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Q1. During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit in July 2026, India and New Zealand set a target to increase their annual bilateral trade in goods and services to ₹35,000 crore (NZ\$7 billion) by which year?

- (a) 2028
- (b) 2029
- (c) 2030
- (d) 2035

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to New Zealand on 10–11 July 2026, India and New Zealand elevated their bilateral ties to a Strategic Partnership.
- Both countries set a target to double annual bilateral trade in goods and services to ₹35,000 crore (NZ\$7 billion) by 2030.
- The leaders also adopted the Strategic Partnership Roadmap to 2030 to deepen cooperation in multiple sectors.

Information Booster:

- The talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Christopher Luxon resulted in 18 outcomes, including 10 agreements.
- The Strategic Partnership Roadmap to 2030 covers cooperation in trade, agriculture, skills, innovation, clean energy, and sports.
- India and New Zealand are working towards concluding a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) to boost bilateral trade.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 10–11 July 2026 visit was the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in 40 years.

Additional Knowledge:

- India and New Zealand established diplomatic relations after India's independence and are both members of the Commonwealth of Nations.
- New Zealand announced a commitment to invest NZ\$20 billion in India.
- Bilateral trade between the two countries grew by over 50% in the three years preceding July 2026.

Q2. Under the India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), what is the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) for UK-built internal combustion engine (ICE) passenger cars allowed into India at concessional duty in the first year?

- (a) 10,000 units
- (b) 15,000 units
- (c) 20,000 units
- (d) 37,000 units

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- Under the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), India will allow the import of 20,000 UK-built internal combustion engine (ICE) passenger cars under the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) in the first year.
- The import duty on these vehicles will range from 30% to 50%, depending on the engine size.
- The agreement and related procedures are scheduled to come into effect on 15 July 2026.

Information Booster:

- A Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) allows a specified quantity of imports at concessional customs duty rates.
- The quota for ICE passenger cars will increase to 37,000 units by the fifth year, when the customs duty will reduce to 10%.
- Importers must submit a valid Certificate of Origin issued by the United Kingdom authorities.
- Only Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), their authorised dealers, and channel partners are eligible to apply for TRQ allocations.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) functions under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and issues procedures related to India's foreign trade.
- Electric, hybrid, and hydrogen-powered vehicles are excluded from the initial concession period, with duty concessions beginning from the sixth year of the agreement.
- Under CETA, eligible India-manufactured electric, hybrid, and hydrogen-powered vehicles priced between GBP 20,000 and GBP 80,000 will receive duty-free access to the UK market from the sixth year onward.

Q3. As of 10 July 2026, approximately how many Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) numbers had been created under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)?

- (a) 73.95 crore
- (b) 83.95 crore
- (c) 93.95 crore
- (d) 103.95 crore

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- As of 10 July 2026, the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) had generated more than 93.95 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) numbers.
- Over 105 crore digital health records had also been linked under the mission.
- ABHA is a unique digital health ID that enables consent-based storage and sharing of health records across healthcare providers.

Information Booster:

- ABDM is India's national digital health initiative for creating an interoperable digital health ecosystem.
- By 10 July 2026, 5.33 lakh health facilities and 9.85 lakh healthcare professionals had been registered on the national digital health registries.
- Around 2.72 lakh healthcare facilities had adopted ABDM-enabled software.
- Nearly 24 crore Scan & Register tokens had been generated to facilitate faster outpatient registration and consent-based sharing of health records.

Additional Knowledge:

- ABHA stands for Ayushman Bharat Health Account.
- The Mission Steering Group is the apex governance body responsible for reviewing the progress and future roadmap of ABDM.
- Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda chaired the 3rd Mission Steering Group meeting of ABDM on 10 July 2026.

Q4. According to the World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) 2026 Global Air Powers Rankings, what was India's rank among countries in terms of military aviation power?

- (a) 2nd
- (b) 3rd
- (c) 4th
- (d) 6th

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In the WDMMA 2026 Global Air Powers Rankings, the Indian Air Force (IAF) was ranked 3rd among countries, behind the United States and Russia.
- When individual service branches were assessed, the IAF was ranked 6th.
- The rankings are based on the TruVal Rating (TVR) system, which evaluates the strength and capability of military air forces.

Information Booster:

- The WDMMA TruVal Rating (TVR) assesses overall strength, attack and defence capability, logistics, modernisation, and aircraft inventory.
- The IAF's fleet comprises 1,716 aircraft, including 542 fighter jets, 498 helicopters, 282 transport aircraft, and 374 trainers.
- The IAF currently operates 29 fighter squadrons against a sanctioned strength of 42 squadrons.
- The IAF has planned to induct 180 Tejas Mk-1A fighters and has proposed the acquisition of 114 additional Rafale aircraft.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) was established on 8 October 1932.
- The IAF's motto is "Nabha Sparsham Deeptam", derived from the Bhagavad Gita.
- In the 2026 WDMMA rankings, the United States Air Force (USAF) was ranked first among individual service branches, while China's People's Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF) ranked 4th among countries.

Q5. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Indian Potash Limited (IPL) and Jain Irrigation Systems Limited (JISL) in July 2026 aims to promote drip irrigation primarily for the cultivation of which crop in Gujarat?

- (a) Cotton
- (b) Sugarcane
- (c) Wheat
- (d) Maize

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- On 8 July 2026, Indian Potash Limited (IPL) and Jain Irrigation Systems Limited (JISL) signed an MoU to promote drip irrigation systems for sugarcane cultivation in Gujarat.
- The partnership covers survey, design, supply, installation, farmer training, and field demonstrations.
- The initiative aims to improve water-use efficiency and enhance productivity in sugarcane farming.

Information Booster:

- Drip irrigation, also known as trickle irrigation, delivers water directly to the root zone of plants through emitters or drippers.
- Fertigation is the application of fertilisers through an irrigation system, usually drip or sprinkler irrigation.
- Micro Irrigation Systems include drip and sprinkler irrigation, helping reduce water loss through evaporation, runoff, and deep percolation.
- The partnership also provides capacity building, farmer training, and access to credit and grant support for eligible farmers.

Additional Knowledge:

- Indian Potash Limited (IPL) is a leading fertiliser and agri-input company in India.
- Jain Irrigation Systems Limited (JISL) is known for manufacturing micro-irrigation equipment and providing agricultural solutions.
- Gujarat is one of India's major sugarcane-producing states, where efficient irrigation plays an important role in agriculture and biofuel feedstock production.

Q6. The Centre of Excellence on Human-Wildlife Conflict, inaugurated in July 2026, has been established at the campus of the Wildlife Institute of India–Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (WII-SACON) in:

- (a) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- (b) Mysuru, Karnataka
- (c) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- (d) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- The Centre of Excellence on Human-Wildlife Conflict was inaugurated on 10 July 2026 at the Wildlife Institute of India–Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (WII-SACON) campus in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- The Centre will serve as a national hub for research, innovation, policy support, capacity building, and dissemination of best practices related to human-wildlife conflict.
- It aims to promote scientific and evidence-based management of human-wildlife conflict in India.

Information Booster:

- The Centre was inaugurated by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav and Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh.

- Its establishment was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the 7th Meeting of the National Board for Wildlife on 3 March 2025.
- During the inauguration, the National Human-Wildlife Conflict Portal was launched, and the first edition of *Current Status of Human-Wildlife Conflict in India: An Overview* was released.
- The Centre will use Artificial Intelligence (AI), satellite mapping, and predictive analytics to support conflict mitigation.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is located in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, and functions under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is a statutory advisory body constituted under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- Human-wildlife conflict in India commonly involves elephants, leopards, tigers, and wild boars.

Q7. According to the Drugs Rules (Amendment), 2026, medicinal formulations containing more than 12% v/v ethyl alcohol in quantities exceeding 30 ml have been brought under which schedule for stricter prescription and sale control?

- (a) Schedule G
- (b) Schedule H
- (c) Schedule H1
- (d) Schedule K

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- The Union Health Ministry amended the Drugs Rules, 1945 in July 2026 to regulate medicinal products containing high levels of ethyl alcohol.
- Under the amended rules, formulations containing more than 12% v/v ethyl alcohol in quantities exceeding 30 ml have been placed under Schedule H1.
- These medicines can now be sold only on the prescription of a registered medical practitioner, and pharmacies must maintain records of their sale.

Information Booster:

- The amendment removes the earlier Schedule K exemption for such alcohol-based medicinal preparations.
- These products now require manufacturing and sale licences under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.
- The move was prompted by reports of misuse of certain medicinal products containing 80–90% v/v ethyl alcohol as intoxicants.
- The amended rules will come into force six months after publication in the Gazette, i.e., around January 2027.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 is the principal legislation regulating the import, manufacture, distribution, and sale of drugs in India.
- Schedule H1 medicines require a registered medical practitioner's prescription, and pharmacies must maintain detailed sale records.

• Schedule K of the Drugs Rules, 1945, provides exemptions for certain categories of drugs and medicinal preparations.

Q8. The ₹206 crore railway project approved by Indian Railways in July 2026 aims to deploy Kavach Version 4.0 across 680 route kilometres in which railway division?

- (a) Ambala Division, Northern Railway
- (b) Delhi Division, Northern Railway
- (c) Raipur Division, South East Central Railway
- (d) Ahmedabad Division, Western Railway

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- On 10 July 2026, Indian Railways approved a ₹206 crore project to deploy Kavach Version 4.0 across 680 route kilometres in the Delhi Division of Northern Railway.
- The project covers the Rewari–Delhi and Shakurbasti–Bathinda sections, including feeder branch lines.
- The deployment is aimed at enhancing railway safety on high-density routes.

Information Booster:

- Kavach is India's indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system.
- It is designed to prevent Signal Passed at Danger (SPAD) incidents and train collisions.
- On 10 July 2026, Indian Railways also approved a ₹175 crore project to provide additional homing facilities for 250 three-phase electric locomotives at Raipur under South East Central Railway.
- As of March 2026, 3,103 route kilometres of the Indian Railways network had been equipped with Kavach.

Additional Knowledge:

- SPAD (Signal Passed at Danger) is a railway safety incident in which a train passes a stop signal without authorization.
- Route kilometre (Rkm) is the standard unit used to measure the length of railway routes.
- Homing facilities are used for the stabling, inspection, and maintenance of locomotives to improve operational reliability.

Q9. INS Mahendragiri, commissioned into the Indian Navy in July 2026, belongs to which class of indigenous stealth frigates?

- (a) Talwar-class
- (b) Shivalik-class
- (c) Nilgiri-class (Project 17A)
- (d) Visakhapatnam-class

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- INS Mahendragiri is an indigenous stealth frigate of the Nilgiri-class, built under Project 17A of the Indian Navy.

- It was commissioned on 11 July 2026 at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.
- The warship was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, and designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau.

Information Booster:

- Project 17A is the follow-on programme to the Shivalik-class frigates.
- INS Mahendragiri has more than 75% indigenous content, reflecting India's focus on self-reliance in defence manufacturing.
- The ship is named after the Mahendragiri mountain range in the Eastern Ghats and is the first Indian Naval warship to bear this name.
- It is equipped with stealth features, advanced sensors, modern weapons, and automated platform management systems, and is expected to join the Eastern Fleet.

Additional Knowledge:

- Frigates are multi-role warships used for escort missions, anti-submarine warfare, and surface combat operations.
- Stealth warships are designed to reduce detection by radar, infrared, acoustic, and visual sensors.
- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) is a Ministry of Defence public sector shipyard and one of India's leading warship builders.

Q10. With the addition of 28 new Geographical Indication (GI) products in July 2026, the total number of GI products supported by NABARD reached:

- (a) 148
- (b) 160
- (c) 176
- (d) 200

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- On 10 July 2026, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) facilitated Geographical Indication (GI) registration for 28 new products from across India.
- With these additions, the total number of GI products supported by NABARD increased to 176.
- The newly registered products include handicrafts, handloom textiles, bamboo crafts, metalwork, pottery, paintings, and musical instruments.

Information Booster:

- NABARD was established in 1982 to promote sustainable agriculture and rural development.
- In India, GI registration is governed by the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.
- GI registration is administered by the Geographical Indications Registry under the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks.
- Examples of the newly registered GI products include Nalanda Bawanbuti Saree and Fabrics (Bihar), Gaya Pattharkatti Stone Craft (Bihar), Kuchai Silk Saree and Fabrics (Jharkhand), Ba Shilp (Assam), BiHu Pepa (Assam), Himachal Wood Carving Craft, and Khajuraho Metal Craft (Madhya Pradesh).

Additional Knowledge:

- NABARD has established GI Facilitation Centres at Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, Bihar Agricultural University, and MABIF, Tamil Nadu.
- It also operates a dedicated GI Store at Aihole, Karnataka.
- NABARD's GI initiatives have connected over 13,000 artisans and producers with markets and generated more than 50,000 direct jobs through GI-linked value chains.


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