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Q1. Who became the first French woman to conduct a spacewalk in August 2026?

- (a) Samantha Cristoforetti
- (b) Sophie Adenot
- (c) Claudie Haigneré
- (d) Anil Menon

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Sophie Adenot

Explanation:

- Sophie Adenot, an astronaut of the European Space Agency (ESA) from France, became the first French woman to walk in space.
- During the EVA, she and American astronaut Anil Menon worked on replacing a Space-to-Ground Antenna (SGANT) on the International Space Station (ISS).

Information Booster:

- EVA duration: 6 hours 23 minutes
- Mission: Repair/replacement of the ISS communications system
- Antenna: Space-to-Ground Antenna (SGANT)
- Communication link: Connected the ISS with mission control in Houston, USA

Additional Knowledge:

- Adenot became the second European woman to conduct a spacewalk after Samantha Cristoforetti of Italy in 2022.
- In February 2026, Adenot became the second French woman to travel into space, after Claudie Haigneré.
- Haigneré flew space missions in 1996 and 2001.

Q2. Which organisation developed India's first Soil Texture Map for precision agriculture?

- (a) Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)
- (b) National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (NBSS&LUP)
- (c) National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)
- (d) Indian Institute of Soil Science (IISS)

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (NBSS&LUP)

Explanation:

- The National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (NBSS&LUP) developed India's first Soil Texture Map.
- The map was released in July 2026 and provides hectare-level soil information.
- It supports crop planning, irrigation management, land-use decisions and precision agriculture.

Information Booster:

- Soil texture refers to the proportion of sand, silt and clay present in soil.
- It influences the soil's water-holding capacity, drainage, aeration and crop suitability.
- The map was prepared using field studies, remote sensing, satellite imagery, AI, and soil and geospatial data.

Additional Knowledge:

- NBSS&LUP: National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning
- Parent organisation: Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- Established: 1976
- Headquarters: Nagpur, Maharashtra
- Director: Dr. N. G. Patil

Q3. What was the theme of the 3rd IIM Ahmedabad Healthcare Summit 2026, addressed by Union MoS Anupriya Patel?

- (a) Digital India: Healthcare for All
- (b) Advancing AI in Healthcare
- (c) Innovation in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing
- (d) Transforming India's Public Health System

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Advancing AI in Healthcare

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State Anupriya Patel addressed the 3rd IIM Ahmedabad Healthcare Summit 2026 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
 - The theme of the summit was "Advancing AI in Healthcare."
 - The summit focused on using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to transform healthcare through research, innovation, drug discovery, personalised treatment, disease surveillance and clinical decision-making.
- Information Booster:

- Organiser: Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA)
- Summit: 3rd IIMA Healthcare Summit 2026
- Theme: "Advancing AI in Healthcare"
- Vision: Transforming India from the "Pharmacy of the World" to the "Laboratory of the World."

Additional Knowledge:

- AI-related healthcare Centres of Excellence have been established at AIIMS New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh and AIIMS Rishikesh.
- The PRIP Scheme has an outlay of Rs 5,000 crore to promote research and innovation in the pharma-medtech sector.
- The Biopharma SHAKTI Mission has an outlay of Rs 10,000 crore.

Q4. Who was selected for the 47th Sarala Puraskar 2026 for the poetry collection *Bishwas De Pruthwi*?

- (a) Ashutosh Parida
- (b) Pratibha Ray
- (c) Ramakanta Rath
- (d) Sitakant Mahapatra

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer: (a) Ashutosh Parida

Explanation:

- Renowned Odia poet, essayist and former scientist Ashutosh Parida was selected for the 47th Sarala Puraskar for his poetry collection *Bishwas De Pruthwi* (2024).
- The award ceremony is scheduled to be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 25 October 2026.

Information Booster:

- Sarala Puraskar was instituted in 1980 to honour significant contributions to Odia literature.
- It is presented by Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT), the social wing of Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd (IMFA).
- The award carries a Rs 7 lakh cash prize, citation and copper plaque.

Additional Knowledge:

- The 2026 Ila-Bansidhar Panda Kala Samman was awarded to Odissi maestro Guru Durga Charan Ranbir and sculptor Damodar Behera.
- Each Kala Samman awardee will receive Rs 2.5 lakh, a citation and a copper plaque.

Q5. DRDO's NSTL signed two Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology (LToT) in August 2026 for which of the following technologies?

- (a) SFD 'Mohini' and LM2500 Gas Turbine technology
- (b) BrahMos missile and Akash missile technology
- (c) Pinaka rocket and Nag missile technology
- (d) Astra missile and Tejas aircraft technology

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer: (a) SFD 'Mohini' and LM2500 Gas Turbine technology

Explanation:

- The Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL) of DRDO, Visakhapatnam, signed two LToT agreements in August 2026.
- The first agreement covers the transfer of Submarine Fired Decoy (SFD) 'Mohini' technology to Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).
- The second agreement covers the technology for fabrication, installation, and commissioning of the LM2500 Gas Turbine to Vertex Engineering Systems Pvt. Ltd.

Information Booster:

- NSTL: Naval Science & Technological Laboratory
- Location: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- SFD 'Mohini': A submarine-fired decoy system.
- LToT: Licensing Agreement for Transfer of Technology.

Additional Knowledge:

- LToT enables DRDO-developed technologies to be transferred to Indian industries for manufacturing and production.
- The initiative supports Aatmanirbhar Bharat and strengthens indigenous defence manufacturing.

Q6. With reference to the BRICS activities hosted by India under its 2026 chairship in August 2026, consider the following statements:

1. The BRICS ICT Track was organised by the Department of Telecommunications in Pune under the theme "Innovate, Cooperate and Transform (ICT) for a Resilient Future."
2. India and Brazil signed an MoU on digital and telecom cooperation covering areas such as AI, 5G/6G, Open RAN, IoT and Direct-to-Device connectivity.
3. The 2nd BRICS Tourism Working Group Meeting was held in Jaipur, where the Jaipur Declaration and Ministers' Communique were adopted.

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 BRICS ICT Track was organised by the Department of Telecommunications in Pune, Maharashtra, from 17 to 21 August 2026 under the theme “*Innovate, Cooperate and Transform (ICT) for a Resilient Future.*”
- Statement 2 is correct. India and Brazil signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation in AI, 5G/6G, Open RAN, IoT and Direct-to-Device connectivity.
- Statement 3 is correct. The 2nd BRICS Tourism Working Group Meeting was held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, on 19 August 2026, followed by the Tourism Ministers’ Meeting, where the Jaipur Declaration and Ministers’ Communique were adopted.

Information Booster:

- The BRICS ICT Track comprised the 7th Meeting of the BRICS Working Group for Cooperation in ICTs, Digital BRICS Forum and Expo, and the 12th BRICS Communications Ministers Meeting.
- The Tourism Ministers’ Meeting focused on AI, sustainable tourism, skill development and seamless travel.
- The BRICS Youth Council Meeting and Youth Summit were held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from 19–20 August 2026.

Additional Knowledge:

- The BRICS Youth Ministers’ Meeting was chaired by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on 22 August 2026.
- The meeting launched ‘Friends of MY Bharat’, a digital initiative connecting Indian-origin youth abroad with volunteering, nation-building and youth programmes in India.
- The 12th BRICS Environment Ministers’ Meeting was held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Bhupender Yadav and concluded with a Joint Ministerial Statement and four compendiums.

Q7. With reference to Pranesh M winning the Kanizsa Open 2026 in August 2026, consider the following statements:

1. Indian Grandmaster Pranesh M won the Group A title at the Kanizsa Open 2026 in Nagykanizsa, Hungary.
2. He finished the tournament with 7 points from 9 rounds and secured the title on a superior tiebreak.
3. Pranesh M became a Grandmaster in January 2023 at the age of 16.

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. Pranesh M won the Group A title of the Kanizsa Open 2026 in Nagykanizsa, Hungary.
- Statement 2 is correct. He scored 7 points in 9 rounds and won the title on the basis of a superior tiebreak after being jointly placed on 7/9 with three other players.
- Statement 3 is correct. Pranesh achieved the Grandmaster title in January 2023 at the age of 16.
- Hence, the correct option is (d).

Information Booster:

- The tournament was conducted from 15 to 23 August 2026 at Kanizsa Aréna.
- It followed a 9-round Swiss-system format.
- Pranesh defeated Germany's Vadim Petrovskiy in the ninth and final round.

Additional Knowledge:

- Pranesh became FIDE Master (FM) in 2019 and International Master (IM) in 2020.
- He jointly finished first at the Silver Lake Open 2023 in Serbia and Tsaghkadzor Open 2023 in Armenia.
- His FIDE rating increased from 2633 in March 2026 to 2673 in August 2026, placing him 44th in the world rankings.

Q8. What is the budgetary outlay of the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) notified by MeitY in August 2026?

- (a) Rs 25,000 crore
- (b) Rs 40,000 crore
- (c) Rs 62,500 crore
- (d) Rs 75,000 crore

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Rs 62,500 crore

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) notified the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) in August 2026 with a budgetary outlay of Rs 62,500 crore.
- The scheme aims to scale up handset production in India, enhance global competitiveness, deepen Domestic Value Addition (DVA), and strengthen mobile phone manufacturing capabilities.

Information Booster:

- Tenure: 5 years, from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- TS1: Incentives ranging from 2.25% to 5% for mobile phone manufacturing.
- TS2: 5% incentive for Indian mobile phone brands, with an additional 3% for Indian design and R&D.

Additional Knowledge:

- Ministry: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- Scheme: Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS)
- Main Focus: Mobile handset production, domestic value addition, Indian brands, design and R&D.

Q9. Which five African countries had their poliovirus type 2 outbreaks officially closed by the WHO in August 2026?

- (a) Burundi, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Republic of the Congo and Uganda
- (b) Kenya, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Ghana and Rwanda
- (c) Senegal, Mali, Niger, Chad and Cameroon
- (d) Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer: (a) Burundi, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Republic of the Congo and Uganda

Explanation:

- In August 2026, the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Africa confirmed the closure of poliovirus type 2 outbreaks in five African countries.
- The countries are Burundi, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Republic of the Congo and Uganda.
- The closure followed Independent Outbreak Response Assessments (OBRA) conducted between January and June 2026.

Information Booster:

- OBRA: Independent Outbreak Response Assessment.
- The assessment examined surveillance systems, laboratory evidence, epidemiological data, population immunity and vaccination campaign performance.
- The countries strengthened routine immunisation, rapid detection, community participation and targeted vaccination campaigns.

Additional Knowledge:

- WHO Regional Office for Africa: Supports countries in strengthening public health systems and disease-control programmes across the African region.
- The development represents progress towards polio eradication in Africa through improved immunisation and surveillance systems.

Q10. What is the name of the national-level hackathon launched by the Territorial Army in collaboration with CyberPeace in August 2026?

- (a) Cyber Shakti Quest 2026
- (b) Terrier Cyber Quest 2026
- (c) Defence Cyber Challenge 2026
- (d) Army Cyber Shield 2026

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Terrier Cyber Quest 2026

Explanation:

- The Territorial Army, in collaboration with CyberPeace, launched Terrier Cyber Quest 2026 (TCQ 3.0) in August 2026.
- It is a national-level hackathon aimed at developing innovative solutions for defence, cybersecurity and information-domain challenges.
- The initiative encourages participation from academia, industry, government organisations, research institutions and the Armed Forces.

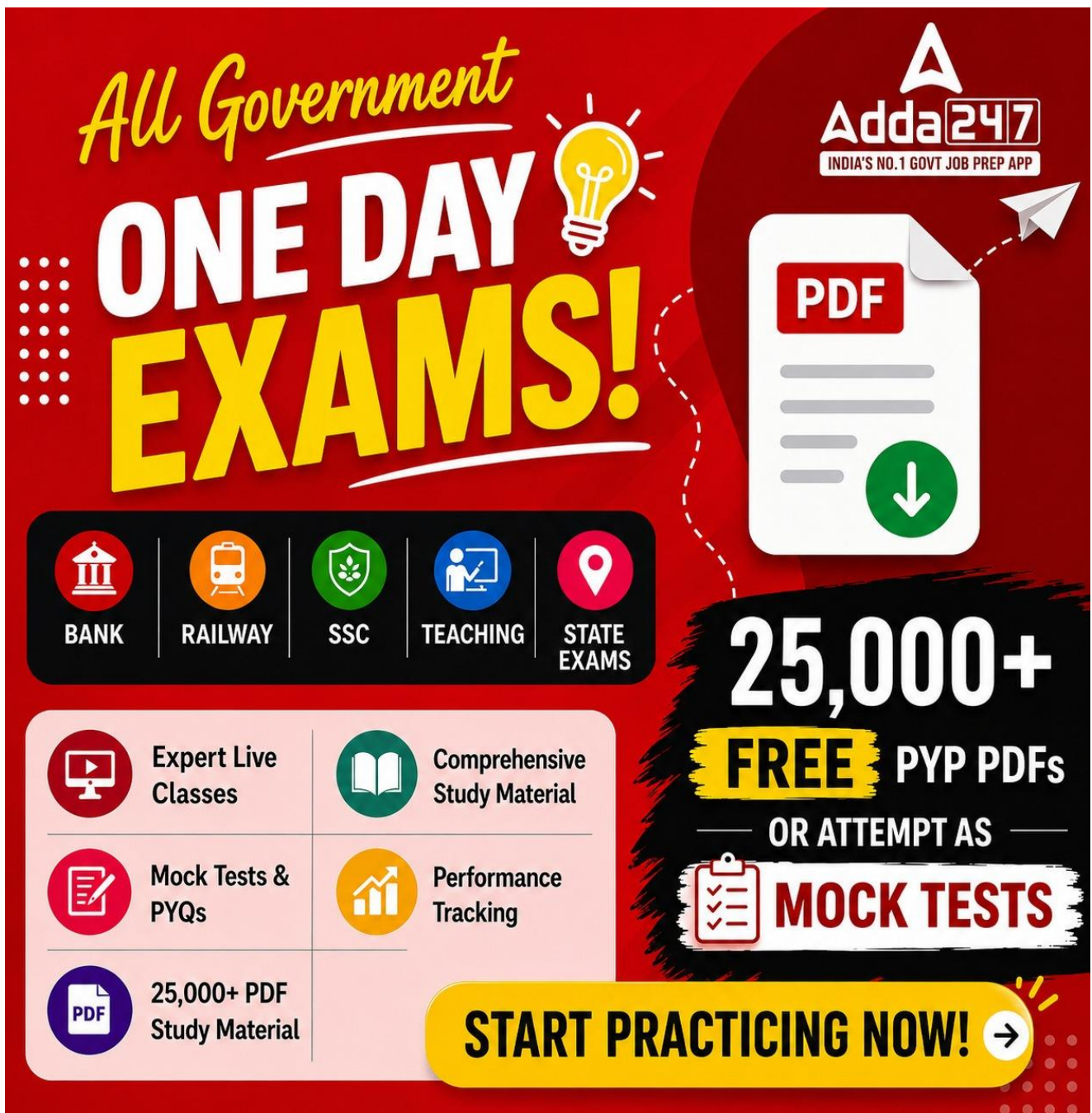
Information Booster:

- Tracks:
- Bug Hunting – Vulnerability detection
- AI Kavach – AI-based defence solutions

- Creators Challenge – Awareness against digital threats
- Registration deadline: 31 August 2026
- Grand Finale: 6–8 October 2026, New Delhi
- Award Ceremony: 9 October 2026

Additional Knowledge:

- The Indian Army also raised its first Baaz Battalion, equipped with advanced drones, in Punjab under Vajra Corps (11 Corps).
- The unit is intended to strengthen aerial surveillance and battlefield capabilities.



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