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**Q1.** With reference to the inauguration of infrastructure projects at Paradip Port in August 2026, consider the following statements:

1. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated seven infrastructure projects worth ₹427.80 crore at Paradip Port Authority in Odisha.
2. The Capital Dredging Project, worth ₹352 crore, was among the major projects inaugurated.
3. Three mechanisation projects worth ₹1,580.36 crore were also covered through the signing of concession agreements.

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. Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated seven projects valued at ₹427.80 crore at Paradip Port Authority in Odisha.
- Statement 2 is correct. The Capital Dredging Project, costing ₹352 crore, was one of the major inaugurated projects.
- Statement 3 is correct. Concession agreements were signed for three mechanisation projects with a combined value of ₹1,580.36 crore.

Information Booster:

- The Atharbanki Second New Bridge was developed at a cost of ₹24.89 crore.
- The PNG Supply Project was valued at ₹20 crore.
- The Advanced Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) was developed at a cost of ₹15.50 crore.

Additional Knowledge:

- The three mechanisation projects include 5 MTPA South Quay, 8 MTPA Multipurpose Berth and 10 MTPA captive CQ-III projects.
- Their respective investments are ₹498.69 crore, ₹630.67 crore and ₹451 crore.
- The event also marked the plantation of the one-millionth tree at the port.

**Q2.** On which date is the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief observed annually?

- (a) 20 August
- (b) 21 August
- (c) 22 August
- (d) 23 August

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) 22 August

Explanation:

- The International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief is observed annually on 22 August.

- The day aims to condemn violence and terrorism against individuals targeted because of their religion or beliefs.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Resolution A/RES/73/296 on 28 May 2019 to designate this day.

Information Booster:

- The first observance of this international day took place on 22 August 2019.
- The resolution promotes interfaith and intercultural dialogue and human rights education.
- It also emphasizes the protection of the rights of religious minorities.

Additional Knowledge:

- The resolution was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.
- It calls for support to victims of religion- or belief-based violence and efforts to combat intolerance and hate crimes.

**Q3.** The 4th India–Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) held in August 2026 focused on strengthening cooperation in which of the following sectors?

- (a) Semiconductors, digital payments and green energy
- (b) Defence, nuclear weapons and space tourism
- (c) Agriculture, textiles and tourism only
- (d) Mining, railways and fisheries only

**Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (a) Semiconductors, digital payments and green energy

Explanation:

- India and Singapore strengthened their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) during the 4th India–Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) held in Singapore.
- Cooperation was expanded across semiconductors, digital connectivity, fintech, healthcare, green economy, food security and advanced manufacturing.
- Both countries also explored cooperation in space technology, Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) and cybersecurity.

Information Booster:

- The partnership includes the Green Lane Initiative for Semiconductors and development of a green hydrogen supply chain.
- The 4th Singapore-India Hackathon is scheduled for 15–17 November 2026 in Singapore.
- The ministers witnessed the exchange of 2 MoUs and 1 Letter of Intent (LoI).

Additional Knowledge:

- India and Singapore share a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership aimed at strengthening cooperation across economic, technological and strategic sectors.
- A Singapore Business Federation office has also been established in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

**Q4.** Which organisation is proposed to be established as the apex authority to standardise coaching quality in India's sports ecosystem?

- (a) National Sports Coaching Authority
- (b) National Coach Accreditation Board
- (c) Indian Sports Training Board
- (d) National Sports Development Council

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) National Coach Accreditation Board

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) announced plans to establish the National Coach Accreditation Board (NCAB).
- The initiative was recommended by a task force led by Pullela Gopichand to standardise coaching quality across India.
- Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya announced the plan during the 63rd Governing Body Meeting of SAI in New Delhi.

Information Booster:

- NCAB will set coaching standards, approve pathways, accredit institutions and ensure long-term sustainability.
- Its proposed members include the President of IOA, Sports Secretary, a nationally eminent person and an academic expert in pedagogy and education systems.
- A Two-stage Talent Scouting System (TSS) will also help create a National Talent Repository (NTR).

Additional Knowledge:

- Sports Authority of India (SAI) was established in 1984 under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- SAI is headquartered in New Delhi.
- Hari Ranjan Rao is the Director General of SAI.

**Q5.** INS Mangrol, delivered by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in August 2026, is the \_\_\_ Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) of its class delivered to the Indian Navy.

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) 3rd

Explanation:

- Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) delivered INS Mangrol, the 3rd of 8 indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW-SWCs), to the Indian Navy.
- The delivery took place at CSL's facility in Kochi, Kerala.
- The vessel is designed and built indigenously by CSL.

Information Booster:

- INS Mangrol is equipped with lightweight torpedoes, indigenous ASW rockets and advanced shallow-water SONARs.
- It uses a Diesel Engine–Waterjet propulsion system.
- The ship has nearly 80% indigenous content.

Additional Knowledge:

- ASW-SWCs are designed primarily to detect and counter underwater threats in shallow coastal waters.
- INS Mangrol's name is inspired by the historic coastal township of Mangrol in Surat district, Gujarat.
- The vessel has been built according to the classification rules of Det Norske Veritas (DNV).

**Q6.** With reference to the India–Mauritius energy cooperation agreements signed in August 2026, consider the following statements:

1. India and Mauritius signed a Government-to-Government (G2G) MoU on oil and gas cooperation.
2. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) signed a five-year agreement with Mauritius's State Trading Corporation (STC) for the assured supply of petroleum products.
3. The agreement covers the supply of petrol, diesel and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to Port Louis.

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 and Mauritius signed a G2G MoU on oil and gas cooperation to establish a comprehensive framework for energy-sector collaboration.
- Statement 2 is correct. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) signed a five-year agreement with Mauritius's State Trading Corporation (STC).
- Statement 3 is correct. The agreement provides assured supplies of petrol, diesel and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to Port Louis.

Information Booster:

- The agreements were signed during Hardeep Singh Puri's visit to Mauritius from 20–21 August 2026.
- The G2G MoU was signed by Hardeep Singh Puri and Mauritius's John Michael Tzoun Sao Yeung Sik Yeun.
- The agreements aim to strengthen bilateral energy cooperation.

Additional Knowledge:

- India is the fourth-largest refiner and a major exporter of petroleum products.
- India's refining capacity is around 258 million tonnes (MT).
- The Government of India targets refining capacity of over 309 MT annually by 2032.

**Q7.** Which Indian defence start-up successfully demonstrated India's first indigenous 5 kN air-breathing Rotating Detonation Engine (RDE) in August 2026?

- (a) D-Propulse Aerospace Pvt. Ltd.
- (b) NewSpace India Limited
- (c) BrahMos Aerospace
- (d) Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited

**Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (a) D-Propulse Aerospace Pvt. Ltd.

Explanation:

- D-Propulse Aerospace Pvt. Ltd. successfully demonstrated India's first indigenous 5 kN air-breathing Rotating Detonation Engine (RDE).
- The RDE was integrated with an aerospike nozzle and tested at a DRDO facility in Hyderabad, Telangana.

- The demonstration validated Technology Readiness Level-5 (TRL-5).

Information Booster:

- RDE technology uses pressure-gain combustion, improving thermodynamic efficiency compared with conventional propulsion systems.
- The demonstrated RDE offers approximately 15–25% higher thermodynamic efficiency than conventional air-breathing propulsion systems.
- The technology was incubated at IIT Madras.

Additional Knowledge:

- The RDE is scheduled for launch by December 2027.
- D-Propulse was founded in July 2025 by V. Ramanujachari and Saurav Jha.
- The company is headquartered in New Delhi and focuses on propulsion systems for high-supersonic and hypersonic flight.

**Q8.** Who inaugurated 'MALHAR 2026', a youth-centric monsoon-themed celebration of Indian classical music, in New Delhi?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) C. P. Radhakrishnan
- (c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (d) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b) C. P. Radhakrishnan

Explanation:

- Vice President of India C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated MALHAR 2026 in New Delhi.
- The event was organised by Antar Hriday Connect to celebrate India's classical music traditions and diverse artistic heritage.
- It featured competitions and performances in music, dance, theatre and literary events.

Information Booster:

- Malhar is a classical music tradition associated with the monsoon season (Varsha Ritu).
- It is traditionally linked with the legendary 16th-century musician Tansen.
- MALHAR 2026 provided a platform for young and emerging artists from different regions of India.

Additional Knowledge:

- The programme witnessed participation from educational institutions, cultural groups and emerging artists.
- Its focus was on promoting Indian classical music and cultural heritage among youth.

**Q9.** Which veteran Indian actress, popularly known as "Sowcar Janaki", passed away at the age of 94 in August 2026?

- (a) Sowcar Janaki
- (b) B. Saroja Devi
- (c) Vyjayanthimala
- (d) Waheeda Rehman

**Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (a) Sowcar Janaki

Explanation:

- Veteran actress Sankaramanchi Janaki, popularly known as Sowcar Janaki, passed away at the age of 94 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, in August 2026.
- She made her film debut with the Telugu film Shavukaru (1950) at the age of 18.
- She worked extensively in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi cinema.

Information Booster:

- She was born on 12 December 1931 in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh.
- She received the Padma Shri in 2022 in the field of Art.
- Her career spanned more than seven decades, with over 400 feature films and more than 300 stage productions.

Additional Knowledge:

- Shavukaru (1950) was the film that gave her the prefix "Sowcar".
- She was known for portraying diverse characters across multiple Indian languages.

**Q10.** With reference to the ADB-funded development projects in India announced in August 2026, consider the following statements:

1. The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank signed a USD 230 million loan agreement to modernise and expand water supply and sanitation in Chennai.
2. Chennai will become the first Indian city to implement a comprehensive ring-main water supply system.
3. The Asian Development Bank and the Karnataka Government signed a ₹1,750 crore loan agreement to upgrade government schools.

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. A USD 230 million loan was signed between India and ADB for improving water supply and sanitation infrastructure in Chennai.
- Statement 2 is correct. Chennai will become the first Indian city to implement a comprehensive ring-main water supply system.
- Statement 3 is correct. ADB and Karnataka signed a ₹1,750 crore loan agreement for upgrading government schools.
- Hence, the correct option is (d).

Information Booster:

- The Chennai loan documents were signed by Saurabh Singh, Deputy Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, and Mio Oka, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission.
- The Karnataka project is scheduled for four years until 2029–30.
- The school programme aims to provide free, quality education from LKG to Class 12 on a single campus.

#### Additional Knowledge:

- Each Karnataka Public School (KPS) under the project is planned to have a capacity of at least 1,200 students.
- The school initiative will focus on improving infrastructure and learning facilities.
- The Karnataka agreement was signed at Vidhana Soudha in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister G. Parameshwara.

  
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