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Q1. World Wetlands Day (WWD) is observed every year on:

- (a) 1 February
- (b) 2 February
- (c) 5 June
- (d) 22 April

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) 2 February

Explanation:

- World Wetlands Day is observed annually on 2 February to raise awareness about the importance of wetlands for biodiversity, climate regulation, and human well-being.
- The date marks the signing of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971 in Ramsar, Iran.

Information Booster:

- 2026 Theme: “Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage”
- Ramsar Convention:
 - Signed: 2 February 1971 (Ramsar, Iran)
 - 50th anniversary in 2026
- Observance history:
 - First celebrated: 1997
 - Declared UN International Day: UNGA Resolution A/RES/75/317 (2021)
 - First UN-recognized observance: 2 February 2022
- Global status (2026):
 - 2,520+ Ramsar Sites
 - 172 countries
 - ~2.5 million sq km covered
- World’s first Ramsar Site: Cobourg Peninsula (Australia, 1974)

Additional Knowledge:

- 5 June is World Environment Day.
- 22 April is Earth Day.
- 1 February has no global wetland significance.

Q2. Devika Sihag, who won the Thailand Masters 2026 title, is associated with which sport?

- (a) Tennis
- (b) Badminton
- (c) Table Tennis
- (d) Squash

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Badminton

Explanation:

- Devika Sihag is an Indian badminton player who won her maiden BWF Super 300 title at the Thailand Masters 2026.
- She secured the title after Malaysia’s Goh Jin Wei retired during the women’s singles final.

Information Booster:

- Event: Thailand Masters 2026 (BWF Super 300)
- Venue: Bangkok, Thailand
- Achievement:
 - Maiden Super 300 title
 - 3rd Indian woman to win a Super 300 title
- Other Indian achievers before her:
 - P.V. Sindhu
 - Saina Nehwal
- Prize money: USD 250,000 tournament pool
- Other career highlights:
 - First BWF International title: Malaysia International (Aug 2025)
 - Runner-up: Indonesia Masters Super 100
 - 2024 titles: Swedish Open & Portugal International
- Men's Singles winner (2026): Mohammad Zaki Ubaidillah (Indonesia)

Q3. Who won the Men's Singles title at the Australian Open 2026?

- (a) Novak Djokovic
- (b) Daniil Medvedev
- (c) Carlos Alcaraz
- (d) Alexander Zverev

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Carlos Alcaraz

Explanation:

- Carlos Alcaraz of Spain won the Men's Singles title at the Australian Open 2026 by defeating Novak Djokovic.
- It was his first Australian Open title and he became the youngest man in the Open Era to complete a career Grand Slam.

Information Booster:

- Event: Australian Open 2026 (First Grand Slam of the year)
- Venue: Melbourne Park, Melbourne (Australia)
- Dates: 18 January – 1 February 2026
- Edition:
 - 114th overall
 - 58th in Open Era
- Final score: 2–6, 6–2, 6–3, 7–5 vs Novak Djokovic
- Record:
 - Age: 22 years 272 days
 - Youngest to complete Career Grand Slam (Open Era)
 - Broke Don Budge's long-standing record (1938)
- Other 2026 winners:
 - Women's Singles: Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan)
 - Men's Doubles: Christian Harrison & Neal Skupski
 - Women's Doubles: Elise Mertens & Zhang Shuai
 - Mixed Doubles: Olivia Gadecki & John Peers
 - Deaf Championships: Marco Carretta (Italy) — Singles & Doubles

Q4. Who became the first woman Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra in January 2026?

- (a) Supriya Sule
- (b) Sunetra Pawar
- (c) Pankaja Munde
- (d) Devyani Farande

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Sunetra Pawar

Explanation:

- Sunetra Pawar was sworn in as Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister on 31 January 2026, becoming the first woman to hold the post in the state's history.
- The oath was administered by Governor Acharya Devvrat at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai.

Information Booster:

- Position assumed: Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra
- Sworn in by: Governor Acharya Devvrat
- Presence: CM Devendra Fadnavis and cabinet ministers
- Background:
 - Vacancy arose after the death of Ajit Pawar in a plane crash (29 January 2026)
- Constitutional rule:
 - Must become MLA or MLC within 6 months to continue
- Maharashtra facts:
 - Capital: Mumbai
 - Wildlife Sanctuaries: Radhanagari WLS, Rehekuri Blackbuck WLS

Q5. The 14th Dalai Lama won his first Grammy Award in 2026 in which category?

- (a) Best Spoken Word Album
- (b) Best Audio Book, Narration, and Storytelling Recording
- (c) Album of the Year
- (d) Best Music Film

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Best Audio Book, Narration, and Storytelling Recording

Explanation:

- The 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, won his first Grammy in the *Best Audio Book, Narration, and Storytelling Recording* category for "Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness the Dalai Lama."
- The project combines his spoken reflections with music and cultural elements.

Information Booster:

- Date: 1 February 2026
- Venue: Crypto.com Arena, Los Angeles (USA)
- Award accepted by: Rufus Wainwright on behalf of the Dalai Lama
- Notable 2026 Grammy highlights:
 - Album of the Year: *Debi Tirar Mas Fotos* — Bad Bunny (first Spanish-language album to win)
 - Record of the Year: "Luther" — Kendrick Lamar & SZA
 - Song of the Year: "Wildflower" — Billie Eilish & Finneas O'Connell
 - Best New Artist: Olivia Dean
 - Best Music Film: *Music for John Williams* (Producer: Steven Spielberg)
 - K-Pop milestone: "Golden" won Best Song Written for Visual Media

Q6. The 'CHAKRA' Centre of Excellence launched by SBI is primarily meant to finance which type of sectors?

- (a) Sunrise sectors
- (b) Agriculture sectors
- (c) MSME sectors
- (d) Export sectors

Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Answer: (a) Sunrise sectors

Explanation:

- SBI launched CHAKRA as a dedicated Centre of Excellence (CoE) to finance sunrise sectors that are critical for India's future economic growth.
- These sectors are emerging, high-growth areas aligned with sustainability and advanced technology.

Information Booster:

- Launched by: State Bank of India (SBI)
- Inaugurated by: M. Nagaraju, Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS)
- Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Focus sectors (8):
 - Renewable Energy
 - Advanced Cell Chemistry & Battery Storage
 - Electric Mobility
 - Green Hydrogen
 - Semiconductors
 - Decarbonisation
 - Smart Infrastructure
 - Data Centre Infrastructure
- Investment potential: ₹100 trillion by 2030
- Global partnerships:
 - MoUs with 21 financial institutions
 - Includes SMBC and Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (Japan)
- SBI facts:
 - Chairman: C.S. Setty
 - Tagline: "The Banker to Every Indian"
 - Established: 1955
 - HQ: Mumbai

Q7. As per the January 2026 amendment, excise duty on unmanufactured tobacco cleared without a brand name and not packed for retail sale is:

- (a) 5%
- (b) 12%
- (c) 18%
- (d) Nil

Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct Answer: (d) Nil

Explanation:

- The Government of India removed the 18% excise duty on unmanufactured tobacco when it is unbranded and not packed for retail sale.
- This change aims to provide relief to farmers, small traders, and the unorganized sector.

Information Booster:

- Announcement date: 31 January 2026
- Effective from: 1 February 2026
- Earlier rule: 18% duty on all unmanufactured tobacco
- Now:
 - Unbranded + non-retail pack → Nil duty
 - Branded or retail-packed → 18% duty continues
- Cigarettes: Excise duty remains unchanged irrespective of stick length
- Impact:
 - Benefits small suppliers and farmers
 - Reduces tax burden in the unorganized segment

Q8. CCRAS signed an MoU in January 2026 with which university to digitize rare Ayurvedic manuscripts?

- (a) Utkal University
- (b) Berhampur University
- (c) Sambalpur University
- (d) Ravenshaw University

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Berhampur University

Explanation:

- The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) signed the MoU with Berhampur University (Odisha) to digitize and preserve rare Ayurvedic manuscripts and palm-leaf documents.
- The initiative aims to safeguard traditional Ayurvedic knowledge using modern digitization techniques.

Information Booster:

- Ministry: Ministry of AYUSH
- Duration of MoU: 2 years
- Signed at: Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CARI), Bhubaneswar
- Key signatories:
 - Geetanjali Das (VC, Berhampur University)
 - Rabinarayan Acharya (DG, CCRAS)
- Implementing agency:
 - National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad
- Manuscript repository:
 - South Odisha Cultural Study Centre (SOCSC)
 - 2,000+ palm-leaf manuscripts

- Collaboration areas:
 - Digitization & cataloguing
 - Documentation & publication
 - Academic research
 - Promotion of traditional knowledge

Q9. As of December 2025, which state became India's largest contributor to Renewable Energy (RE) capacity?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Karnataka

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Gujarat

Explanation:

- Gujarat emerged as India's largest contributor to Renewable Energy capacity with 42.583 GW installed capacity, accounting for 16.5% of the country's total RE capacity.
- The state leads in total RE capacity, wind power capacity, and rooftop solar installations.

Information Booster:

- Total RE capacity: 42.583 GW (Rank 1 in India)
- Wind power: 14,820.94 MW (Rank 1)
- Solar power: 25,529.40 MW (Rank 2)
- Rooftop solar:
 - 11 lakh+ installations
 - 6,412.80 MW capacity
- PM-KUSUM Scheme:
 - 12,700 off-grid solar pumps installed
 - 89.54 MW generated
- Policy leadership:
 - First state to launch Wind Power Policy
- National targets supported:
 - Net-zero by 2070
 - 50% electricity from RE by 2030

Q10. Wings India 2026, Asia's largest civil aviation event, was held at which airport?

- (a) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- (b) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- (c) Begumpet Airport
- (d) Kempegowda International Airport

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Begumpet Airport

Explanation:

- Wings India 2026 was conducted at Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- It is Asia's largest civil aviation event showcasing aviation growth, manufacturing, innovation, and sustainability.

Information Booster:

- Date: 28–31 January 2026
- Inaugurated by: Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu
- Theme: “Indian Aviation: Paving the Future — From Design to Deployment, Manufacturing to Maintenance, Inclusivity to Innovation and Safety to Sustainability”
- Organisers:
 - Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)
 - Airports Authority of India (AAI)
 - FICCI
- PM Narendra Modi:
 - Virtually addressed the event
 - Noted India as the world’s 3rd-largest domestic aviation market
- Awards:
 - Best Airport: Delhi International Airport Limited
 - Best Contributor to Atmanirbhar Bharat: HAL
 - Best State for Aviation Ecosystem: Uttarakhand, Telangana, Gujarat
 - Best State (Dedicated Outlook): Andhra Pradesh
- Major deals:
 - Air India ordered 30 Boeing aircraft (20 B737-8, 10 B737-10)
 - Converted 15 A321neo to A321XLR with Airbus
 - HAL–UAC (Russia) cooperation for Superjet 100 production
 - HAL ₹1,800+ crore deal with Pawan Hans for 10 Dhruv NG helicopters

