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**Q1.** Which regulatory body launched the 'SEBI Incident Reporting' and 'Cyber Suraksha' portals in August 2026 to strengthen cybersecurity in the securities market?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- (b) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- (d) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Explanation:

- SEBI launched the 'SEBI Incident Reporting' and 'Cyber Suraksha' portals to strengthen cybersecurity and information sharing across the securities market ecosystem.
- The SEBI Incident Reporting Portal aims to make cyber-incident reporting more structured, timely and actionable.
- The Cyber Suraksha Portal serves as a central platform for sharing cybersecurity information and incident-related insights.

Information Booster:

- The Incident Reporting Portal is aligned with the Financial Stability Board (FSB)'s Format for Incident Reporting Exchange (FIRE).
- This alignment facilitates smoother cross-border exchange of cyber-incident information.
- The portals were launched during SEBI's Symposium on Cyber Defence, held in Mumbai from 17–21 August 2026.

Additional Knowledge:

- Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Chairman of SEBI, also inaugurated the RegTech Lab at the NISM Patalganga campus.
- The RegTech Lab aims to promote technology-enabled learning in regulatory compliance and securities-market regulation.
- NISM stands for National Institute of Securities Markets.

**Q2.** World Humanitarian Day is observed annually on 19 August. What was the theme of World Humanitarian Day 2026?

- (a) Humanitarian Action in a Changing World
- (b) Honouring fallen humanitarians and calling for greater protection of health care
- (c) Standing Together for Humanity
- (d) Protecting Civilians in Conflict

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) Honouring fallen humanitarians and calling for greater protection of health care

Explanation:

- World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is observed annually on 19 August to honour humanitarian workers and highlight the importance of humanitarian assistance during crises.
- The 2026 theme was "Honouring fallen humanitarians and calling for greater protection of health care."

- The theme highlights the need to protect humanitarian personnel and healthcare workers operating in crisis situations.

Information Booster:

- The United Nations General Assembly designated 19 August as World Humanitarian Day through Resolution A/RES/63/139 in 2008.
- The first World Humanitarian Day was observed on 19 August 2009.
- The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) launched the WHD campaign in 2010.

Additional Knowledge:

- The date commemorates the 19 August 2003 bombing of the UN headquarters at Canal Hotel, Baghdad.
- The attack killed 22 humanitarian workers, including Sérgio Vieira de Mello, the UN Special Representative for Iraq.
- The day promotes awareness of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the protection of humanitarian personnel.

**Q3.** With reference to the India–Armenia defence cooperation agreement signed in August 2026, consider the following statements:

1. India and Armenia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen their bilateral defence industrial partnership.
2. The MoU was signed in Yerevan, Armenia, during Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh's official visit.
3. The cooperation includes areas such as defence research and development, innovation, joint production and expanded defence industrial linkages.

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. India, through the Ministry of Defence, signed an MoU with Armenia to strengthen bilateral defence industrial cooperation.
- Statement 2 is correct. The agreement was signed in Yerevan, Armenia, during Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh's two-day official visit.
- Statement 3 is correct. The partnership covers defence R&D, innovation, shared production and expanded industrial linkages.

Information Booster:

- Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh held discussions with Armenian Defence Minister Suren Papikyan.
- He also met Davit Tadevosyan, Minister of High Tech Industry of Armenia.
- Nilakshi Saha Sinha, India's Ambassador to Armenia, participated in the discussions.

Additional Knowledge:

- The two sides explored new avenues for defence industrial cooperation.

- Research and Development (R&D) was identified as an important area for expanding bilateral collaboration.
- The agreement reflects India's efforts to strengthen international defence-industrial partnerships.

**Q4.** The 'Vidyarthi Sahayahasta' scheme, announced by Karnataka Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar in August 2026, primarily aims to benefit which category of students?

- (a) Urban students pursuing higher education
- (b) Rural students who studied in government schools
- (c) Students studying in private schools
- (d) Students pursuing only postgraduate courses

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) Rural students who studied in government schools

Explanation:

- The Vidyarthi Sahayahasta scheme was announced by Karnataka Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar during the Independence Day celebrations in Bengaluru.
- It aims to improve access to professional education for rural students.
- Students who have completed their education from Class I to Class X in rural government schools are eligible.

Information Booster:

- The scheme provides 7.5% reservation within the existing 15% rural reservation.
- The reservation applies to admission to professional courses such as medical and engineering programmes.
- The initiative seeks to improve opportunities for students from rural government schools.

Additional Knowledge:

- D. K. Shivakumar is the Chief Minister of Karnataka.
- The scheme was announced during the Independence Day celebrations at Manekshaw Parade Grounds, Bengaluru.
- The initiative focuses specifically on educational access and professional-course opportunities for eligible rural students.

**Q5.** Which company was named the Overall Industry Champion at the PMIS Industry Awards 2026 organised by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs?

- (a) Reliance Industries Limited
- (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Limited
- (c) Infosys Limited
- (d) Tata Consultancy Services Limited

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Limited

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) organised the PMIS Industry Awards 2026 in New Delhi under the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS).
- Mahindra & Mahindra Limited was named the Overall Industry Champion.
- The awards recognise partner companies for excellence in internship creation, management, innovation and workforce development.

**Information Booster:**

- Top PSU partners included ONGC, NTPC and Western Coalfields Limited (WCL).
- Top private-sector partners included Reliance Industries, Infosys and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories.
- The awards aim to strengthen youth employability through quality internship opportunities.

**Additional Knowledge:**

- HDFC Bank received the Pre-Internship Excellence Award.
- Shriram Finance received the Internship Management Excellence Award.
- IBM India was recognised for Innovation in Program Implementation, while POWERGRID received the award for Innovation in Exit Pathways.

**Q6.** Which organisation launched the Rural Outreach Digital Portal and VISHWAS Diabetes Awareness Video Library in August 2026?

- (a) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- (b) Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI)
- (c) National Health Authority (NHA)
- (d) All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI)

**Explanation:**

- The Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI) launched the Rural Outreach Digital Portal and VISHWAS Diabetes Awareness Video Library in August 2026.
- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh virtually launched the initiatives.
- The portal aims to support beneficiary registration, treatment documentation, follow-up and programme monitoring for rural diabetes outreach.

**Information Booster:**

- The RSSDI Rural Outreach Programme focuses on awareness, early diagnosis, treatment, follow-up and prevention of diabetes in rural areas.
- The programme has reached around 30 villages across several states.
- The initiative promotes a community-driven, technology-enabled and data-driven approach to diabetes prevention.

**Additional Knowledge:**

- RSSDI was founded in 1972.
- It is described as Asia's largest professional medical organisation for diabetes researchers and healthcare providers.
- Its headquarters is located in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

**Q7.** The 9th National Anubhav Awards 2026 were conferred by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on how many selected awardees and Jury Certificate winners in total?

- (a) 10
- (b) 12
- (c) 15
- (d) 20

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) 15

**Explanation:**

- The 9th National Anubhav Awards 2026 were conferred by Dr. Jitendra Singh, MoS (Independent Charge), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- A total of 15 awardees were recognised, comprising 5 Anubhav Awardees and 10 Jury Certificate winners.
- The awards recognise outstanding contributions of retired government employees towards nation-building and public administration.

**Information Booster:**

- The event was organised by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- National Anubhav Award recipients receive a medal, certificate and ₹10,000 cash prize.
- Jury Certificate winners receive a medal and certificate.

**Additional Knowledge:**

- The event coincided with the 60th Pre-Retirement Counselling (PRC) Workshop.
- A Handbook on Pension Mitra and guidelines for the Nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign-5 were released.
- A short film highlighting the National ANUBHAV Awardees 2026 was also screened.

**Q8.** The Indrajaaal-Sigma consortium secured orders worth ₹155 crore from the Ministry of Home Affairs for which indigenous anti-drone platform?

- (a) Indrajaaal Shield
- (b) Indrajaaal Ranger
- (c) Indrajaaal Vajra
- (d) Indrajaaal Sentinel

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) Indrajaaal Ranger

**Explanation:**

- The Indrajaaal-Sigma consortium secured ₹155 crore orders from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for the Indrajaaal Ranger Mobile Anti-Drone Patrol Vehicle (ADPV).
- It is a mobile Counter-Unmanned Aircraft System (C-UAS) designed to detect, track, identify and counter rogue drones.
- The deployment is aimed at strengthening India's indigenous counter-drone capabilities for security operations.

**Information Booster:**

- Indrajaaal Ranger is developed by Indrajaaal Autonomous Defense Systems (IADS).
- It is built on the Toyota Hilux platform and manufactured in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The system is designed for border patrolling, VVIP protection, airports, urban policing and critical infrastructure security.

**Additional Knowledge:**

- The Ranger is described as India's only Anti-Rogue Drone Technology Committee (ARDTC)-approved ADPV.
- Separately, the Ministry of Defence signed a ₹1,943 crore contract with General Atomics Aeronautical Systems to lease two MQ-9B Sea Guardian aircraft to the Indian Navy for 30 months.
- MQ-9B Sea Guardian is a High-Altitude Long-Endurance (HALE) remotely piloted aircraft system.

**Q9.** With reference to the India's first-ever Guide to Grasslands and Other Open Natural Ecosystems (ONES), launched in August 2026, consider the following statements:

1. The guide was launched during a side event at the 17th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP17) to the UNCCD.
2. The guide aims to promote the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of India's open natural ecosystems.
3. The guide covers landscapes such as Himalayan and Terai grasslands, Thar and Banni landscapes, Deccan savannas and coastal ecosystems.

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. The Government of India launched the guide during a side event at UNCCD COP17, held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- Statement 2 is correct. The guide seeks to strengthen the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of open natural ecosystems.
- Statement 3 is correct. It covers diverse landscapes including Himalayan and Terai grasslands, Thar and Banni landscapes, Deccan savannas and coastal ecosystems.

Information Booster:

- The guide was launched under the guidance of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- It seeks to draw scientific attention to ecosystems traditionally overlooked because of their limited tree cover.
- Its thematic sections include pastoralism, fire ecology and carbon sequestration.

Additional Knowledge:

- Other ecosystems covered include rocky plateaus, ravines, scrublands and desert landscapes.
- Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, attended the event virtually.
- The guide focuses on India's diverse open natural ecosystems, highlighting their ecological importance.

**Q10.** Veteran Bengali filmmaker Raja Sen, who passed away in August 2026, won how many National Film Awards during his career?

- (a) One
- (b) Two
- (c) Three
- (d) Four

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) Three

Explanation:

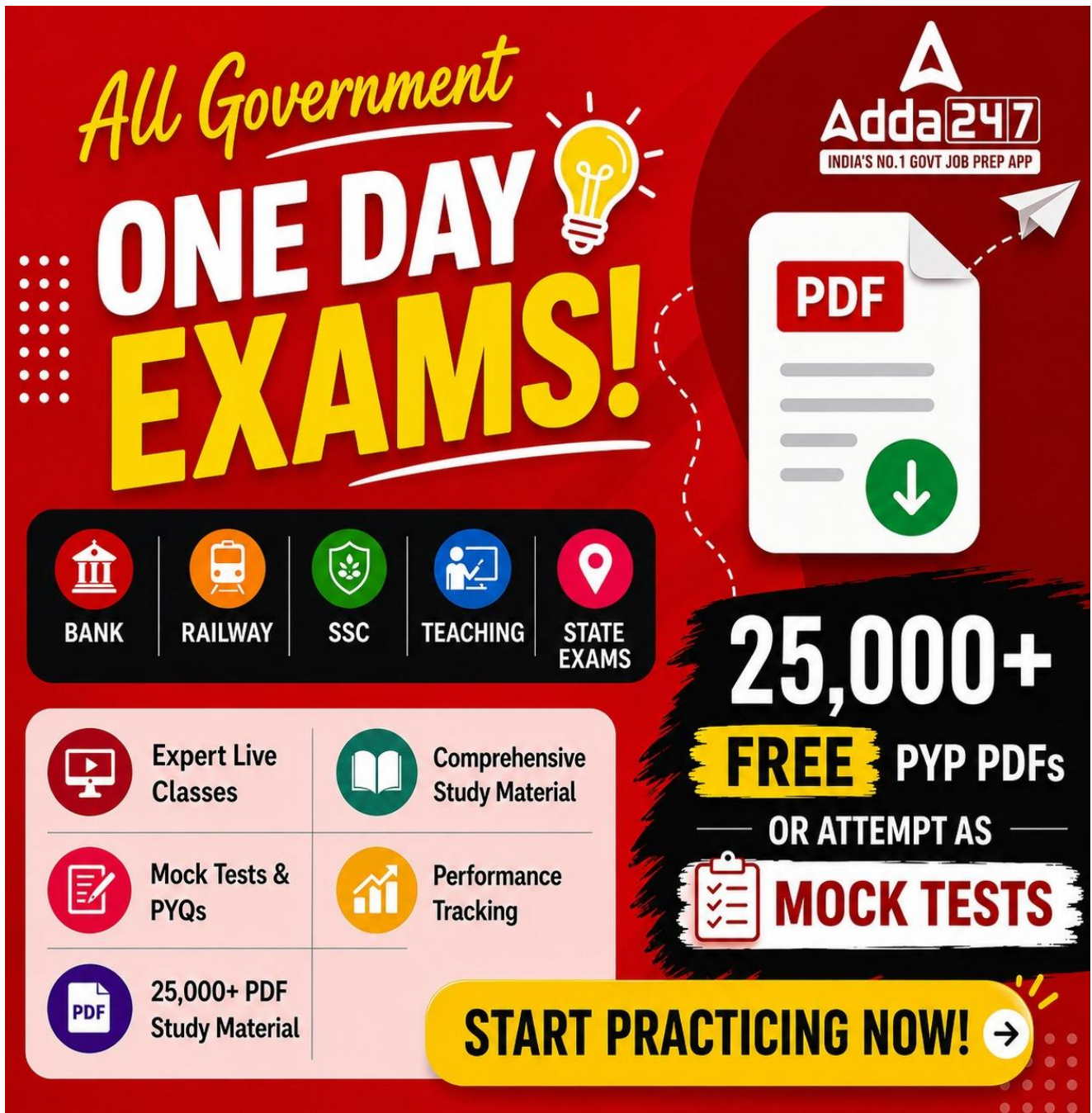
- Raja Sen was a veteran Bengali filmmaker known for his work in feature films, television and documentaries.
- He won three National Film Awards during his career.
- His award-winning works included Suchitra Mitra, Damu and Atmiyo Swajan.

Information Booster:

- Suchitra Mitra won the National Film Award for Best Arts/Cultural Film in 1993.
- Damu received the award for Best Children's Film in 1997.
- Atmiyo Swajan won the award for Best Film on Family Welfare in 1999.

Additional Knowledge:

- Raja Sen was born on 10 November 1955 in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- His notable films included Damu, Atmiyo Swajan, Desh, Debipaksha, Krishnakant er Will, Laboratory and Maya Mridanga.
- His cinema prominently reflected Bengali literature, culture and social themes.



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