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Q1. Union Home Minister Amit Shah flagged off the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra' campaign in August 2026 in which Union Territory?

- (a) Chandigarh
- (b) Puducherry
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) Jammu and Kashmir

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In August 2026, Union Home Minister Amit Shah flagged off the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra' in Puducherry.
- The campaign was launched at Murugaa Theatre Signal during his two-day visit to the Union Territory.
- The initiative encourages citizens to celebrate the Tricolour as a symbol of India's unity, sovereignty and national identity.

Information Booster:

- The Har Ghar Tiranga campaign was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2022 under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- In 2026, the campaign has a special focus on the commemoration of 150 years of "Vande Mataram".
- Various activities are being organised at the district, block and panchayat levels.

Additional Knowledge:

- During his Puducherry visit, Amit Shah also presented the President's Colours to the Puducherry Police.
- The President's Colours recognise a police or military unit for exceptional service, bravery, dedication and distinguished performance.
- The Har Ghar Tiranga campaign aims to strengthen citizens' connection with the National Flag and promote national pride.

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding Ariha Pangambam's achievement at the 2026 Asian Aerobic Gymnastics Championships:

1. Ariha Pangambam became the first Indian to win an individual gold medal in the Senior Women's event at the Asian Aerobic Gymnastics Championships.
2. She secured the gold medal with a score of 19.100 points at the championship held in Tagaytay City, Philippines.
3. Chanyapit Manee of Thailand and Mahiro Kishibe of Japan won the silver and bronze medals, respectively.

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. Ariha Pangambam created history by winning India's first-ever individual gold in the Senior Women's event at the Asian Aerobic Gymnastics Championships.
- Statement 2 is correct. She achieved a score of 19.100 points at the 2026 championship held in Tagaytay City, Philippines, from 5–7 August.
- Statement 3 is correct. Chanyapit Manee of Thailand won silver, while Mahiro Kishibe of Japan took bronze.

Information Booster:

- Ariha's total score comprised 8.650 in artistry, 7.600 in execution and 2.850 in difficulty.
- She had previously finished fourth in the 2022 and 2024 editions of the championship.
- Her earlier achievements included gold medals at the National Games, including the 2025 Uttarakhand edition.

Additional Knowledge:

- The 10th Asian Aerobic Gymnastics Championships was organized by the Gymnastics Association of the Philippines.
- The championship was conducted under the guidance of the Asian Gymnastics Union (AGU).
- Major competition categories include Individual Men, Individual Women, Mixed Pairs, Trios and Groups.

Q3. Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh dedicated which first-of-its-kind eco-educational hub to the nation in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, in August 2026?

- (a) Prakriti Gyan Dham
- (b) Van Vigyan Kendra
- (c) Prakriti Anusandhan Dham
- (d) Bharat Biodiversity Hub

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- In August 2026, Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh dedicated 'Prakriti Gyan Dham' to the nation in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- It is a first-of-its-kind eco-educational hub developed by the CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI).
- The hub integrates scientific research, environmental education, biodiversity conservation, botanical heritage, and cultural interpretation.

Information Booster:

- Location: Maharishi Parashar Bioresource Centre (MPBC), Lucknow.
- Developer: CSIR-NBRI.
- The event also featured the launch of an herbal formulation for male reproductive health developed in partnership with Himalaya.
- A documentary on India's Heritage Gardens was also released.

Additional Knowledge:

- CSIR-NBRI transferred four plant-based technologies to the Kudumbashree State Poverty Eradication Mission, Kerala, supporting women-led entrepreneurship.
- These technologies included:
 - Herbal Anti-Dandruff Hair Care Oil

- Frotus: Lotus-inspired Perfume
- Frotus: Rudra Perfume
- Herbal Nano Serum
- CSIR-NBRI also transferred Design and Development of a Low-Cost Photobioreactor technology to Witwake Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Lucknow.

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding EVEREST rocket engine unveiled by Astrobase Space Technologies in August 2026:

1. EVEREST is an 800 kN Full-Flow Staged Combustion (FFSC) rocket engine using liquid oxygen and methane as propellants.
 2. The engine is designed for reusable medium-lift launch vehicles and advanced orbital missions.
 3. Astrobase Space Technologies was founded in 2024 and is headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- 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. EVEREST is an 800 kN LOX-methane engine based on Full-Flow Staged Combustion technology.
- Statement 2 is correct. The engine is intended for reusable medium-lift launch vehicles and advanced orbital missions.
- Statement 3 is correct. Astrobase Space Technologies was founded in 2024 and has its headquarters in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Information Booster:

- EVEREST offers a 50%–110% throttle range, allowing flexible thrust control during missions.
- It has an approximate specific impulse of 340 seconds, indicating its propulsion efficiency.
- The company plans full-scale hot-fire testing in 2026 after completing sub-scale and turbopump tests.

Additional Knowledge:

- Astrobase has a 46,000 sq ft facility in Bengaluru and a 21.5-acre test site in Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh.
- The company is targeting its first launch for December 2028.
- Astrobase was selected under the Technology Adoption Fund (TAF) in June 2026 for indigenous development of the 800 kN LOX-methane engine.

Q5. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved a one-year extension for which Enforcement Directorate (ED) Director in August 2026?

- (a) Sanjay Kumar Mishra
- (b) Rahul Navin
- (c) Praveen Kumar Srivastava
- (d) Vivek Joshi

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In August 2026, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved a one-year extension for Rahul Navin, Director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED).
- His tenure has been extended until 13 August 2027 or until further orders.
- Rahul Navin is a 1993-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS–Income Tax) officer.
- He became the full-time ED Director on 14 August 2024, succeeding Sanjay Kumar Mishra.

Information Booster:

- Rahul Navin joined the Enforcement Directorate as Special Director in 2019.
- He was appointed Director (In-Charge) in September 2023.
- The ED functions under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.
- The agency investigates and prosecutes cases involving money laundering and foreign exchange law violations.

Additional Knowledge:

- ED stands for Enforcement Directorate.
- It primarily enforces the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 and the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) is headed by the Prime Minister and makes appointments to several senior positions in the Government of India.

Q6. The 8th edition of the India–US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Exercise 2026 commenced at which location in August 2026?

- (a) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Kochi, Kerala
- (c) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- (d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- The 8th edition of the India–US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Exercise 2026 commenced on 10 August 2026.
- The five-day bilateral exercise is being conducted at the Southern Naval Command, Kochi, Kerala, from 10 to 14 August 2026.
- It aims to strengthen interoperability, operational synergy and professional cooperation between specialist diving and EOD teams of the two navies.

Information Booster:

- Participating forces: Indian Navy and United States Navy.
- Duration: 10–14 August 2026.
- Edition: 8th.
- Training includes:
 - Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs)
 - Cross-training sessions
 - Equipment demonstrations
 - Scenario-based practical exercises

Additional Knowledge:

- The exercise focuses on improving the ability of both navies to respond to complex and evolving Explosive Ordnance Disposal challenges.
- The 7th edition of the India-US Navy Salvage and EOD exercise, SALVEX, was conducted in Kochi from 26 June to 6 July 2023.
- Bilateral naval exercises such as this strengthen maritime cooperation and operational interoperability between India and the United States.

Q7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated which AI-powered high-performance supercomputing facility at IIT Delhi in August 2026?

- (a) Param Shakti
- (b) Param Pragya
- (c) Param Ananta
- (d) Param Ganga

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In August 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Param Pragya', an AI-enabled high-performance supercomputing facility at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi).
- The facility is located at IIT Delhi's Sonipat campus, Haryana.
- It is aimed at strengthening research capabilities in Artificial Intelligence, data science, advanced computing, and interdisciplinary research.

Information Booster:

- The inauguration took place during the 57th Convocation of IIT Delhi.
- PM Narendra Modi was the Chief Guest at the convocation.
- The facility is designed to support high-performance computing and AI-driven research.

Additional Knowledge:

- IIT Delhi was established in 1961 and is one of India's premier institutions for engineering, technology, and research.
- During the convocation, PM Modi presented the President's Gold Medal, Shankar Dayal Sharma Gold Medal, Director's Gold Medal, and Perfect Ten Gold Medals to outstanding graduating students.
- Param Pragya is expected to enhance IIT Delhi's capabilities in advanced computational research and emerging technologies.

Q8. NeGD and AEERI launched which digital platform in August 2026 to streamline document verification for Indian students applying to Australian universities?

- (a) EduVerify India
- (b) AAERI Verify
- (c) DigiEdu Check
- (d) Australia Student Verify

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In August 2026, the National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with the Association of Australian Education Representatives in India (AEERI), launched 'AAERI Verify'.

- The platform was launched at the AAERI Annual Convention in New Delhi.
- It streamlines the verification of academic, identity and financial documents submitted by Indian students applying to Australian universities.

Information Booster:

- AAERI Verify is integrated with DigiLocker.
- It uses secure, paperless and consent-based digital verification.
- The process includes:
 - Initial document verification before university application.
 - Post-admission verification of the sponsor's financial details.
- Digital verification can reduce manual processing from 5–9 days to around 120–240 seconds.

Additional Knowledge:

- NeGD operates under MeitY and supports India's digital governance initiatives.
- DigiLocker is a flagship Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) initiative under the Digital India Programme.
- DigiLocker enables secure issuance, storage, sharing and real-time verification of digitally signed documents.
- The platform aims to tackle forged documents, fake academic marksheets and inaccurate financial information in international student applications.

Q9. DPIIT signed five strategic MoUs in August 2026 to strengthen India's startup ecosystem with which of the following companies/organisations?

- (a) Cashfree Payments, Darwin Dynamics, Vultr India, Cars24 and Council for Startup India
- (b) Paytm, Infosys, TCS, Flipkart and NASSCOM
- (c) Razorpay, Zoho, Wipro, Ola and Startup India
- (d) PhonePe, Microsoft, Amazon, Swiggy and TiE India

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer: (a)

Explanation:

- In August 2026, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) signed five strategic MoUs to strengthen India's startup ecosystem.
- The partners were Cashfree Payments, Darwin Dynamics LLP, Vultr India Private Limited, Cars24 Services Private Limited, and Council for Startup India (CSI).
- The partnerships aim to improve startups' access to digital infrastructure, technology, mentorship, investment opportunities and global markets.

Information Booster:

- Cashfree Payments: Digital payments and related support for startups.
- Vultr India: Cloud infrastructure and technology support.
- Cars24: Innovation in mobility, AI, skilling, mentorship and investment opportunities.
- Darwin Dynamics: Entrepreneurship and capacity building in Tier II, Tier III and rural regions.
- Council for Startup India: Support for entrepreneurship and startup ecosystem development.

Additional Knowledge:

- DPIIT functions under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Its responsibilities include promoting industrial development, ease of doing business, startups and internal trade.
- The MoUs are intended to improve investment readiness, leadership development and global market access for Indian startups.

Q10. World Lion Day 2026, observed on 10 August, marks which anniversary of the observance?

- (a) 12th
- (b) 13th
- (c) 14th
- (d) 15th

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- World Lion Day is observed annually on 10 August to raise awareness about lion conservation and the threats faced by lions.
- The observance was initiated in 2013 by Big Cat Rescue (BCR), a wildlife sanctuary in Florida, USA.
- 10 August 2026 marks the 14th observance of World Lion Day.

Information Booster:

- Scientific name of lion: *Panthera leo*
- Initiating organisation: Big Cat Rescue

Additional Knowledge:

- Dereck and Beverly Joubert co-founded the World Lion Day initiative.
- In 2009, they partnered with National Geographic to launch the Big Cat Initiative (BCI) for the conservation of big cats.
- World Lion Day focuses on lion conservation, ecosystem protection and awareness of threats to wild lion populations.

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