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Q1. In September 2026, India and MERCOSUR signed the First Additional Protocol to their Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) to recognise which of the following?

- (a) Digital Payment Interface
- (b) Electronic Certificates of Origin
- (c) Electronic Visas
- (d) Digital Shipping Licences

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Electronic Certificates of Origin

Explanation:

- India and MERCOSUR signed the First Additional Protocol to the India–MERCOSUR Preferential Trade Agreement in September 2026.
- The Protocol recognises electronic Certificates of Origin (e-CoO).
- e-CoO will have the same legal validity and preferential trade value as paper certificates.
- The electronic certificates must be issued and digitally signed by authorised entities under domestic laws.

Information Booster:

- MERCOSUR stands for Southern Common Market.
- The Protocol amends Article 16 of Annex III, which deals with Rules of Origin.
- It aims to modernise customs procedures and simplify preferential trade processes.

Additional Knowledge:

- The broader India–MERCOSUR trade framework covers tariff benefits and non-tariff trade issues.
- It also includes cooperation in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and High-Performance Computing (HPC).
- A Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) is among the proposed areas of cooperation.

Q2. Which of the following coastal villages has been approved as the site for DRDO's proposed weapon and missile testing range in West Bengal?

- (a) Digha
- (b) Junput
- (c) Bakkhali
- (d) Sagar Island

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Junput

Solution:

- In September 2026, West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari approved DRDO's proposal to establish a weapon and missile testing range at Junput.
- The facility will be located in Purba Medinipur district along the Bay of Bengal coast.
- It will become DRDO's third major missile-testing hub.

Information Booster:

- The proposed range will support trials of ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, air-defence systems, and Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) systems.
- It will increase testing capacity, launch capability, and tracking support.
- The facility is located approximately 70 km northeast of Chandipur.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Integrated Test Range (ITR) has launch complexes at Chandipur-on-Sea and Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.
- The Navdurga Missile Test Range (NMTR) is being developed at Nagayalanka, Andhra Pradesh.
- DRDO was established in 1958 and is headquartered in New Delhi.
- DRDO functions under the Ministry of Defence (MoD) with the motto “Balasya Mulam Vigyanam” (Strength’s origin is in Science).

Q3. National Engineers’ Day is observed in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of which renowned engineer?

- (a) Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya
- (b) Homi Jehangir Bhabha
- (c) Satish Dhawan
- (d) Vikram Sarabhai

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer: (a) Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya

Solution:

- National Engineers’ Day is observed annually on 15 September in India.
- The day commemorates the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.
- It honours his contributions to engineering, nation-building, and education.

Information Booster:

- The Government of India designated 15 September as National Engineers’ Day in 1968.
- The first observance was held on 15 September 1968.

Additional Knowledge:

- Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya was a renowned Indian engineer and statesman.
- He received the Bharat Ratna, India’s highest civilian award, in 1955.

Q4. With reference to the India–Vietnam Joint Commission Meeting held in September 2026, consider the following statements:

1. India and Vietnam agreed to observe 2027 as the “Year of India-Vietnam Friendship”.
2. The initiative will mark 55 years of diplomatic relations between India and Vietnam.
3. Both countries set a bilateral trade target of USD 25 billion by 2030.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- In September 2026, India and Vietnam agreed to observe 2027 as the “Year of India-Vietnam Friendship”.
- The decision was taken during the 19th India–Vietnam Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) held in New Delhi.

- The initiative will commemorate 55 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.
- India and Vietnam also agreed to work towards achieving a bilateral trade target of USD 25 billion by 2030. Hence, all three statements are correct.

Information Booster:

- Indian co-chair: S. Jaishankar, Union Minister of External Affairs
- Vietnamese co-chair: Le Hoai Trung, Foreign Affairs Minister
- Meeting: 19th India-Vietnam Joint Commission Meeting
- Host city: New Delhi
- Partnership framework: Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

Additional Knowledge:

- India and Vietnam cooperate in defence, space, nuclear energy, connectivity and supply-chain development.
- Cultural cooperation includes the promotion of Yoga, heritage conservation and people-to-people exchanges.
- Both countries also focus on improving port, air and financial connectivity to facilitate trade and investment.

Q5. The three-day Table Top Exercise (TTX) conducted under the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) in September 2026 concluded at which location?

- (a) Southern Naval Command, Kochi
- (b) Western Naval Command, Mumbai
- (c) Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam
- (d) Andaman and Nicobar Command, Port Blair

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam

Solution:

- The Colombo Security Conclave conducted a three-day Table Top Exercise (TTX) at the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The exercise began on 9 September 2026 and focused on strengthening coordinated responses to illegal maritime activities in the Indian Ocean Region.
- Maritime security experts and delegations from CSC member and observer countries participated in simulated operational scenarios.

Information Booster:

- The exercise focused on improving Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), information sharing, and collective response mechanisms.
- Threat areas included maritime terrorism, narcotics trafficking, human trafficking, and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Colombo Security Conclave is a regional security grouping focused on maritime safety and security, counter-terrorism, disaster management, and transnational organised crime.
- Its members include India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius, Bangladesh, and Seychelles.
- The Indian Ocean Region is abbreviated as IOR.

Q6. With reference to the Mangrove GIS Portal launched in Gujarat in September 2026, consider the following statements:

1. The Mangrove GIS Portal was launched by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav at Bhuj, Kachchh.
2. The portal supports science-based mangrove conservation through habitat monitoring and conservation planning.
3. Guneri Inland Mangroves was declared Gujarat's first Biodiversity Heritage Site in January 2025.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- In September 2026, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, launched the Mangrove Geographic Information System (MGIS) Portal at Bhuj, Kachchh, Gujarat.
- The portal promotes technology-based mangrove conservation by enabling habitat monitoring, conservation planning and restoration management.
- The Guneri Inland Mangroves ecosystem was declared Gujarat's first Biodiversity Heritage Site in January 2025. Hence, all three statements are correct.

Information Booster:

- The portal was launched during a workshop on Mangrove Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Management.
- Two other publications were launched:
 - Coffee Table Book on Kachchh Mangroves
 - Mangroves Atlas of Gujarat
- Under MISHTI, Gujarat restored 27,652 hectares of mangroves against the 2023-27 target of 29,250 hectares.

Additional Knowledge:

- MISHTI: Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes
- State: Gujarat
- District: Kachchh
- Important ecosystem: Mangroves
- Mangroves help reduce coastal erosion, provide habitats for marine species and protect shorelines from storms and tidal impacts.

Q7. Which country did the Indian men's team defeat in the final of the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026 to win the title?

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) South Korea
- (d) Malaysia

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) South Korea

Solution:

- India defeated South Korea 4–1 in the men's final of the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026.
- The tournament was held from 4–13 September 2026 in Moqi, China.
- The victory gave India its record-extending sixth men's Junior Asia Cup title.

Information Booster:

- The Indian women's team defeated China 1–0 in the final.
- Both Indian teams qualified for the 2027 FIH Junior World Cups.
- The tournament was organised by the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF).

Additional Knowledge:

- Anmol Ekka was the top scorer in the men's tournament with 17 goals.
- Sanika Chandrakant Mane scored the decisive goal in the women's final and finished with 7 goals overall.
- Hockey India announced prize money of Rs 3 lakh for each player and Rs 1.5 lakh for each support staff member of both championship-winning teams.

Q8. With reference to the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY), consider the following statements:

1. PM-KMY completed seven years of implementation on 12 September 2026.
 2. The scheme provides a monthly pension to eligible Small and Marginal Farmers from the age of 60 years.
 3. Eligible farmers contribute between ₹55 and ₹200 per month, depending on their age at entry.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct Answer: (d) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY) completed seven years on 12 September 2026.
 - It is a voluntary and contributory old-age pension scheme for eligible Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs).
 - Under the scheme, beneficiaries receive an assured monthly pension from the age of 60 years.
 - The monthly contribution ranges from ₹55 to ₹200, based on the farmer's age at the time of joining.
- Hence, all three statements are correct.

Information Booster:

- Launching ministry: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- Year of launch: 2019
- Implementing partner: Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- Eligible landholding: Cultivable land up to 2 hectares
- Eligible entry age: 18 to 40 years
- Enrolment as of February 2026: 24.96 lakh farmers

Additional Knowledge:

- The farmer's name must appear in the land records of the concerned State or Union Territory as on 1 August 2019.
- Beneficiaries can select contribution frequencies of monthly, quarterly, four-monthly or half-yearly.
- Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) are the intended beneficiary group under the scheme's social-security framework.

Q9. Which of the following ministers co-chaired the 9th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (9th AIMMAF) held in New Delhi in September 2026?

- (a) Piyush Goyal
- (b) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- (c) Narendra Singh Tomar
- (d) Dharmendra Pradhan

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Solution

- The 9th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry was held on 9 September 2026 in New Delhi.
- The meeting was co-chaired by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Francisco P. Tiu Laurel, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Philippines, representing the ASEAN Chair.
- The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation in agriculture and forestry.

Information Booster

- The meeting reaffirmed cooperation for a food-secure, sustainable, and resilient agricultural future.
- Key areas included climate-resilient agriculture, low-emission rice, water productivity, and AI-enabled digital agriculture.
- Soil health, food safety, post-harvest management, and sustainable forest management were also prioritised.

Additional Knowledge

- ASEAN-India bilateral trade in goods reached USD 128 billion in FY 2025-26.
- The meeting welcomed ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future.
- The ASEAN Food, Agriculture and Forestry Sectoral Plan 2026-2030 was also welcomed.
- The 10th AIMMAF is scheduled to be convened in 2028.

Q10. Who became the first Indian male recurve archer to win the individual title at the Archery World Cup Final 2026?

- (a) Atanu Das
- (b) Dhiraj Bommadevara
- (c) Tarundeep Rai
- (d) Abhishek Verma

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Dhiraj Bommadevara

Solution:

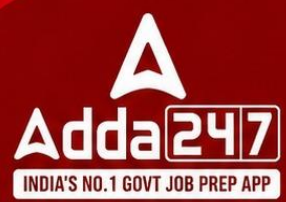
- Dhiraj Bommadevara won the men's individual recurve title at the Archery World Cup Final 2026 in Saltillo, Mexico.
- He defeated Japan's Junya Nakanishi 6-5 and won the shoot-off 10-9.
- He became the first Indian male recurve archer to win the individual title at the Archery World Cup Final.

Information Booster:

- The 20th Hyundai Archery World Cup was organised by World Archery.
- The competition featured recurve and compound events across four stages, followed by the season-ending final.
- Bommadevara was India's sole representative at the 2026 World Cup Final.

Additional Knowledge:

- Dola Banerjee became the first Indian archer to win an individual Archery World Cup Final title, in Women's Recurve at Dubai 2007.
- India won 7 medals across the four 2026 Archery World Cup stages: 4 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze.
- The four stages were held in Puebla, Shanghai, Antalya, and Madrid.



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