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Q1. World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is observed annually on which date?

- (a) 5 September
- (b) 10 September
- (c) 15 September
- (d) 21 September

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) 10 September

Solution

- World Suicide Prevention Day is observed annually on 10 September.
- It aims to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and support suicide prevention efforts worldwide.

Information Booster

- The 2024–2026 theme is “Changing the Narrative on Suicide”.
- The associated call to action is “Start the Conversation”.

Additional Knowledge

- WSPD was established in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO).
- The inaugural observance took place on 10 September 2003 in Stockholm, Sweden.

Q2. With reference to Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh’s visit to Sri Lanka in September 2026, consider the following statements:

1. Rajnath Singh visited Sri Lanka from September 8 to 10, 2026, to strengthen defence and regional maritime security cooperation.
2. India and Sri Lanka virtually inaugurated three Bailey Bridges constructed by the Indian Defence Forces.
3. India and Sri Lanka signed three MoUs related to air-defence capability, military education and youth cooperation.

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 Defence Minister Rajnath Singh undertook a three-day official visit to Sri Lanka from September 8 to 10 to strengthen bilateral defence ties and cooperation in regional maritime security.
- During the visit, he met Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake in Colombo and Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya. The leaders discussed bilateral partnership, development cooperation, education and cultural relations.
- India and Sri Lanka also virtually inaugurated three Bailey Bridges constructed by the Indian Defence Forces.
- Both countries signed three MoUs covering air-defence capability, military education and youth cooperation. Hence, all three statements are correct.

Information Booster:

- This was the first visit by an Indian Defence Minister to Sri Lanka in nearly 40 years.
- India agreed to upgrade six 40 mm L70 anti-aircraft guns of the Sri Lankan Air Force under a Government of India grant.
- The visit focused on strengthening institutional and defence cooperation between the two neighbouring countries.

Q3. Which of the following awards was presented to Eknath Shinde at the House of Lords in London in September 2026?

- (a) Global Pride of Maharashtra Award
- (b) Statesmanship Award for Transformative Leadership
- (c) Commonwealth Public Leadership Recognition
- (d) International Governance Excellence Award

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Commonwealth Public Leadership Recognition

Solution

- The Commonwealth Public Leadership Recognition was presented to Eknath Shinde at the House of Lords in London.
- The award was given by the UK Asian Business Council and Canvas for Care Creative Art Campus.
- It recognised his citizen-centric, transparent, and innovative governance.

Information Booster

- Eknath Shinde dedicated the recognition to the people of Maharashtra.
- He linked the award to key welfare schemes implemented during his tenure.
- The Statesmanship Award for Transformative Leadership was presented at the House of Commons.

Additional Knowledge

- The World Leadership Forum (WLF) and Indo-European Business Forum (IEBF) presented the Statesmanship Award.
- Maharashtra Mandal conferred the Global Pride of Maharashtra Award in London.
- Eknath Shinde proposed hosting an International Marathi Literature Festival in London.

Q4. Which of the following companies collaborated with Tata Steel to provide technology expertise for the Coke Oven Gas (COG) injection system at its Meramandali plant?

- (a) Larsen & Toubro
- (b) Paul Wurth (SMS group)
- (c) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- (d) Steel Authority of India Limited

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Paul Wurth (SMS group)

Solution

- Tata Steel implemented the Coke Oven Gas (COG) Injection Project at Blast Furnace 1 of its Meramandali plant in Odisha.
- Paul Wurth, a part of SMS group, provided technology expertise for the COG injection system.
- Kobelco (Kobe Steel Limited) supplied the required equipment.
- The project marked a first-of-its-kind initiative in the Indian steel industry.

Information Booster

- COG is a hydrogen-rich and hydrocarbon-rich by-product generated during coke production.
- It contains more than 55% hydrogen.
- The project purifies and injects COG into blast furnaces through tuyeres.
- This enables a three-fuel operating system, improving operational flexibility and process stability.

Additional Knowledge

- Tata Steel aims to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2045.
- COG is traditionally used for power generation, heating applications, or flaring.
- COG injection helps reduce dependence on carbon-based reducing agents.
- Tata Steel Meramandali was formerly Bhushan Steel Limited.
- Bannipal Steel Limited acquired Bhushan Steel in May 2018 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016.

Q5. Which of the following organizations co-hosted the 62nd APNIC Conference (APNIC 62), held in India in September 2026?

- (a) Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
- (b) Internet Society (ISOC)
- (c) Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI)
- (d) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI)

Solution

- The Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI) co-hosted APNIC 62 along with the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI).
- The conference was held in India from 4–10 September 2026, with sessions from 8–10 September.
- It marked the return of the APNIC Conference to India after 14 years.

Information Booster

- APNIC 62 was hosted by NIXI.
- The conference focused on internet infrastructure, technical cooperation, and capacity building.
- APNIC 62 provided a platform for knowledge sharing among internet technology professionals.

Additional Knowledge

- The NIXI–APNIC MoU supports the development of local internet expertise through technical training initiatives.
- The partnership aims to improve network resilience and strengthen internet security.
- Wider adoption of Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) is another objective of the cooperation.

Q6. With reference to the 4th edition of India–Malaysia Maritime Exercise ‘Samudra Laksamana’ held in September 2026, consider the following statements:

1. Exercise Samudra Laksamana is conducted between the Indian Navy and the Royal Malaysian Navy.
2. The exercise was held at Lumut, Malaysia, to enhance maritime cooperation and interoperability.
3. The exercise includes a Harbour Phase followed by a Sea Phase.

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 4th edition of Exercise Samudra Laksamana was conducted in September 2026 at Lumut, Malaysia.
- It is a bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy (IN) and the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN).
- The exercise aims to improve maritime cooperation, professional knowledge sharing, coordination and operational interoperability. It is divided into a Harbour Phase and a Sea Phase. Hence, all three statements are correct.

Information Booster:

- The Harbour Phase includes cross-deck visits, Subject Matter Expert exchanges, professional discussions and sporting interactions.
- The Sea Phase includes operational interactions, maritime cooperation activities and joint training engagements.
- The exercise was conducted under the aegis of India's operational deployment.

Additional Knowledge:

- Capital of Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur
- Administrative capital: Putrajaya
- Currency: Malaysian Ringgit
- Official language: Malay
- Malaysia's national maritime agency: Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA)
- India-Malaysia cooperation: An important component of India's Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific engagement.

Q7. Which of the following plant species was recorded for the first time in India from West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh by researchers from WII and the Uluberia Botanical Institute Herbarium?

- (a) *Ophiopogon japonicus*
- (b) *Cycas revoluta*
- (c) *Nymphaea nouchali*
- (d) *Rhododendron arboretum*

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer: (a) *Ophiopogon japonicus*

Solution

- Researchers from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and the Uluberia Botanical Institute Herbarium recorded *Ophiopogon japonicus* (Thunb.) Ker Gawl. for the first time in India.
- The species was identified in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh, in the Eastern Himalaya region.
- The research was published in the peer-reviewed journal Discover Plants.

Information Booster

- *Ophiopogon japonicus* is an evergreen perennial herb belonging to the Asparagaceae family.
- It is commonly known as dwarf lilyturf or mondo grass.
- The plant grows in dense clumps.

Additional Knowledge

- The species is primarily associated with East Asia, including China, Japan, and Korea.
- It generally grows at elevations ranging from 200 to 2,800 metres.
- Its roots, known as Ophiopogonis Radix or Maidong, are used in traditional East Asian medicine.
- WII was established in 1982 at Dehradun, Uttarakhand, and functions as an autonomous national institution under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

Q8. With reference to the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 held in September 2026, consider the following statements:

1. The 7th edition of GFF was held from September 8 to 11, 2026, at Jio World Centre in Mumbai.
2. The theme of GFF 2026 focused on Agentic AI, Tokenisation and Quantum technologies for inclusive finance.
3. The Reserve Bank of India recognised Unified Fintech Forum (UFF) as the second Self-regulatory Organisation for the fintech sector.

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 7th edition of Global Fintech Fest (GFF 2026) was held from September 8 to 11, 2026, at the Jio World Centre, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The event was organised under the theme “Potential to Impact: Agentic AI | Tokenisation | Quantum: Trusted, Connected, Global Systems for Inclusive Finance.”
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recognised the Unified Fintech Forum (UFF) as the second Self-regulatory Organisation (SRO) for India’s fintech sector. Hence, all three statements are correct.

Information Booster:

- Inaugurated by: Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Principal organisers: Payments Council of India (PCI), National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Fintech Convergence Council (FCC)
- Bharat Connect: RBI expanded its multicurrency forex services by adding EUR, GBP, CAD, CHF and AED.
- Demat 2.0: SEBI launched a pilot project for tokenisation of corporate bonds using Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT).

Additional Knowledge:

- RBI headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- SEBI headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- NPCI headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Currency of the UAE: Dirham
- Currency of Switzerland: Swiss Franc
- DLT: A decentralised digital record-keeping technology that enables transactions to be recorded across multiple participating computers.

Q9. In September 2026, Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and Drydocks World (DDW) signed a 50:50 joint venture agreement to operate and expand which facility in Kochi, Kerala?

- (a) International Ship Repair Facility (ISRF)
- (b) Cochin International Container Terminal
- (c) National Shipbuilding Research Centre
- (d) Kerala Maritime Logistics Hub

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer: (a) International Ship Repair Facility (ISRF)

Solution

- Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and UAE-based Drydocks World (DDW), a DP World company, announced a 50:50 joint venture agreement in September 2026.
- The joint venture aims to operate and expand the International Ship Repair Facility (ISRF) located in Kochi, Kerala.
- Both companies will hold equal 50% stakes, with each investing Rs. 900 crore.
- The agreement was signed in New Delhi by Captain Rado Antolovic, CEO of Drydocks World, and Jose V J, CMD of CSL.

Information Booster

- Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL): India's largest shipbuilding and maintenance facility.
- Headquarters: Kochi, Kerala.
- Incorporation: 1972 as a Government of India company.
- Status: Miniratna enterprise.
- Administrative Ministry: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).

Additional Knowledge

- Drydocks World is based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- DDW is a company of DP World.
- The joint venture builds on the MoU signed during India Maritime Week 2025.
- Drydocks World specializes in vessel repair, maintenance, conversions, and offshore EPC services.

Q10. Which of the following countries co-hosted the inaugural International Space Summit 2026 with France?

- (a) Italy
- (b) Germany
- (c) Japan
- (d) Canada

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Germany

Solution

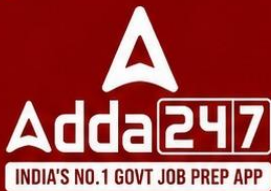
- The inaugural International Space Summit 2026 was hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron in partnership with Germany.
- The summit was held on 9–10 September 2026 at the Grand Palais in Paris, France.
- It aimed to promote inclusive international dialogue on contemporary challenges in the space sector.

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- Representatives from nearly 90 countries participated in the summit.
- The discussions focused on international cooperation in the global space economy, science and exploration, and space security.
- The summit included heads of state and government, space agencies, scientists, institutions, and private-sector stakeholders.

Additional Knowledge

- India and France signed three agreements during the summit to expand cooperation in space technologies.
- The agreements covered satellite launches, surveillance systems, and microsatellite development.
- The Space-Based Surveillance–Phase III (SBS-III) constellation was planned for deployment between 2027 and 2030.
- The summit featured 51 announcements worth approximately EUR 20 billion, including investments, contracts, and collaborations.

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