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Q1. "TribeX", launched by Union Minister Jual Oram in July 2026, is a digital learning platform dedicated to:

- (a) Artificial Intelligence and Robotics
- (b) Tribal arts, culture, traditional knowledge and skill development
- (c) Digital governance and e-learning
- (d) Agricultural technology and rural entrepreneurship

Ans.(b)

Sol. Answer: (b) Tribal arts, culture, traditional knowledge and skill development

Solution:

- Jual Oram launched "TribeX" in July 2026 during the National Workshop on Strengthening Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) held in Bhubaneswar.
- TribeX is India's first-of-its-kind digital learning platform dedicated to tribal arts, culture, traditional knowledge, indigenous languages, and skill development.
- The platform enables learners to interact directly with tribal knowledge holders and master artisans through structured learning programmes.

Information Booster:

- TribeX offers:
 - 20 free certificate courses in tribal art forms, including paintings, handicrafts, handloom, artefacts, and traditional musical instruments.
 - The Government plans to expand the platform to more than 100 certificate courses.
- It also serves as a digital repository to preserve:
 - Tribal languages.
 - Oral traditions.
 - Performing arts.
 - Cultural practices.
 - Indigenous knowledge systems.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs signed an MoU with Sampurnanand Sanskrit University to offer UGC-recognized one-year hybrid Post Graduate Diploma programmes.
- The proposed diploma programmes include:
 - Santali (Ol Chiki) (Tribal Language).
 - Sustainable Tribal Culture-based Livelihood Practices.
 - Museology and Tribal Museum Management.
 - Tribal Arts and Crafts of India.
 - Tribal Textiles.

Q2. According to UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2026, India ranked 11th globally in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in 2025, receiving approximately:

- (a) USD 28.89 billion
- (b) USD 35.66 billion
- (c) USD 38.89 billion
- (d) USD 44.89 billion

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) USD 38.89 billion

Solution:

- The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development released the World Investment Report 2026, titled "International Investment in a Turbulent Era."
- According to the report, India became the 11th largest recipient of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2025, with inflows of USD 38.89 billion.
- India improved by two positions compared to 2024, while its FDI inflows increased by about 44%.

Information Booster:

- Top 3 FDI destinations in 2025:
 1. United States – USD 277 billion
 2. Singapore – USD 151 billion
 3. Hong Kong – USD 116 billion
- India also moved up to 18th among the world's top home economies for FDI, with FDI outflows increasing from USD 24.26 billion (2024) to USD 35.66 billion (2025).

Additional Knowledge:

- The report noted that global FDI increased by 6% to USD 1.6 trillion in 2025, following two consecutive years of decline.
- The top five source economies for FDI in 2025 were:
 1. United States
 2. Japan
 3. China
 4. Luxembourg
 5. Hong Kong
- Strategic sectors such as semiconductors, digital infrastructure, Artificial Intelligence (AI), advanced manufacturing, and energy transition technologies accounted for 44% of global greenfield investment project value in 2025.

Q3. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the partnership between Bisleri International and the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) announced in July 2026?

1. Bisleri International signed a Letter of Association (LoA) with the Indian Coast Guard (Kerala and Mahe).
 2. The partnership is implemented through Bisleri's flagship Bottles for Change (BFC) initiative.
 3. The collaboration aims to promote plastic waste management and protect coastal and marine ecosystems.
 4. The agreement aligns with the Indian Coast Guard's mission of "Plastic Free Oceans".
- (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 Bisleri International signed a Letter of Association (LoA) with the Indian Coast Guard (Kerala and Mahe).
- Statement 2 is correct as the collaboration is carried out through Bisleri's flagship Bottles for Change (BFC) initiative.
- Statement 3 is correct because the partnership focuses on plastic waste management, including collection, segregation, recycling, and protection of coastal and marine ecosystems.
- Statement 4 is correct since the agreement is aligned with the ICG mission of "Plastic Free Oceans."

Information Booster

Signatories:

- Angelo George
- Ashish Mehrotra

Key Objectives:

- Responsible collection of post-consumer plastic
- Plastic segregation and recycling
- Awareness generation
- Behavioural change towards sustainable practices
- Prevention of plastic waste entering marine ecosystems

Additional Knowledge

- Bisleri International was established in 1969.
- Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Bottles for Change (BFC) is Bisleri's flagship sustainability initiative promoting a circular economy through plastic recycling and responsible waste management.
- The Indian Coast Guard functions under the Ministry of Defence and is responsible for maritime safety, security, and marine environmental protection.

Q4. InsuranceDekho appointed Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador and launched which campaign in July 2026?

- (a) Play with Confidence
- (b) Suraksha Sabke Liye
- (c) Khul Kar Khelo
- (d) Insure India First

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Khul Kar Khelo

Solution:

- InsuranceDekho appointed Sourav Ganguly as its Brand Ambassador in July 2026.
- Along with the appointment, the company launched the "Khul Kar Khelo" campaign.
- The campaign aims to empower insurance advisors, helping them grow their businesses, increase earnings, and expand their reach across India.

Information Booster:

- The "Khul Kar Khelo" campaign:
- Draws inspiration from Sourav Ganguly's fearless leadership as India's cricket captain.
- Seeks to strengthen the role of insurance advisors as micro-entrepreneurs.

- Promotes greater financial protection for Indian families.
- Will be promoted through television, digital, and broadcast media.

Additional Knowledge:

- Sourav Ganguly:
- Served as India's 39th Test captain.
- Led India to the 2003 ICC Cricket World Cup Final.
- Served as President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India from 2019 to 2022.
- InsuranceDekho was founded in 2016, is headquartered in Gurugram, and operates under the legal name Girnar Insurance Brokers Private Limited.

Q5. The Natural History Museum (NHM), Mizoram University was notified as India's 21st Designated Repository under which Act?

- (a) Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
- (b) Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- (c) Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- (d) Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Biological Diversity Act, 2002

Solution:

- In July 2026, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified the Natural History Museum, Mizoram University as India's 21st Designated Repository (DR).
- The notification was issued under Section 39 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, following the recommendation of the National Biodiversity Authority.
- The repository will preserve biological specimens and strengthen biodiversity conservation and taxonomic research.

Information Booster:

- The Natural History Museum (NHM) was established in 2022 under the Mizoram University Act, 2000.
- It is located in the Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot, one of the world's richest biodiversity regions.
- The museum has preserved more than 500 specimens, including:
 - Herbarium sheets.
 - Wet collections.
 - It specializes in:
 - Pteridophytes.
 - Macrofungi.
 - Fishes.
 - Moths.
 - Beetles.
 - Butterflies.

Additional Knowledge:

- The repository will collaborate with:
 - Mizoram State Biodiversity Board.
 - Botanical Survey of India.

- Zoological Survey of India.
- It supports Target 4 of India's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) 2024–2030, focusing on ex situ conservation and genetic diversity, in line with the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Q6. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Sirsa Kinnow?

1. Sirsa Kinnow became Haryana's first fruit to receive a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
2. The GI tag was granted by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
3. Kinnow is a hybrid developed by crossing King Mandarin and Willow Leaf Mandarin.
4. Kharisureran Farmer Producer Company Limited received the GI certification for Sirsa Kinnow.

- (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 Sirsa Kinnow became Haryana's first fruit to receive a GI tag.
- Statement 2 is correct as the GI tag was granted by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- Statement 3 is correct because Kinnow is a hybrid of King Mandarin (*Citrus nobilis*) and Willow Leaf Mandarin (*Citrus × deliciosa*).
- Statement 4 is correct since the GI certification was granted to Kharisureran Farmer Producer Company Limited.

Information Booster

- GI Holder: Kharisureran Farmer Producer Company Limited
- District: Sirsa district
- Unique Feature: Sirsa Kinnow received its own official emblem/logo featuring an orange kinnow with a green leaf.

Key Characteristics of Sirsa Kinnow

- Sweet and sour taste
- Rich in Vitamin C
- Good source of Calcium and Potassium
- Hybrid citrus fruit

Additional Knowledge

- Kinnow was developed in the early 20th century in California by horticulturist Howard B. Frost.
- As of July 2026, India has 822 GI-tagged products.
- Between April 2025 and March 2026, 125 new GI products were registered.
- States with the highest number of new GI registrations during this period:
 - Madhya Pradesh – 26
 - West Bengal – 24
 - Jharkhand – 11

Q7. According to the UDISE+ 2025–26 Report, released by the Ministry of Education, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at the Secondary level increased to:

- (a) 68.5%
- (b) 69.8%
- (c) 70.2%
- (d) 71.7%

Ans.(d)

Sol. Answer: (d) 71.7%

Solution:

- The Ministry of Education released the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2025–26 Report on 7 July 2026.
- According to the report, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at the Secondary level increased to 71.7%, up from 68.5% in 2024–25.
- The improvement indicates greater access to secondary education and increased student participation.

Information Booster:

- The number of teachers increased by 8.3%, rising from 94,83,294 (2022–23) to 1,02,73,020 (2025–26).
- The Pupil–Teacher Ratio (PTR) reported in the UDISE+ 2025–26 Report is:
- Foundational: 10:1
- Preparatory: 12:1
- Middle: 17:1
- Secondary: 21:1
- These ratios are better than the National Education Policy (NEP) recommendation of 30:1, supporting more individualized learning.

Additional Knowledge:

- The report also showed a decline in dropout rates across school levels:
- Preparatory: 1.8% (from 2.3%)
- Middle: 3.6%
- Secondary: 7.0% (from 8.2%)
- UDISE+ is India's comprehensive digital database on school education, providing annual data on enrolment, teachers, infrastructure, retention, transition, and gender parity to support evidence-based policymaking.

Q8. The PRAGATI (Promoting Regenerative Agriculture Through Agri-Entrepreneurship Initiative), launched in July 2026, aims to directly support how many smallholder farmers across India?

- (a) 10 lakh
- (b) 15 lakh
- (c) 20 lakh
- (d) 26 lakh

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) 20 lakh

Solution:

- Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the PRAGATI (Promoting Regenerative Agriculture Through Agri-Entrepreneurship Initiative) in New Delhi in July 2026.
- The initiative aims to empower 20,000 agri-entrepreneurs and directly support 20 lakh smallholder farmers across India.
- PRAGATI focuses on promoting regenerative agriculture, climate-resilient farming, technology adoption, and improved market access.

Information Booster:

- The programme will be implemented in:
 - Madhya Pradesh
 - Bihar
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Assam
 - West Bengal
 - Jharkhand
 - Maharashtra
 - Rajasthan
- The initiative builds upon an existing network of 26,000+ agri-entrepreneurs serving 26 lakh farmers.
- Agri-entrepreneurs will provide:
 - Soil testing.
 - Farm mechanisation.
 - Advisory services.
 - Financial linkages.
 - Market access.

Additional Knowledge:

- The PRAGATI initiative has the following targets:
 - Increase farmers' income by at least 30%.
 - Improve yields of major crops by 15–20%.
 - Promote regenerative agriculture among 20% of participating farmers.
 - Achieve financial inclusion for 50% of associated farmers.

Q9. Mahesh Muralidhar Pai, appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of South Indian Bank in July 2026, previously served as Chief General Manager (CGM) of which bank?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Punjab National Bank
- (c) Canara Bank
- (d) Bank of Baroda

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) Canara Bank

Solution:

- The Reserve Bank of India approved the appointment of Mahesh Muralidhar Pai as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of South Indian Bank.
- He will serve a three-year term beginning 1 October 2026.
- Before this appointment, he was serving as the Chief General Manager (CGM) of Canara Bank.
- He will succeed P. R. Seshadri, whose tenure ends on 30 September 2026.

Information Booster:

- Mahesh Muralidhar Pai has nearly three decades of banking experience in:
- Corporate governance.
- Strategy.
- Treasury and foreign exchange.
- Retail banking.
- Agriculture finance.
- MSME credit.
- He has also served on the Boards of:
- Karnataka State Financial Corporation.
- Canara Bank Securities Limited.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Reserve Bank of India also approved the reappointment of N. S. Vishwanathan as the Non-Executive (Part-time) Chairman of Axis Bank for a three-year term from 27 October 2026 to 26 October 2029.

Q10. PM-SETU (Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs) has been expanded nationwide to cover how many identified ITI clusters?

- (a) 100
- (b) 150
- (c) 200
- (d) 250

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer: (c) 200

Solution:

- In July 2026, the Government of India approved the nationwide expansion of PM-SETU (Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs) across 200 identified ITI clusters.
- The Centre approved strategic investment plans worth ₹1,237.58 crore under the programme.
- The initiative aims to modernise Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), strengthen industry linkages, and improve employability through skill development.

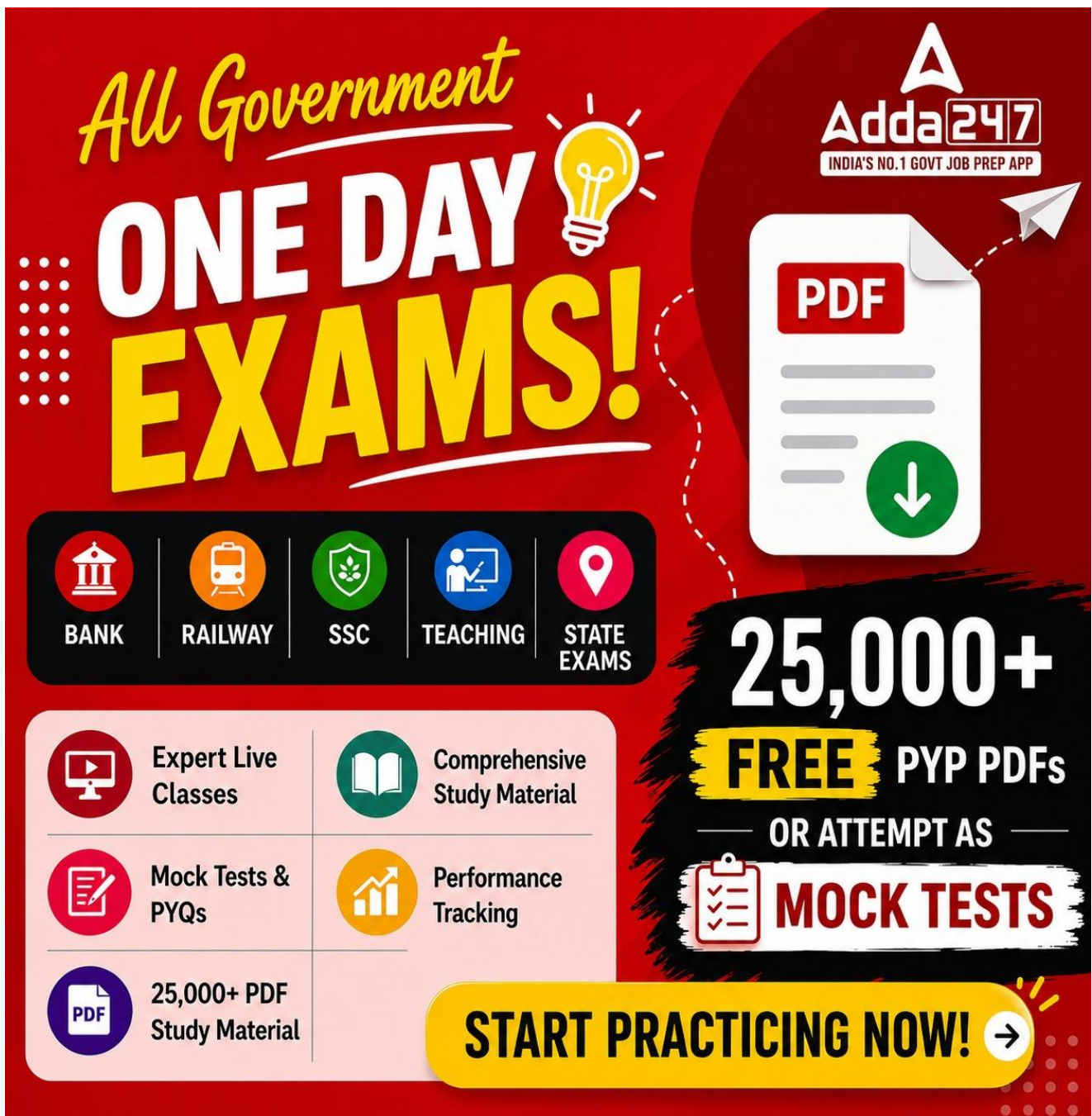
Information Booster:

- The decision was approved during the 4th National Steering Committee (NSC) meeting chaired by Debashree Mukherjee.
- The meeting was attended by:
- Dilip Kumar.
- Manasi Sahay Thakur.
- Senior representatives from various state governments.
- The committee also approved five ITI clusters across Odisha, Gujarat, and Telangana, with private companies serving as anchor industry partners.

Additional Knowledge:

- PM-SETU is implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

- The programme focuses on:
- Modernising ITI infrastructure.
- Aligning training with industry requirements.
- Enhancing apprenticeship opportunities.
- Improving employment outcomes through stronger industry participation.



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