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Q1. In September 2026, which organisation signed an MoU with the Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD) to modernise India's foodgrain management system for FY 2026–27?

- (a) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India
- (b) Food Corporation of India
- (c) National Food Security Mission
- (d) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Food Corporation of India

Explanation:

- In September 2026, the Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD) and the Food Corporation of India (FCI) signed an MoU for FY 2026–27 in New Delhi.
- The agreement aims to improve operational efficiency, accountability and modernisation in the country's foodgrain management system.
- It establishes annual performance targets for FCI covering areas such as storage, logistics, quality control and technology adoption.

Information Booster:

- The MoU focuses on reducing storage losses and optimising available storage capacity.
- It also seeks to improve logistics and supply-chain management and strengthen foodgrain quality-control mechanisms.
- The Depot Darpan Portal is used to assess depot infrastructure and operational efficiency, with some performance targets linked to depot-level outcomes.

Additional Knowledge:

- The agreement also provides for capacity building and skill development of FCI employees to help them adopt emerging technologies and modern foodgrain-management practices.
- FCI was established in 1965 under the Food Corporations Act, 1964.
- FCI is primarily responsible for the procurement, storage, movement and distribution of foodgrains and has its headquarters in New Delhi.

Q2. In September 2026, which Indian startup became the first to secure a US patent for satellite imaging technology?

- (a) Skyroot Aerospace
- (b) Agnikul Cosmos
- (c) GalaxEye
- (d) Pixxel

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) GalaxEye

Explanation:

- In September 2026, GalaxEye secured a US patent for the core technology behind its OptoSAR (Optical Synthetic Aperture Radar) imaging system.
- This made GalaxEye the first Indian startup to receive a US patent for satellite imaging technology.
- The patented architecture synchronises optical and SAR sensors for coordinated satellite imaging.

Information Booster:

- The technology addresses spatial and temporal differences between separately captured optical and radar images.
- Its applications include national security, agriculture, infrastructure monitoring, insurance, maritime intelligence and disaster management.
- By combining optical and radar observations, the system can provide complementary information for satellite-based Earth observation.

Additional Knowledge:

- GalaxEye is a space-technology startup based in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- It was established in 2021.
- SAR (Synthetic Aperture Radar) is a radar-based Earth-observation technology capable of collecting imagery even under conditions such as cloud cover and darkness, unlike conventional optical imaging.

Q3. In September 2026, who was given the additional charge of Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir during the absence of Manoj Sinha?

- (a) Manoj Sinha
- (b) Vinai Kumar Saxena
- (c) Pushpendra Singh Bhati
- (d) Kavinder Gupta

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Vinai Kumar Saxena

Explanation:

- In September 2026, President Droupadi Murmu appointed Vinai Kumar Saxena, the Lt Gov of Ladakh, to discharge the functions of the Lt Gov of Jammu & Kashmir in addition to his existing duties.
- The arrangement was made during the leave/absence of incumbent Manoj Sinha.
- Saxena continued to serve as Ladakh's Lt Gov while handling the additional responsibility of J&K.

Information Booster:

- Manoj Sinha became the 2nd Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir on 7 August 2020.
- At the time, Sinha was on an official visit to the United States.
- Saxena was also tasked with administering the oath of office to Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati, the newly appointed Chief Justice of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

Additional Knowledge:

- Vinai Kumar Saxena became the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh in 2025.
- The Lieutenant Governor is the constitutional head of a Union Territory where the post exists.
- Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh became separate Union Territories on 31 October 2019 following the reorganisation of the former state of Jammu & Kashmir.

Q4. In September 2026, which DRDO programme was launched to test the vulnerability of electronic systems to high-power microwave attacks?

- (a) VIKAS
- (b) SHIELD
- (c) TRISHUL
- (d) SURYA

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) SHIELD

Explanation:

- In September 2026, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) launched the SHIELD programme to strengthen India's capabilities in directed-energy technology.
- SHIELD stands for S-band High-Power Microwave Integrated Evaluation for Lethality and Damage.
- The programme will test the vulnerability of critical electronic systems to high-power microwave effects.

Information Booster:

- The programme is being undertaken under DRDO's Technology Development Fund (TDF), which supports industry-led defence innovation and self-reliance.
- SHIELD uses Gallium Nitride (GaN)-based Solid-State Power Amplifier (SSPA) technology.
- The platform is designed for a peak far-field strength of at least 3 kV/m and supports multiple pulse modes and adjustable duty cycles.

Additional Knowledge:

- The system incorporates advanced thermal management and a drone-mountable configuration, allowing greater flexibility during testing.
- High-power microwave technology is a form of directed-energy technology that can affect electronic systems through intense electromagnetic energy.
- DRDO is headquartered in New Delhi and was established on 1 January 1958.

Q5. In September 2026, which state police force was presented with the President's Colour by Union Minister Amit Shah?

- (a) Kerala Police
- (b) Goa Police
- (c) Maharashtra Police
- (d) Gujarat Police

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Goa Police

Explanation:

- In September 2026, Union Minister Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to the Goa Police during a ceremony in Panaji, Goa.
- The honour recognised the force's over 80 years of service, courage and professionalism.
- Goa Police was also recognised for its role in protecting the state's coastline, tourists and internal security.

Information Booster:

- Goa Police introduced an AI-based call agent for the national cybercrime helpline 1930.
- Initially, the system allows complaints to be registered in Konkani, Marathi and Hindi and routes them to the relevant authorities.
- The service is planned to expand to all 22 languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

Additional Knowledge:

- Goa Police reduced its emergency response time under the 112 helpline from 18 minutes to 8 minutes.
- Its progress in implementing the new criminal laws reached 93.38%, placing it second nationally at the time described.
- The President's Colour (Rashtrapati ka Nishan) is the highest honour awarded to a military unit, training institution, or state/UT police force in India for exceptional service and professionalism.

Q6. In September 2026, who was named the winner of the Borlaug CAST Communication Award (BCCA) 2026 by the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST)?

- (a) Dr. Norman Borlaug
- (b) Dr. Karim Maredia
- (c) Dr. Charles A. Black
- (d) Dr. Rattan Lal

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Dr. Karim Maredia

Explanation:

- In September 2026, the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) named Indian-American agricultural scientist Dr. Karim Maredia as the winner of the Borlaug CAST Communication Award 2026.
- He serves as Associate Dean and Director of the World Agriculture Center (WAC) at Michigan State University (MSU), USA.
- The award recognises outstanding communication and dissemination of agricultural science.

Information Booster:

- During more than 30 years at MSU, Maredia established the World Knowledge and Technology Access Program (WorldTAP).
- Through the programme, he trained over 15,000 professionals from 80 countries and hosted around 250 visiting scholars.
- He has authored 130 publications and secured more than USD 55 million in competitive grants.

Additional Knowledge:

- The award was renamed in 2010 in honour of Dr. Norman Borlaug, the Nobel Prize-winning agricultural scientist associated with the Green Revolution.
- It also honours Dr. Charles A. Black, the first President of CAST.
- CAST works to communicate science-based information on agriculture, food and related areas to policymakers, professionals and the public.

Q7. With reference to the PM-SETU scheme in September 2026, consider the following statements:

1. The 5th National Steering Committee (NSC) meeting under PM-SETU approved investments worth ₹735.70 crore for three ITI clusters in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana.
2. The approved Strategic Investment Plans include ₹241 crore for Bhiwadi, ₹254.30 crore for Medchal, and ₹240.40 crore for Meerut ITI clusters.
3. With these approvals, the cumulative sanctioned investment under PM-SETU increased to ₹2,171 crore across 9 ITI clusters.

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/Solution:

- In September 2026, the 5th National Steering Committee (NSC) meeting under Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) approved strategic investments totalling ₹735.70 crore.
- The approvals cover three ITI clusters: Bhiwadi in Rajasthan, Medchal in Telangana, and Meerut in Uttar Pradesh.
- The Bhiwadi ITI cluster received approval for a ₹241 crore SIP submitted by H.G. Infra Engineering Limited (HGIEL).
- The Medchal ITI cluster received a ₹254.30 crore SIP submitted by ZEN Technologies Limited, while the Meerut ITI cluster received a ₹240.40 crore SIP submitted by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- Following these approvals, cumulative sanctioned investment under PM-SETU reached ₹2,171 crore across 9 ITI clusters. Hence, all three statements are correct.

Information Booster:

- Bhiwadi Cluster — Rajasthan: ₹241 crore; SIP submitted by HGIEL.
- Medchal Cluster — Telangana: ₹254.30 crore; SIP submitted by ZEN Technologies Limited.
- Meerut Cluster — Uttar Pradesh: ₹240.40 crore; SIP submitted by NSDC.

Additional Knowledge:

- PM-SETU stands for Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs.
- The initiative focuses on strengthening Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) through strategic investments and cluster-based development.
- The latest approvals expanded the programme's sanctioned investment base to ₹2,171 crore.

Q8. In September 2026, what is the name of the special lab established by the Indian Army to detect Chinese components and assess vulnerabilities in drones?

- (a) DRISHTI
- (b) AASHVAST
- (c) NETRA
- (d) SURAKSHA

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) AASHVAST

Explanation:

- In September 2026, the Indian Army established AASHVAST at the Directorate General of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering (DG EME) headquarters in New Delhi.
- AASHVAST stands for Assessment and Analysis of Electronic Systems Hardware for Vulnerabilities and Security Threats.
- The facility is designed to detect Chinese components and assess security vulnerabilities in unmanned systems such as drones.

Information Booster:

- The lab was developed by QuickPay Technology Services Private Limited (QuickPay Tech) specifically for the DG EME.
- It uses air-gapped and read-only features, allowing assessments to be conducted offline without writing information onto the equipment under examination.
- The facility is intended to strengthen the evaluation of critical defence platforms and improve cyber resilience.

Additional Knowledge:

- DG EME is the Indian Army's technical organisation responsible for the maintenance and engineering support of its equipment and systems.
- QuickPay Tech was incorporated in 2015 and is an Indian green-tech startup and MSME.
- The company is headquartered in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

Q9. With reference to the India–Japan bilateral air exercise ‘Veer Guardian-2026’ held in September 2026, consider the following statements:

1. Veer Guardian-2026 is the 2nd edition of the India–Japan bilateral air combat exercise and was conducted at Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
2. The Indian Air Force participated with LCA Tejas, Su-30 MKI and Rafale, while the Japan Air Self-Defence Force participated with F-2A fighter aircraft.
3. The exercise aims to enhance interoperability, tactical proficiency and operational synergy between the two air forces through advanced missions, mission planning and professional exchanges.

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/Solution:

- The 2nd edition of Veer Guardian-2026 was conducted by the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japan Air Self-Defence Force (JASDF) at Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan, from 9–22 September 2026.
- It is the second India–Japan bilateral air combat exercise, following the inaugural edition conducted in Japan in 2023.

- The IAF deployed LCA Tejas, Su-30 MKI and Rafale, while JASDF participated with F-2A fighter aircraft.
- The 14-day exercise focuses on strengthening interoperability, tactical proficiency and operational synergy through operational missions, mission planning and expert-level exchanges. Hence, all three statements are correct.

Information Booster:

- The Japanese contingent comprised 3 F-2A aircraft from the 8th Air Wing at Tsuiki Air Base, Fukuoka Prefecture.
- Around 110 Japanese personnel participated in the exercise.
- Activities included Subject Matter Expert (SME) exchanges and discussions on engineering practices and aerospace safety.

Additional Knowledge:

- Veer Guardian is a bilateral air exercise between India and Japan.
- The inaugural edition was held in Japan in 2023.
- The exercise provides an opportunity for both air forces to develop operational understanding through combined missions and professional interactions.

Q10. With reference to the Pickleball World Cup 2026 held in September 2026, consider the following statements:

1. The Indian contingent finished 4th at the Pickleball World Cup 2026, securing 41 medals, including 7 gold, 17 silver and 17 bronze.
2. The 4th edition of the Pickleball World Cup was held in Da Nang, Vietnam, from 30 August to 6 September 2026, with participation from 82 nations.
3. Vietnam topped the medal standings, while South Korea and the USA finished second and third, respectively.

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/Solution:

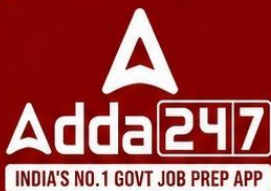
- In September 2026, India finished 4th at the Pickleball World Cup 2026 held in Da Nang, Vietnam, improving significantly from its 7th position in the previous edition.
- The Indian contingent, led by the Indian Pickleball Association (IPA), won 41 medals comprising 7 gold, 17 silver and 17 bronze.
- The tournament was the 4th edition of the Pickleball World Cup and brought together participants from 82 nations.
- Vietnam topped the standings, followed by South Korea and the USA. Therefore, all three statements are correct.

Information Booster:

- Vietnam won 271 medals in total, comprising 116 gold, 81 silver and 74 bronze.
- South Korea secured 25 medals, including 11 gold, 9 silver and 5 bronze.
- The USA won 28 medals, comprising 9 gold, 10 silver and 9 bronze.

Additional Knowledge:

- The event was sanctioned and supported by the World Pickleball Federation (WPF).
- India's Kids team, led by Veer Shah, won a silver medal, with Shah also receiving the Best Captain recognition.
- Bhushan Akut secured three gold medals in the 60+ category, while Purvansh Patel, Fayrouz Zaidi and Vivek Reddy each won gold in their respective events.


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