, she climbed Jebel Jais (1,934 m), the highest mountain in the UAE.

Additional Knowledge:

- Iya Krish's future mountaineering goals include climbing:
 - Mount Elbrus (Russia)
 - Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania)
 - Mount Everest (Nepal-Tibet/China border)
- She aims to summit Mount Everest before the age of 12.
- Mount Everest, at 8,848.86 metres, is the highest mountain in the world.

Q5. In July 2026, Paninian India Private Limited launched India's first private-sector turbofan engine programme named:

- (a) Kaveri
- (b) Shakti
- (c) Yantur
- (d) Garuda

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, Paninian India Private Limited launched the Yantur 4.5 kN Turbofan Engine Programme, regarded as India's first privately developed turbofan engine in its class.
- The programme aims to establish indigenous private-sector capability in compact aerospace propulsion for next-generation autonomous systems.

- Paninian India is a deep-tech and aerospace startup based in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Information Booster:

- Yantur is being developed to power Svayatt L1, Paninian India's long-range autonomous cruise missile platform.
- The programme is designed to support the Ministry of Defence's (MoD) Make-I programme for the Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM).
- The engine can be scaled from 4.5 kN to 12.5 kN to power the Svayatt Collaborative Combat Aerial Vehicle (CCAV).
- The Yantur and Svayatt L1 programmes include five patent claims covering:
 - Engine family architecture
 - Combustor and diffuser-nozzle design
 - Compressor technology
 - Digital twin health monitoring
 - Advanced manufacturing techniques

Additional Knowledge:

- Paninian India Private Limited was incorporated in 2018 and is headquartered in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- A turbofan engine is a type of jet engine widely used in aircraft, offering high fuel efficiency and thrust through a combination of jet propulsion and a large fan.
- The Make-I category under the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) supports the indigenous development of strategically important defence technologies with government funding.

Q6. The 'Gems of India' Challenge, launched in July 2026, is hosted on which platform?

- (a) DIKSHA
- (b) MyGov
- (c) MyWAVES
- (d) BharatNet

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- On 21 July 2026, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the pilot phase of the 'Gems of India' Challenge.
- The initiative is hosted on the MyWAVES platform, enabling creators to showcase their district's culture, heritage, tourism, traditions, history, and unique achievements through digital storytelling.
- The initiative aims to identify, nurture, and promote grassroots digital creators under the emerging Orange Economy.

Information Booster:

- The pilot phase covers:
 - Andaman & Nicobar Islands
 - Arunachal Pradesh
 - Chandigarh
 - Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu

- Goa
- Ladakh
- Participants will submit 1–3 minute original videos through the MyWAVES section of WAVES OTT from 1 August 2026.
- The initiative is supported by:
 - Prasar Bharati
 - My Bharat
 - State and District Administrations
 - YouTube
 - Meta
- Prize categories:
 - District Level: ₹50,000
 - State Level: ₹2 lakh
 - National Level: ₹5 lakh

Additional Knowledge:

- MyWAVES is a citizen creator platform under WAVES OTT, designed for creating, uploading, and sharing original digital content.
- Based on the success of the pilot phase, the challenge will be expanded to all States and Union Territories to build a nationwide digital creator ecosystem.
- The Orange Economy refers to economic activities based on creativity, culture, digital content, media, and intellectual property.

Q7. In July 2026, the Indian Stainless Steel Development Association (ISSDA) partnered with which organisation to promote stainless steel for India's clean energy transition?

- (a) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- (b) Global Stainless Steel Expo (GSSE)
- (c) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- (d) World Steel Association (worldsteel)

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- On 20 July 2026, the Indian Stainless Steel Development Association (ISSDA) signed a strategic partnership with the Global Stainless Steel Expo (GSSE).
- The collaboration aims to promote stainless steel as a key enabler of India's clean energy transition and sustainable industrial growth.
- It focuses on expanding the use of stainless steel in green hydrogen, renewable energy, mobility, infrastructure, and industrial sectors.

Information Booster:

- The partnership will promote advanced stainless steel applications through: Technical conferences , Buyer-seller meets , Industry collaborations
- Stainless steel is widely used in:
 - Green hydrogen

- Renewable energy
- Ammonia
- Ethanol
- Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)
- Chemical industries
- The partnership also advocates a National Stainless Steel Policy (NSSP) to strengthen manufacturing and raw material security.
- India's stainless steel market is projected to reach USD 15.8 billion (₹1.36 lakh crore) by 2030.

Additional Knowledge:

- India has a stainless steel production capacity of 7.5 million tonnes (MT) with 60–65% capacity utilisation and 25–28% import dependency.
- The Indian Stainless Steel Development Association (ISSDA) was established in 1980 and is headquartered in New Delhi.
- Rajamani Krishnamurti is the President of ISSDA.

Q8. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding INS Malvan commissioned by the Indian Navy in July 2026?

1. INS Malvan is the second of the eight Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC).
2. It was commissioned at Naval Base Karwar, becoming the first Indian naval vessel to be commissioned there.
3. The warship was built by Cochin Shipyard Limited with over 80% indigenous content.
4. INS Malvan is named after the coastal town of Malvan, associated with the maritime legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

- (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 INS Malvan is the second of the eight Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) being inducted into the Indian Navy.
- Statement 2 is correct as the ship was commissioned at Naval Base Karwar, becoming the first Indian naval vessel to be commissioned at Karwar.
- Statement 3 is correct because the vessel was constructed by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and incorporates more than 80% indigenous content, supporting the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
- Statement 4 is correct since the ship is named after Malvan, a historic coastal town known for the maritime legacy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

Information Booster

- Warship: INS Malvan (Yard 524)
- Class: Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)

- Commissioned at: Naval Base Karwar
- Builder: Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
- Indigenous Content: Over 80%
- Induction: 7th warship inducted into the Indian Navy in 2026

Key Specifications

- Length: Approximately 70–80 metres
- Displacement: Approximately 896–1,100 tonnes
- Beam: 11.36 metres
- Draft: 2.7 metres
- Role: Coastal anti-submarine warfare and littoral operations

Additional Knowledge

- The commissioning ceremony was presided over by Amar Preet Singh (Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh), in the presence of Sanjay Vatsayan.
- The Mahe-class ASW-SWC is designed for:
 - Detecting and tracking submarines in shallow waters
 - Coastal surveillance
 - Mine-laying operations
 - Search and rescue missions
 - Low-intensity maritime operations
- The project is part of India's efforts to strengthen coastal defence and promote indigenous naval shipbuilding under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

Q9. According to the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) data released in July 2026, which state has the highest number of manufacturing units established under the PLI-Auto Scheme?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Haryana

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) informed the Lok Sabha that Maharashtra had the highest number of manufacturing units (66) established under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Automobile and Auto Components (as of 31 March 2026).
- It was followed by Tamil Nadu (38 units), Haryana (35 units), and Karnataka (35 units).

Information Booster:

- Total manufacturing units established: 225
- Top states under the PLI-Auto Scheme:
 - Maharashtra – 66
 - Tamil Nadu – 38
 - Haryana – 35
 - Karnataka – 35
 - Uttar Pradesh – 13

- Gujarat – 10
- Uttarakhand – 9
- Rajasthan – 7
- Madhya Pradesh – 6
- Telangana – 5
- The PLI-Auto Scheme was approved in September 2021 with a budgetary outlay of ₹25,938 crore.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Automobile and Auto Components aims to promote advanced automotive technologies, enhance domestic manufacturing, attract investments, and increase exports.
- The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI).
- It supports the Make in India initiative by encouraging the production of advanced automotive components and electric vehicles (EVs).

Q10. In July 2026, ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) signed an MoU with which institution to develop indigenous eco-friendly blowing agent technology?

- (a) CSIR–National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL)
- (b) CSIR–Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT)
- (c) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- (d) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the CSIR–Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT).
- The collaboration aims to develop indigenous next-generation environmentally sustainable blowing agent technology.
- The initiative seeks to support advanced space applications and reduce India's dependence on imported fluorochemicals.

Information Booster:

- CSIR-IICT will contribute its expertise in:
 - Fluorochemical synthesis
 - Process development
 - Safe handling of anhydrous hydrogen fluoride (HF)
- VSSC will provide:
 - Application-specific requirements
 - Technical evaluation and validation of materials for space missions
- Another agreement signed by ISRO in July 2026:
 - ISRO's Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) signed an Implementing Agreement (IA) with Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST).
 - The collaboration launched India's first indigenous two-year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Bioastronautics.

Additional Knowledge:

- Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), located in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, is ISRO's lead centre for launch vehicle design and development.
- CSIR-IICT, headquartered in Hyderabad, Telangana, is a premier CSIR laboratory specializing in chemical sciences and process technologies.
- Bioastronautics is the study of the biological and medical aspects of human spaceflight, including astronaut health, life-support systems, and space medicine.


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