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Q1. In July 2026, the Centre of Excellence (CoE) on Human-Wildlife Conflict was inaugurated at which institution?

- (a) Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal
- (b) Wildlife Institute of India–Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (WII-SACON), Coimbatore
- (c) Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun
- (d) Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Kolkata

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the Centre of Excellence (CoE) on Human-Wildlife Conflict at the Wildlife Institute of India–Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (WII-SACON), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- The Centre will function as a national hub for research, innovation, policy support, capacity building, and dissemination of best practices.
- It aims to strengthen the scientific and evidence-based management of human-wildlife conflict in India.

Information Booster:

- The inauguration was attended by Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh, MoEF&CC Secretary Tanmay Kumar, and Director General of Forests Sushil Kumar Awasthi.
- The National Human-Wildlife Conflict Portal was launched during the event to support data management, knowledge sharing, and decision-making.
- The first edition of *Current Status of Human–Wildlife Conflict in India: An Overview* was also released.
- The initiative is led by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).

Additional Knowledge:

- Human-wildlife conflict refers to interactions between humans and wild animals that result in loss of life, injury, crop damage, livestock depredation, or property damage.
- The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is headquartered in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, while WII-SACON is located in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- Technology such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), satellite mapping, and predictive analytics is increasingly being used for wildlife conflict mitigation in India.

Q2. In July 2026, the Quality Council of India (QCI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which organisation to enhance the quality standards, competitiveness, and market access of MSMEs?

- (a) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- (b) National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)
- (c) National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
- (d) Invest India

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the Quality Council of India (QCI) signed an MoU with the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC).

- The partnership aims to enhance the quality standards, competitiveness, and market access of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across India.
- It combines QCI's expertise in quality, accreditation, and certification with NSIC's MSME support ecosystem.

Information Booster:

- A Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) comprising representatives of QCI and NSIC will meet quarterly to monitor the implementation of the 5-year MoU.
- The collaboration integrates MSME ZED (Zero Defect Zero Effect) Certification, MSME Global Mart, ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce), TEAM Initiative, and Single Point Registration Scheme (SPRS).
- It also supports NABL accreditation for NSIC testing facilities and NABET-led assessment, accreditation, and capacity-building programmes.
- The MoU was signed at the QCI Office, World Trade Centre, New Delhi.

Additional Knowledge:

- QCI (Quality Council of India) was established in 1997 as an autonomous body to promote quality across sectors in India.
- NSIC (National Small Industries Corporation) is a Mini Ratna public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- ZED (Zero Defect Zero Effect) promotes high-quality manufacturing while minimizing environmental impact among MSMEs.

Q3. In July 2026, Sourav Ganguly became the 12th Indian to be inducted into which prestigious honour?

- (a) ICC Cricket Committee
- (b) ICC Hall of Fame
- (c) Wisden Cricketers' Almanack Honours Board
- (d) ICC Spirit of Cricket Award

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the International Cricket Council (ICC) inducted Sourav Ganguly into the ICC Hall of Fame during its Annual Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- The honour was conferred on his 54th birthday in recognition of his outstanding contribution to international cricket.
- With this induction, Ganguly became the 12th Indian overall and the 10th Indian male cricketer to enter the ICC Hall of Fame.

Information Booster:

- Sourav Ganguly represented India in 424 international matches, scoring 18,575 international runs, including 38 centuries and 107 half-centuries.
- He led India to the 2001 Border-Gavaskar Trophy victory, the 2004 Test series win in Pakistan, and the finals of the 2000 ICC KnockOut Trophy and the 2003 ICC Cricket World Cup.
- Ganguly scored 7,212 Test runs and 11,363 ODI runs during his international career.
- He is popularly known as the "God of Offside" for his exceptional off-side stroke play.

Additional Knowledge:

- After retiring, Sourav Ganguly served as the President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) from 23 October 2019 to 18 October 2022.

- He later became the President of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB).
- The ICC Hall of Fame was launched in January 2009 during the ICC's centenary celebrations, and players become eligible five years after their final international appearance.

Q4. India's first Centre for High-Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research, announced in July 2026, will be established by ICMR at:

- (a) Leh, Ladakh
- (b) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Keylong, Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Gangtok, Sikkim

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda laid the foundation stone for the ICMR Centre for High-Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research at Keylong in Lahaul and Spiti district, Himachal Pradesh.
- It will be India's first dedicated institution for research on high-altitude medicine and public health.
- The Centre will conduct long-term research on high-altitude and tribal populations, with a focus on improving healthcare in remote mountain regions.

Information Booster:

- The Centre will upgrade ICMR's Keylong field station into a multidisciplinary hub for research, innovation, and capacity building.
- Key focus areas include high-altitude physiology, mountain medicine, climate-sensitive diseases, maternal and child health, nutrition, mental health, environmental health, and disaster medicine.
- It will deploy telemedicine, drone-based logistics, and real-time surveillance to strengthen healthcare delivery in remote areas.
- The Centre will collaborate with the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS), DRDO, the Government of Himachal Pradesh, and national and international academic institutions.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is India's apex body for biomedical research.
- ICMR is headquartered in New Delhi.
- The organisation is headed by Dr. Rajiv Bahl, who serves as the Secretary, Department of Health Research, and Director General (DG), ICMR.

Q5. According to the Ministry of MSME's notification issued in June 2026, all Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) are required to settle MSME invoices through which RBI-authorised digital platform?

- (a) Government e-Marketplace (GeM)
- (b) Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)
- (c) Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS)
- (d) Unified Payments Interface (UPI)

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) mandated that all operating Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) settle invoices for goods and services procured from MSMEs through Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platforms authorised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The mandate became effective from 30 June 2026, implementing a key announcement made in the Union Budget 2026–27.
- The objective is to ensure timely payments and improve access to collateral-free working capital for MSMEs.

Information Booster:

- TReDS is an RBI-authorised digital platform, operational since 2017, for financing and discounting MSME trade receivables.
- CPSEs must disclose details of invoices settled through TReDS and obtain a statutory auditor's certificate confirming TReDS registration and compliance.
- The mandatory onboarding of buyers under TReDS was extended to companies with turnover above ₹500 crore (2018) and later ₹250 crore (2024).
- The platform enables competitive bidding by multiple financiers, allowing MSMEs to receive payments before the due date.

Additional Knowledge:

- As of 2026, the five RBI-authorised TReDS platforms are Receivables Exchange of India Limited (RXIL), M1xchange, Invoicemart, C2treds, and Domestic Trade Exchange (DTX).
- TReDS facilitates financing of receivables from corporate buyers, government departments, and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), improving MSMEs' cash flow and financial liquidity.

Q6. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) received the WSIS Prize 2026 under Action Line C6 – Enabling Environment for which flagship initiative?

- (a) Digital India Bhashini
- (b) PM-WANI
- (c) Samriddh Gram: Integrated Phygital Service Delivery Model Enabled by BharatNet
- (d) Sanchar Saathi

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) received the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prize 2026 under Action Line C6 – Enabling Environment for its flagship initiative "Samriddh Gram: Integrated Phygital Service Delivery Model Enabled by BharatNet."
- The award was presented during the WSIS Forum 2026 held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The initiative was declared the Global Winner by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Information Booster:

- Samriddh Gram is powered by BharatNet to drive digital transformation in rural India.
- It delivers healthcare, education, digital banking, and livelihood services through Samriddhi Kendras.
- Samriddhi Kendras function as one-stop village-level hubs, providing integrated phygital (physical + digital) services.
- The award recognises India's innovative use of digital public infrastructure and telecom connectivity for inclusive rural development.

Additional Knowledge:

- The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) is supported by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to promote the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) for sustainable development.
- BharatNet is the Government of India's flagship programme to provide high-speed broadband connectivity to Gram Panchayats across the country.

Q7. According to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) Global Liveability Index 2026, which city was ranked as the most liveable city in the world?

- (a) Vienna, Austria
- (b) Melbourne, Australia
- (c) Copenhagen, Denmark
- (d) Zurich, Switzerland

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- According to the EIU Global Liveability Index 2026, Copenhagen (Denmark) was ranked as the world's most liveable city for the second consecutive year.
- It achieved perfect scores (100/100) in stability, education, and infrastructure.
- New Delhi was the highest-ranked Indian city, securing the 120th position with an overall score of 48.1.

Information Booster:

- The Global Liveability Index 2026 assessed 173 cities worldwide based on living conditions.
- The average global liveability score remained 76.1 out of 100, unchanged from the previous year.
- The top three cities were Copenhagen (Denmark), Vienna (Austria), and Melbourne (Australia).
- Western Europe remained the highest-performing region in the index.

Additional Knowledge:

- Damascus (Syria) was ranked as the world's least liveable city (173rd), followed by Tripoli (Libya), Dhaka (Bangladesh), Karachi (Pakistan), and Algiers (Algeria).
- The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) publishes the Global Liveability Index annually, evaluating cities across stability, healthcare, culture & environment, education, and infrastructure.

Q8. In July 2026, the World Bank Group (WBG) approved a financing package of USD 890 million to support which Government of India scheme?

- (a) PM-KUSUM
- (b) National Green Hydrogen Mission
- (c) Prime Minister Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY)
- (d) PM e-Drive Scheme

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the World Bank Group (WBG) approved a USD 890 million financing package to accelerate the Prime Minister Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY).
- The programme aims to expand residential rooftop solar installations, provide clean energy to millions of households, and create 1.7 million jobs across the renewable energy value chain.
- It also seeks to strengthen domestic manufacturing and attract private investment in the rooftop solar sector.

Information Booster:

- The financing package includes an USD 820 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).
- It also includes an USD 60 million concessional loan from the Clean Technology Fund (CTF).
- An additional USD 10 million grant is provided through the IBRD Livable Planet Fund.
- The World Bank expects to mobilise USD 4.2 billion in private financing through commercial loans for rooftop solar installations.

Additional Knowledge:

- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) is a lending institution of the World Bank Group that provides financing to middle-income and creditworthy developing countries.
- The Prime Minister Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana promotes residential rooftop solar systems to reduce electricity bills, increase clean energy adoption, and support India's renewable energy goals.

Q9. National Fish Farmers' Day (NFFD) is observed every year in India on which date?

- (a) 5 June
- (b) 10 July
- (c) 15 August
- (d) 21 November

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- National Fish Farmers' Day (NFFD) is observed annually on 10 July to recognise the contributions of fish farmers, aquaculture professionals, scientists, and other stakeholders to the development of sustainable aquaculture and fisheries in India.
- The 2026 observance marked the 26th National Fish Farmers' Day.
- The day commemorates the first successful induced breeding of Indian major carps achieved on 10 July 1957.

Information Booster:

- The Government of India declared 10 July as National Fish Farmers' Day in 2001.
- The first NFFD was observed in 2001 by the ICAR–Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE).
- The first successful induced breeding of Indian major carps was achieved by Dr. Hiralal Chaudhury under the guidance of Dr. K.H. Alikunhi.
- The day promotes scientific aquaculture, sustainable fisheries, and fish production in the country.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is India's apex body for coordinating agricultural education and research.
- Fisheries and aquaculture play an important role in food security, nutrition, employment, and rural livelihoods in India.

Q10. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Australia in July 2026?

1. The visit took place from 8–10 July 2026 as the second leg of his three-nation tour.
2. India and Australia launched the Australia–India Partnership on Cyber, Critical Technologies, and Supply Chains (PACTS).
3. AustralianSuper announced an investment of AUD 500 million in India's National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF).

4. PACTS is built around five key pillars, including supply chain resilience, cybersecurity, and critical technologies.

- (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 Australia from 8–10 July 2026 as the second leg of his three-nation tour.
- Statement 2 is correct as India and Australia launched the Australia–India Partnership on Cyber, Critical Technologies, and Supply Chains (PACTS).
- Statement 3 is correct because AustralianSuper pledged AUD 500 million to the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF).
- Statement 4 is correct since PACTS is structured around five pillars: supply chain resilience, critical technology, cybersecurity, digital resilience, and defence research & collaboration.

Information Booster

- Host: Anthony Albanese
- Ceremonial Welcome: Government House Victoria, Melbourne

Major Highlights

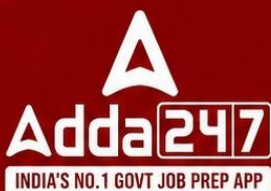
- Addressed the Australia–India CEO Forum
- Participated in the Economic Roadmap Business Event
- Invited Australian businesses to invest in India across:
 - Manufacturing
 - Clean energy
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Critical minerals
 - Digital economy
 - Infrastructure
 - Aviation
 - Logistics
 - Food processing
 - Financial services
 - Advanced technologies

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- Financial services
- Advanced technologies

Additional Knowledge

- PACTS replaced the 2020 Framework Arrangement on Cyber and Cyber Enabled Critical Technology Cooperation.
- Five Pillars of PACTS:
 - Supply chain resilience
 - Critical technology
 - Cybersecurity

- Digital resilience
- Defence research and collaboration
- Following the latest announcement, AustralianSuper's total investment in India reached AUD 3.3 billion.
- The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) is India's sovereign-backed infrastructure investment platform.

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