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Q1. In September 2026, which bank launched the fourth edition of Sparsh Week with the theme “Act with Speed”?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Axis Bank

Explanation:

- Axis Bank launched the fourth edition of Sparsh Week 2026 from 7 to 11 September 2026.
- The theme of the initiative was “Act with Speed.”
- The nationwide programme aimed to improve customer engagement and convert feedback into faster action.

Information Booster:

- More than 90 leaders participated in the initiative across different parts of India.
- The bank aimed to conduct over 2.5 lakh customer interactions.
- Activities included leadership immersion, customer listening and sector forums for MSMEs and NRIs.

Additional Knowledge:

- Axis Bank introduced a fully digital auto and two-wheeler loan process enabling disbursement within 30 minutes.
- The initiative focused on reducing service friction and improving the Net Promoter Score (NPS).
- Axis Bank is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra, was established in 1993, and is headed by Amitabh Chaudhry.

Q2. In September 2026, where will the World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) be held for the first time in South Asia?

- (a) New Delhi, India
- (b) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- (c) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- (d) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Explanation:

- The World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) 2026 will be held from 15 to 18 September 2026 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- It will be the first WCEF to be held in South Asia.
- The forum will focus on circular-economy solutions, investments, policies and international cooperation.

Information Booster:

- The theme of WCEF 2026 is “Circular Economy: Transition for People and Prosperity.”
- More than 2,000 delegates from over 65 countries and 125+ exhibitors are expected to participate.
- The forum will discuss reuse, refurbishment, recycling and the reintegration of materials into the economic value chain.

Additional Knowledge:

- WCEF 2026 is a joint initiative of CPCB, Sitra, the Government of Finland, MoEFCC, the Government of Gujarat and Gujarat Pollution Control Board.
- Around 80 accelerator sessions will be organised from 17 to 18 September 2026 in Gandhinagar and other cities worldwide.
- A meeting of the Board of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10 YFP) will also be held in Gandhinagar.

Q3. Who won the men’s singles title at the 2026 US Open?

- (a) Ben Shelton
- (b) Jannik Sinner
- (c) Alexander Zverev
- (d) Daniil Medvedev

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Alexander Zverev

Explanation:

- Alexander Zverev of Germany won the 2026 US Open men’s singles championship.
- He defeated American player Ben Shelton in the final by 6–3, 7–6(2), 5–7, 6–2.
- With this victory, Zverev secured his second Grand Slam title of 2026.

Information Booster:

- The final was played at Arthur Ashe Stadium.
- Zverev increased his head-to-head record against Shelton to 6–0.
- Ben Shelton reached his first Grand Slam final and achieved a career-best World No. 4 ranking.

Additional Knowledge:

- Zverev became one of only four men in the Open Era to win both of his Grand Slam titles in the same year, joining Jimmy Connors, Guillermo Vilas and Jannik Sinner.
- Shelton won his second Masters 1000 title in Canada in 2026.
- Andy Roddick, who won the US Open in 2003, remains the last American man to win the tournament.

Q4. Which airline is scheduled to resume direct passenger flights between Guangzhou and New Delhi from 21 September 2026?

- (a) Air India
- (b) IndiGo
- (c) China Eastern Airlines
- (d) China Southern Airlines

Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct Answer: (d) China Southern Airlines

Explanation:

- China Southern Airlines is scheduled to resume regular passenger flights between Guangzhou and New Delhi from 21 September 2026.
- The service will operate as CZ359/CZ360 using Boeing 737-series aircraft.
- The resumption marks the restoration of the airline's India operations after a six-year suspension.

Information Booster:

- IndiGo operates direct flights between Kolkata–Guangzhou, Delhi–Guangzhou and Kolkata–Shanghai.
- China Eastern Airlines operates direct services between Shanghai–Delhi and Kunming–Kolkata.
- Air China resumed its Beijing–Delhi service in April 2026.

Additional Knowledge:

- Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport is located in Guangdong province, China.
- Indira Gandhi International Airport is located in New Delhi and is one of India's major passenger airports.
- China Southern Airlines is headquartered in Guangzhou, China.

Q5. On 11 September 2026, at which university was the first Badri female calf born through OPU-IVF technology?

- (a) Govind Ballabh Pant University, Pantnagar
- (b) G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar
- (c) ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal
- (d) Uttarakhand University of Horticulture and Forestry

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar

Explanation:

- On 11 September 2026, a healthy Badri female calf was born through Ovum Pick-Up and In Vitro Fertilisation (OPU-IVF) technology.
- The birth took place at the Academic Dairy Farm of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar.
- The Badri embryo was developed in a laboratory and transferred into a Sahiwal cow, which acted as the surrogate mother.

Information Booster:

- The research was conducted under a three-year programme involving ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal, and G.B. Pant University.
- The project began in 2023 under the leadership of former Vice-Chancellor Dr. M. S. Chauhan.
- Financial support was provided by the Uttarakhand Biotechnology Council, Haldi.

Additional Knowledge:

- OPU stands for Ovum Pick-Up, a technique used to collect oocytes from donor females.
- IVF stands for In Vitro Fertilisation, in which fertilisation takes place outside the body in laboratory conditions.
- Badri cattle are an indigenous breed of Uttarakhand and are recognised as the state animal.
- Sahiwal is an important Indian dairy cattle breed used in breeding and livestock improvement programmes.

Q6. In September 2026, which state signed MoUs with the International Holding Company (IHC) and the Adani Group to explore investments worth ₹2.1 lakh crore?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Odisha

Explanation:

- In September 2026, the Government of Odisha signed agreements with UAE-based International Holding Company (IHC) and the Adani Group.
- The agreements cover 14 proposed projects involving an indicative investment of ₹2,10,500 crore.
- The MoUs were signed during the Odisha Investors' Meet–UAE 2026 in Abu Dhabi in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi.

Information Booster:

- Major proposals include a ₹50,000 crore AI Data Centre Hub, a ₹40,000 crore Coal-to-Chemicals Complex and a ₹25,000 crore renewable energy platform.
- Odisha also signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Indian Business & Professional Group (IBPG) to strengthen trade and investment ties with the UAE.
- Discussions were held with Borouge regarding a large-scale petrochemical downstream complex in Odisha.

Additional Knowledge:

- The proposed projects cover critical minerals, rare earths, shipbuilding, healthcare, ports, tourism, skill development and sports infrastructure.
- The International Holding Company (IHC) is based in the United Arab Emirates.
- Mohan Charan Majhi is the Chief Minister of Odisha.

Q7. Which country will host the 19th BRICS Summit in 2027?

- (a) India
- (b) Brazil
- (c) China
- (d) Russia

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) China

Explanation:

- During the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated China on taking over the rotating BRICS presidency.
- China will host the 19th BRICS Summit in 2027.
- PM Modi highlighted the need for concrete outcomes from BRICS rather than only declarations and promises.

Information Booster:

- The second-day theme of the summit was “Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability: Shaping the Future for Inclusive Global Growth.”
- India emphasised greater cooperation among Global South countries.
- PM Modi called for the participation of entrepreneurs, farmers, scientists, women, youth and ordinary citizens in BRICS initiatives.

Additional Knowledge:

- Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed a stronger role for BRICS in representing the interests of the Global South.
- BRICS cooperation covers areas such as disaster management, MSMEs, environment, technology and sustainable development.
- The rotating BRICS presidency changes among member countries, with the host country organising the annual summit.

Q8. With reference to Champu Khangpok and Loktak Lake in September 2026, consider the following statements:

1. Champu Khangpok is regarded as India’s only floating village.
2. Loktak Lake is located in Bishnupur district of Manipur and is famous for floating phumdis.
3. Keibul Lamjao National Park, situated on the southern part of Loktak Lake, is known as the world’s only floating national park.

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

All three statements are correct.

- Champu Khangpok is located on Loktak Lake in Manipur and is known as India’s only floating village.
- The village consists of bamboo huts constructed on floating formations called phumdis. Fishing is a major occupation of its residents.
- Keibul Lamjao National Park, located in the southern part of Loktak Lake, is recognised as the world’s only floating national park and is famous for the endangered Sangai deer.

Information Booster

- Lake: Loktak Lake
- Location: Bishnupur district, Manipur
- Distance from Imphal: Approximately 40 kilometres
- Floating formations: Phumdis
- Tourist attraction: Sendra Island
- Village population: Around 400 people living in approximately 134 bamboo huts

Additional Knowledge

- Phumdis are floating masses made up of vegetation, soil and organic matter.
- Loktak Lake is a Ramsar Site, meaning it is recognised as a wetland of international importance.
- The Sangai, also called the brow-antlered deer, is an important symbol of Manipur's natural heritage.

Q9. With reference to the Women's Asia Cup 2026, consider the following statements:

1. India defeated Sri Lanka by 72 runs in the final held on 13 September 2026.
2. The 2026 edition was played in the T20I format in the United Arab Emirates.
3. India won its eighth Women's Asia Cup title in 2026.

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

All three statements are correct.

India Women defeated Sri Lanka Women by 72 runs in the final on 13 September 2026 to win the Women's Asia Cup. The tournament was hosted in the United Arab Emirates and was played in the T20I format. This victory gave India its eighth Women's Asia Cup title.

Information Booster

- Governing body: Asian Cricket Council (ACC)
- First edition: 2004
- 2026 winner: India
- Runner-up: Sri Lanka
- Final venue: Dubai
- Defending champion: Sri Lanka, which won the 2024 edition

Additional Knowledge

- The first four editions—2004, 2005–06, 2006 and 2008—were played in the ODI format.
- The tournament shifted to T20I format in 2012.
- India has reached the final in all 10 editions of the Women's Asia Cup.

Q10. On which date is Hindi Diwas observed every year in India?

- (a) 10 January
- (b) 14 September
- (c) 26 January
- (d) 15 August

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) 14 September

Explanation:

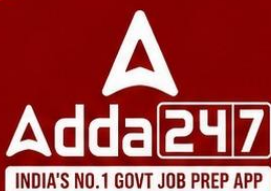
- Hindi Diwas is observed annually on 14 September.
- On 14 September 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi in the Devanagari script as the Official Language of the Union.
- The day has been celebrated every year since 1953.

Information Booster:

- Article 343 of the Indian Constitution deals with the Official Language of the Union.
- Article 351 directs the Union to promote and develop Hindi as a medium of expression of India's composite culture.
- Hindi Diwas is marked through essay writing, debates, poetry recitation, quizzes and cultural programmes.

Additional Knowledge:

- Hindi is not the National Language of India; the Constitution does not declare any national language.
- World Hindi Day is observed on 10 January to promote Hindi internationally.
- World Hindi Day is linked to the First World Hindi Conference, held in Nagpur in 1975, and was first observed in 2006.

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