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Q1. The Digital Threat Report 2025–26 for India's Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) and payments ecosystem, released in July 2026, introduces which new analytical framework?

- (a) Cyber Kill Chain Framework
- (b) Zero Trust Security Framework
- (c) Anatomy of Cyber Failure – 4 Layer Gap Archetype Framework
- (d) National Cyber Resilience Framework

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) released the second edition of the Digital Threat Report 2025–26 for India's BFSI and payments ecosystem.
- The report introduces the "Anatomy of Cyber Failure – 4 Layer Gap Archetype Framework."
- The framework explains how a cyberattack progresses from an initial weakness to a full-scale security breach by identifying security gaps across four layers of an organisation's cybersecurity.

Information Booster:

- The report was jointly released by MeitY, Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), Computer Security Incident Response Team in Finance (CSIRT-Fin), and SISA Information Security.
- It is based on Digital Forensics and Incident Response (DFIR) research, CERT-In and CSIRT-Fin observations, and research on adversarial Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- The report provides an 18-month cybersecurity roadmap for financial institutions.
- It focuses on strengthening cyber resilience in the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) and payments ecosystem.

Additional Knowledge:

- CERT-In is India's national nodal agency for responding to cybersecurity incidents and functions under MeitY.
- CSIRT-Fin is the sectoral cyber incident response team for the financial sector, supporting cybersecurity preparedness and incident management.
- DFIR (Digital Forensics and Incident Response) combines digital investigation techniques with rapid response to detect, analyze, and recover from cyberattacks.

Q2. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) signed an MoU with the Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India (TSDSI) in July 2026 under which scheme to strengthen India's participation in global telecom standards?

- (a) Digital India Programme
- (b) Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF)
- (c) Telecom Design and Innovation Promotion (TDIP) Scheme
- (d) National Broadband Mission

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) signed an MoU with the Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India (TSDSI) under the Telecom Design and Innovation Promotion (TDIP) Scheme.

- The objective is to strengthen India's participation in global Standards Development Organizations (SDOs), promote indigenous telecom innovation, and support startups and MSMEs under the Bharat 6G Mission.

- The MoU was signed during the 9th TSDSI Technical Deep Dive (TTDD) 2026 in New Delhi.

Information Booster:

- The TDIP Scheme provides financial support for participation in global standards bodies such as 3GPP, ITU, and oneM2M.

- DPIIT-recognised startups and MSMEs with turnover up to ₹10 crore are eligible for up to 98% financial support.

- MSMEs with turnover between ₹10 crore and ₹500 crore can receive up to 80% support, along with travel assistance up to ₹5 lakh per international meeting.

- The TDIP Scheme was launched by DoT in 2026 with an outlay of ₹203 crore for the period 2026–2031.

Additional Knowledge:

- TSDSI (Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India) is India's telecom standards development organization that contributes to global standardisation activities.

- 3GPP (3rd Generation Partnership Project) develops global standards for mobile telecommunications, including 5G and future 6G technologies.

- The Bharat 6G Mission aims to establish India as a global leader in next-generation telecommunications technologies.

Q3. In July 2026, Anjum Chopra became the ____ Indian woman to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.

- (a) First
- (b) Second
- (c) Third
- (d) Fourth

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the International Cricket Council (ICC) inducted Anjum Chopra into the ICC Hall of Fame during its Annual Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.

- She became the third Indian woman, after Diana Edulji and Neetu David, to receive this honour.

- She also became the 13th Indian overall to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.

Information Booster:

- Anjum Chopra represented India from 1995 to 2012 and captained the Indian Women's Cricket Team.

- She became the first Indian woman to play 100 One-Day Internationals (ODIs) and score 1,000 ODI runs.

- The Government of India conferred the Padma Shri on her in 2014 for her contribution to cricket.

- Former England captain Kevin Pietersen was also inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame in 2026.

Additional Knowledge:

- The ICC Hall of Fame was launched in 2009 to honour cricketers with exceptional contributions to international cricket.

- The 2026 induction increased the total number of ICC Hall of Fame inductees to 125.

- Kevin Pietersen was recognised for his aggressive batting and his role in strengthening England's international cricket team during his career.

Q4. International Malala Day is observed every year on which date?

- (a) 11 July
- (b) 12 July
- (c) 24 October
- (d) 10 December

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- International Malala Day is observed annually on 12 July to commemorate the birth anniversary of Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Prize laureate.
- The day promotes girls' education and the right to education for all across the world.
- In 2026, the observance was held on 12 July.

Information Booster:

- On 12 July 2013, her 16th birthday, Malala Yousafzai delivered her first speech at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA.
- In her speech, she advocated equal access to education for girls worldwide.
- The United Nations (UN) officially declared 12 July as Malala Day, with the first international observance in 2013.
- The observance supported the UN Secretary-General's Global Education First Initiative (GEFI).

Additional Knowledge:

- Malala Yousafzai received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, becoming the youngest Nobel laureate.
- The Global Education First Initiative (GEFI) was launched by the United Nations to promote quality, equitable, and inclusive education for all.

Q5. In July 2026, the Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) was named runner-up for the Best Egmont Case Award (BECA) 2026 for uncovering a large-scale:

- (a) Tax evasion network
- (b) Cyber fraud and money laundering network
- (c) Counterfeit currency racket
- (d) Hawala financing case

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, FIU-IND was declared the runner-up for the Best Egmont Case Award (BECA) 2026 for uncovering a large-scale cyber fraud and money laundering network.
- The award recognised FIU-IND's excellence in financial intelligence and international cooperation.
- The award was presented during the Egmont Group Plenary held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Information Booster:

- The investigation traced cyber fraud proceeds of nearly ₹868 crore, involving over 5,000 mule bank accounts and complex cryptocurrency transactions.
- Based on FIU-IND's findings, the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) seized ₹47 lakh in cash and cryptocurrency (USDT) worth approximately ₹13.6 crore.
- The ED also attached assets worth ₹8.67 crore and filed two Prosecution Complaints under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.
- Taiwan's Anti-Money Laundering Division (AMLDD) won the BECA 2026.

Additional Knowledge:

- Financial Intelligence Unit–India (FIU-IND) was established in November 2004 as India's central agency for receiving, processing, analysing, and disseminating information related to suspicious financial transactions.
- The Egmont Group is an international network of Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) that promotes cooperation and information sharing to combat money laundering and terrorist financing.

Q6. Tamil writer Poomani, who passed away in July 2026, received the Sahitya Akademi Award (2014) for which novel?

- (a) Vekkai
- (b) Piragu
- (c) Agnaadi
- (d) Karuvelam Pookkal

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- Renowned Tamil writer and novelist Poomani (Pulithurai Manickavasagam) passed away in July 2026 at the age of 79.
- He received the Sahitya Akademi Award (Tamil) in 2014 for his novel *Agnaadi*.
- The novel is based on the Kazhugumalai (1895) and Sivakasi (1899) communal conflicts.

Information Booster:

- Poomani was born on 12 May 1947 in Andipatti, Thoothukudi district, Tamil Nadu.
- He was known for his realistic portrayal of life in the Karisal Bhoomi region of southern Tamil Nadu.
- His notable works include *Agnaadi*, *Vekkai*, and *Piragu*.
- His novel *Vekkai* was adapted into the acclaimed Tamil film *Asuran* (2019) directed by Vetrimaaran.

Additional Knowledge:

- Poomani directed the film *Karuvelam Pookkal* (1996) for the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), focusing on child labour in the Sivakasi–Kovilpatti match factory region.
- His major honours include the Vishnupuram Award (2011), Gitanjali Literary Prize (2012), and the Tamil Nadu State Film Award – Special Prize (1996).

Q7. During the 172nd Annual Day celebrations of the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) in July 2026, which framework was unveiled by Union Minister Manohar Lal?

- (a) SMART
- (b) SANKALP
- (c) VIKAS
- (d) SAMARTH

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- On 12 July 2026, the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) celebrated its 172nd Annual Day at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
- During the event, Union Minister Manohar Lal, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoH&UA), unveiled the "SANKALP" framework.
- The event highlighted CPWD's contribution to India's public infrastructure and urban development.

Information Booster:

- The celebration was attended by Srinivas Katikithala (Secretary, MoH&UA), Satinder Pal Singh (Director General, CPWD), Mohd. Kamal Ahmad (Director General-Training, CPWD), and Pradeep Kumar Jha (Joint Secretary, MoH&UA).
- The Union Minister released the book "India's Urban Transformation: Reflections from Policy and Practice."
- He also released the MoH&UA coffee table book titled "India's Urban Momentum: Towards Making Our Cities Liveable."
- The publications showcase India's urban development journey and policy initiatives.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) functions under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoH&UA).
- CPWD is the Government of India's premier engineering and construction organisation, responsible for planning, construction, and maintenance of central government buildings and infrastructure.

Q8. In July 2026, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) successfully conducted the first lift-off and landing test of which reusable rocket prototype?

- (a) H3-X
- (b) Epsilon-R
- (c) RV-X
- (d) Hayabusa-X

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) successfully conducted the first lift-off and landing test of its RV-X reusable rocket prototype at the Noshiro Testing Center, Akita Prefecture, Japan.
- The prototype rose to about 10 metres, remained airborne for around 40 seconds, and landed safely.
- The test demonstrated Vertical Take-off and Vertical Landing (VTVL) technology, a key milestone in Japan's reusable launch vehicle programme.

Information Booster:

- RV-X was jointly developed by JAXA and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI).
- The prototype is 7.3 metres long and 1.8 metres in diameter.
- It is equipped with an enhanced-durability engine and four shock-absorbing landing legs.
- The programme aims to develop a next-generation reusable launch system to succeed Japan's single-use H3 launch vehicle.

Additional Knowledge:

- JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency) is Japan's national space agency, formed in 2003 through the merger of three space-related organisations.
- Reusable launch vehicles (RLVs) are designed to be recovered and flown multiple times, significantly reducing the cost of space missions.
- VTVL (Vertical Take-off and Vertical Landing) technology is also used in modern reusable rockets developed by several leading space agencies and private space companies.

Q9. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding India's Women's Test victory over England at Lord's in July 2026?

1. The Indian Women's Cricket Team defeated England by 270 runs at Lord's Cricket Ground, London.
2. Yastika Bhatia became the first woman to score a Test century at Lord's.
3. Debutant Kranti Gaud became the first woman to take a five-wicket haul in a Women's Test at Lord's.
4. The Indian team was captained by Harmanpreet Kaur.

- (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 India defeated England women's national cricket team by 270 runs in the first-ever Women's Test at Lord's Cricket Ground.
- Statement 2 is correct as Yastika Bhatia scored 113 runs, becoming the first woman to score a Test century at Lord's and entered the honours board.
- Statement 3 is correct because debutant Kranti Gaud took 5/37 in the first innings and 7/91 in the match, becoming the first woman to claim a five-wicket haul in a Women's Test at Lord's.
- Statement 4 is correct since the Indian team was led by Harmanpreet Kaur.

Additional Knowledge

- This was the first-ever Women's Test played at Lord's Cricket Ground.
- India's victory was:
 - Second-largest win by runs in Women's Test cricket for India.
 - Fourth-largest victory by runs in the history of Women's Test cricket.
 - The 457-run target was the second-highest target ever set in Women's Test cricket.

Q10. In July 2026, which Public Sector Bank (PSB) launched the national-level cybersecurity hackathon "FinSpark'26" under the theme "Securing the Future of Banking"?

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

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) launched "FinSpark'26", a national-level cybersecurity hackathon with the theme "Securing the Future of Banking."
- The initiative aims to encourage students and dropouts across India to develop innovative solutions for real-world banking cybersecurity challenges.
- Participants can register individually or in teams of up to four members.

Information Booster:

- FinSpark'26 offers a prize pool of more than ₹10 lakh.
- The top 20 teams will present their solutions at the Grand Finale hosted by COEP Technological University, Pune.

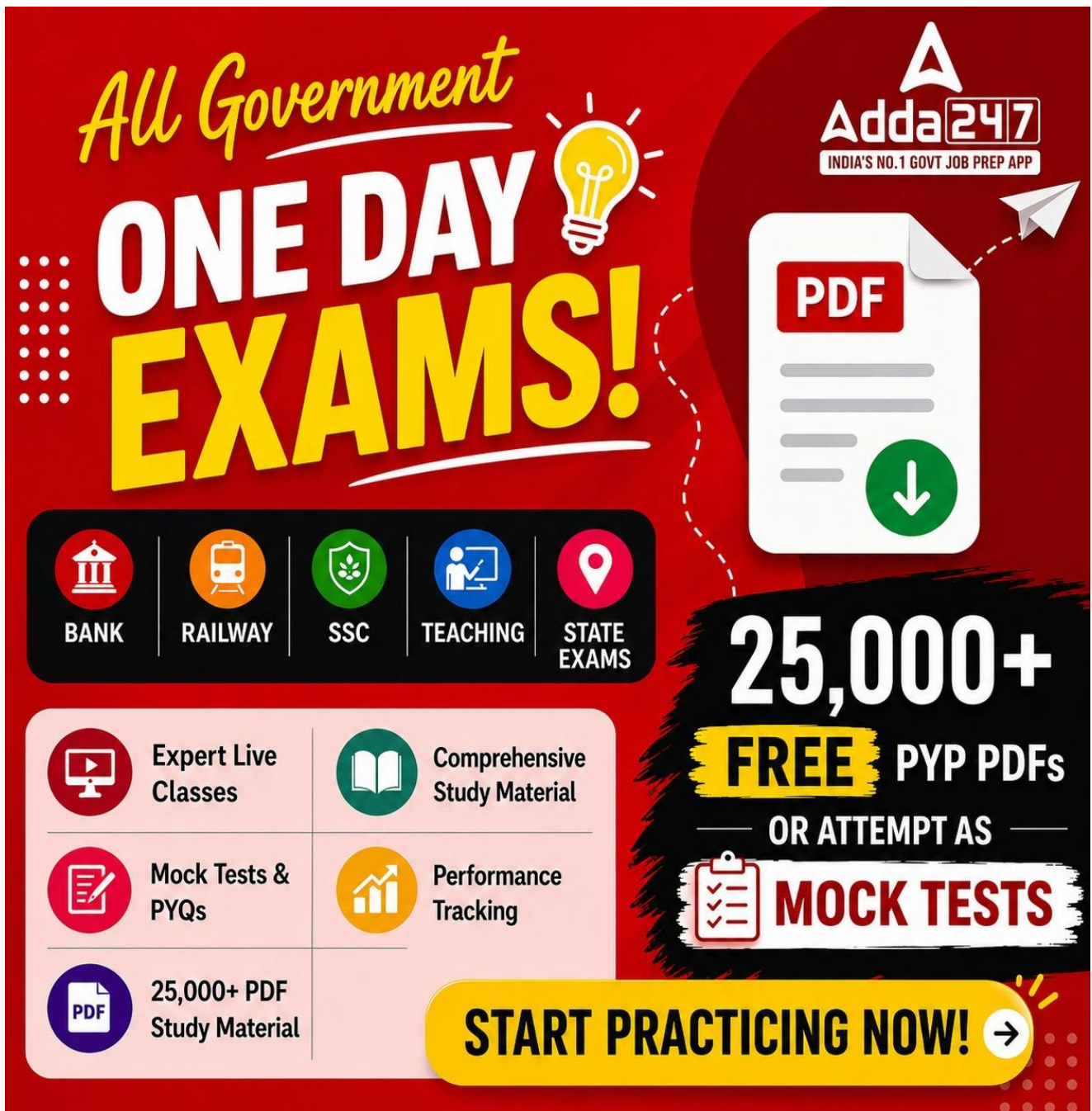
- Winning teams will also get an opportunity to showcase their innovations at the Global FinTech Fest 2026.

- The hackathon is organised in association with the Indian Banks' Association (IBA), Department of Financial Services (DFS), Government of India, and COEP Technological University.

Additional Knowledge:

- The hackathon focuses on banking security, including insider threat detection, privileged access misuse, AI-driven cybersecurity analytics, transaction behaviour analysis, fraud prevention, and proactive threat identification.

- Participant submissions are evaluated based on business potential, security, innovation, user experience, scalability, and ease of development and maintenance.



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