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Q1. According to the PLFS Quarterly Bulletin for April–June 2026, what was the Unemployment Rate (UR) for persons aged 15 years and above?

- (a) 4.6%
- (b) 5.0%
- (c) 5.4%
- (d) 5.8%

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) 5.4%

Explanation:

- The National Statistics Office (NSO) released the Quarterly Bulletin of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for April–June 2026 in August 2026.
- The Unemployment Rate (UR) for persons aged 15 years and above stood at 5.4%.
- This represented an increase of 0.4 percentage points compared with the previous quarter.

Information Booster:

- Overall LFPR: 54.6%
- Rural LFPR: 56.9%
- Urban LFPR: 50.2%
- Age group: 15 years and above
- Reference period: April–June 2026

Additional Knowledge:

- PLFS stands for Periodic Labour Force Survey.
- It is conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- LFPR measures the proportion of the population that is either working or seeking/available for work.
- The Unemployment Rate represents the percentage of unemployed persons among those in the labour force.

Q2. Who became the first Indian physicist to receive the Dirac Medal in 2026?

- (a) Haim Sompolinsky
- (b) Marc Mézard
- (c) Deepak Dhar
- (d) Bernard Derrida

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Deepak Dhar

Explanation:

- In August 2026, renowned Indian theoretical physicist Professor Deepak Dhar was awarded the 2026 Dirac Medal by the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP).
- He became the first Indian physicist to receive this prestigious honour.
- He shared the award with Bernard Derrida, Marc Mézard and Haim Sompolinsky.
- The award recognised his outstanding contributions to theoretical and statistical mechanics.

Information Booster:

- Award: Dirac Medal 2026
- Awarding organisation: International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)
- Field: Theoretical and statistical mechanics
- Indian recipient: Deepak Dhar
- Other recipients: Bernard Derrida, Marc Mézard and Haim Sompolinsky

Additional Knowledge:

- Deepak Dhar is known for pioneering work in statistical physics, stochastic processes and phase transitions.
- He was associated with the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) and IISER Pune.
- His work includes Dhar's Burning Algorithm, which has applications in modelling various non-equilibrium phenomena.
- He was awarded the Padma Bhushan for his contributions to science.

Q3. Adani Airport City Limited (AACL) incorporated which new wholly-owned subsidiary in August 2026 to operate as a Global Treasury Centre under the IFSC framework?

- (a) Adani Global Treasury Limited
- (b) AACL Global IFSC Limited
- (c) Adani Airport Finance Limited
- (d) AAHL International Finance Limited

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) AACL Global IFSC Limited

Explanation:

- In August 2026, Adani Airport City Limited (AACL) incorporated AACL Global IFSC Limited as a new wholly-owned subsidiary of Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL).
- The new entity will operate as a Global Treasury Centre under the International Financial Services Centre (Finance Company) Regulations, 2021.
- It is authorised to undertake permitted treasury and finance-related activities under IFSCA regulations.

Information Booster:

- Date of incorporation: 15 July 2026
- Certificate of incorporation received: 5 August 2026
- Paid-up capital: ₹5 lakh
- Equity shares: 50,000
- Face value: ₹10 per share

Additional Knowledge:

- AACL is a step-down wholly-owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL).
- AAHL is a major private airport operator in India under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- IFSCA regulates financial products, financial services and financial institutions in International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) in India.

Q4. Which organisation launched India's first Accreditation Scheme for Mobile Food Testing Laboratories in August 2026?

- (a) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- (b) National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)
- (c) Quality Council of India (QCI)
- (d) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)
Explanation:

- In August 2026, NABL launched India's first Accreditation Scheme for Mobile Food Testing Laboratories.
- The scheme was launched under NABL's Integrated Assessment Programme (IAP).
- It aims to provide reliable, quality-assured and internationally benchmarked food testing services closer to communities.

Information Booster:

- NABL: National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories.
- Parent organisation: Quality Council of India (QCI).
- Administrative ministry: Ministry of Commerce and Industry through DPIIT.
- Scheme: Accreditation Scheme for Mobile Food Testing Laboratories.
- Programme: Integrated Assessment Programme (IAP).

Additional Knowledge:

- The initiative is expected to strengthen food safety surveillance, improve access to testing facilities and enable faster regulatory action.
- It was launched during the "Gunvatta Samanvaya" multilateral MoU exchange ceremony in New Delhi.
- NABL was established in 1998 and is headquartered in New Delhi.

Q5. Which Indian port became the first in India to receive ISO 50001:2018 certification for its Energy Management System in August 2026?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
- (b) V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority
- (c) Deendayal Port Authority
- (d) Visakhapatnam Port Authority

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority

Explanation:

- In August 2026, the V.O. Chidambaranar (V.O.C.) Port Authority in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu became the first port in India to receive ISO 50001:2018 certification for its Energy Management System (EnMS).
- The certification was awarded by Indian Register Quality Systems (IRQS).
- The achievement recognises the port's efforts towards energy efficiency and sustainable energy management.

Information Booster:

- Renewable electricity share in FY26: 93.89%

Additional Knowledge:

- The port was also accredited by Bureau Veritas as a Scope-2 Emission-Free Port.
- Scope-2 emissions are indirect greenhouse-gas emissions associated with purchased electricity, steam, heating or cooling.
- ISO stands for International Organization for Standardization.
- ISO was established in 1947 and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

Q6. Vietnam's VinSpace signed a launch agreement with which company to deploy its first satellites through a Transporter Rideshare Mission in 2027?

- (a) Blue Origin
- (b) Rocket Lab
- (c) SpaceX
- (d) Arianespace

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) SpaceX

Explanation:

- In August 2026, Vietnam's VinSpace, the aerospace unit of Vingroup, signed a launch agreement with SpaceX.
- Under the agreement, VinSpace will deploy its first satellites through a Transporter Rideshare Mission in 2027.
- SpaceX's rideshare model allows multiple payloads to share a single Falcon 9 launch, reducing launch costs for small satellite developers.

Additional Knowledge:

- VinSpace will manage the satellite lifecycle, including design, assembly, integration, testing, launch coordination and in-orbit operations.
- VinSpace was founded on 3 November 2025 and is headquartered in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- Transporter is SpaceX's dedicated rideshare programme designed primarily for deploying small satellites and spacecraft to orbit.

Q7. How many peacocks did India donate to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) in August 2026?

- (a) Three
- (b) Four
- (c) Five
- (d) Six

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Five

Explanation:

- In August 2026, India donated five peacocks to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The group consisted of four blue peafowl and one rare white-feathered male.
- The white-feathered male symbolises the blue and white colours of the United Nations.

Information Booster:

- The birds were formally handed over by Arindam Bagchi, India's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva.
- They were received by Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of UNOG.
- The peacocks will initially remain in an enclosed aviary for about three months.
- They will subsequently be released into Ariana Park, a 46-hectare park within the UN premises.

Additional Knowledge:

- This was India's second contribution of peacocks to Ariana Park.
- In 1981, former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi donated a breeding pair from the Delhi Zoo.
- Peacocks have been associated with Ariana Park for over a century.
- The Indian peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*) is India's national bird.

Q8. In August 2026, the Ministry of Heavy Industries amended the PM E-DRIVE Scheme by capping the incentive for electric two-wheelers at what amount per vehicle?

- (a) Rs 2,500
- (b) Rs 5,000
- (c) Rs 7,500
- (d) Rs 10,000

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Rs 5,000

Explanation:

- In August 2026, the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) amended the PM E-DRIVE Scheme.
- The incentive for electric two-wheelers (e-2W) was revised to Rs 2,500 per kWh, subject to a maximum of Rs 5,000 per vehicle.
- The revised incentive applies for the period April 2025 to March 2028.
- Hence, option (b) is correct.

Information Booster:

- PM E-DRIVE: Prime Minister's Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement.
- Total outlay: Rs 11,900 crore.
- e-2W incentive: Rs 2,500/kWh, capped at Rs 5,000 per vehicle.
- Implementation: Extended up to 31 March 2028.

Additional Knowledge:

- The scheme was notified on 29 September 2024.
- It aims to promote electric vehicle adoption, charging infrastructure and the EV manufacturing ecosystem.
- The scheme includes fund support for up to 45,79,120 registered electric two-wheelers.
- Rs 55 crore has been allocated for administrative expenses.

Q9. The Ministry of MSME and DPIIT launched which banner to promote and commercialise India's Geographical Indication (GI) products in August 2026?

- (a) Bharat Craft
- (b) Bharat GI
- (c) India Heritage
- (d) GI Bharat Mission

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Bharat GI

Explanation:

- In August 2026, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) signed an MoU to accelerate the commercialisation, quality standardisation and market access of Indian GI products.
- Under the partnership, GI products will be promoted through the “Bharat GI” banner.
- The initiative will also support artisans, weavers and producers and strengthen the One District One Product (ODOP) ecosystem.

Information Booster:

- Bharat GI: Banner for promoting GI products.
- GI collectives and authorised users will be facilitated on ONDC and GeM.
- Dedicated GI product pavilions will be promoted at national and international trade events.
- The MoU was signed at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi.

Additional Knowledge:

- DPIIT functions under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- GI (Geographical Indication) identifies products associated with a specific geographical origin and possessing qualities or reputation linked to that origin.
- ODOP aims to promote distinctive products associated with individual districts and enhance their market access and competitiveness.

Q10. Consider the following statements regarding the Government e-Marketplace (GeM):

1. GeM celebrated its 10th foundation day in August 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
2. A nationwide five-digit helpdesk short code 14550 was launched by GeM to provide easier access to support services.
3. A customised ‘My Stamp’ was launched to highlight GeM’s contribution to digital governance and the promotion of Indian enterprises in public procurement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct Answer: (d)

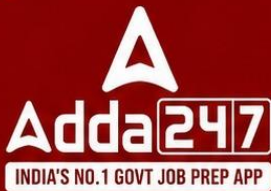
Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct. GeM marked its 10th foundation day with a celebration at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Statement 2 is correct. GeM introduced the 14550 five-digit short code for its nationwide helpdesk services.
- Statement 3 is correct. The commemorative ‘My Stamp’ was launched to showcase GeM's role in digital governance, Ease of Doing Business and public procurement.

Information Booster:

- The event was attended by Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

- The platform entered its second decade with emphasis on making procurement more user-friendly and AI-enabled.
 - GeM aims to make public procurement more efficient, transparent, cost-effective and competitive.
- Additional Knowledge:
- The programme included recognition of leading buyers and sellers for their contribution to the public procurement ecosystem.
 - The commemorative stamp was also associated with the promotion of Ease of Doing Business.
 - A film showcasing GeM's 10-year journey and transformation was screened during the foundation day programme.


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