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The 5-page **Brief** has the stories that matter most, plus a quiz. Same day, same notes.

History & Culture

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MODERN INDIA & FREEDOM STRUGGLE

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10 Aug · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/100866](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/100866)

Vande Mataram to be sung from Red Fort for first time; Gen Z to get greater representation

WHY IN NEWS Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the 80th Independence Day celebrations in 2026, featuring the first-ever rendition of 'Vande Mataram' from the Red Fort ramparts.

- PLACE** | Red Fort: Historical site in Delhi, the traditional venue for India's Independence Day celebrations.
- FACT** | 2026 marks the 80th Independence Day of India and the 150th anniversary of the national song 'Vande Mataram'.
- POST** | Defence Secretary: The official responsible for the administration of the Ministry of Defence.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of national symbols and cultural icons in fostering a sense of national identity and unity among the youth of India.

USE: [national identity](#) [cultural heritage](#) [youth empowerment](#) [national integration](#)

Indian Society

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SOCIAL DIVERSITY, CASTE & TRIBES

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10 Aug · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/100495](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/100495)

Tamil Nadu Assembly Unanimously Adopts Resolution for Tamil Thai Vazhthu First Before Programs

WHY IN NEWS The Tamil Nadu Assembly passed a resolution to prioritize 'Tamil Thai Vazhthu' in public institutions to assert cultural identity against Union directives favoring 'Vande Mataram'.

- PLACE** | Tamil Thai Vazhthu: The state anthem of Tamil Nadu.
- FACT** | The resolution was passed unanimously by the Tamil Nadu Assembly on August 10, 2026.
- POST** | C. Joseph Vijay: Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu (as per the article).

MAINS Q Discuss the balance between the promotion of regional cultural identities and the preservation of national integration in a federal structure like India.

USE: [Cultural Identity](#) [Federalism](#) [Pluralism](#) [Constitutional Rights](#) [State Sovereignty](#)

Geography

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GEOPHYSICAL PHENOMENA (EARTHQUAKES, CYCLONES, VOLCANOES)

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3 REPORTS MERGED

10 Aug · NDTV · [satyadheesh.in/news/100626](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/100626)

Assam Floods Claim 100 Lives, Displace 1,37,590 Across 10 Districts

WHY IN NEWS Severe flooding in Assam has caused significant casualties and displacement, highlighting the recurring vulnerability of the Brahmaputra basin to monsoon-driven floods.

- PLACE** | Golaghat, Sivasagar, and Jorhat are key districts in Assam frequently impacted by riverine flooding.
- FACT** | Assam floods submerged 11,933 hectares of crops and displaced over 1.3 lakh people.
- FACT** | Rescue operations involve 59 medical teams and 10 boats to manage the crisis.

MAINS Q Discuss the geographical and climatic factors contributing to the recurring flood crisis in the Brahmaputra basin and suggest measures for effective disaster mitigation.

USE: [monsoon floods](#) [disaster mitigation](#) [riverine erosion](#) [climate vulnerability](#) [relief and rehabilitation](#)

Polity & Constitution

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PARLIAMENT & STATE LEGISLATURES

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2 REPORTS MERGED

10 Aug · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/100762](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/100762)

Lok Sabha Passes Tribunals Reforms Bill 2026 Amid Protests

WHY IN NEWS The Lok Sabha passed the Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026, which seeks to establish a National Tribunals Commission to ensure independence in tribunal appointments.

ACT / BILL	Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026 aims to establish a National Tribunals Commission.
FACT	The National Tribunals Commission will comprise a chairperson and four members (2 judicial, 2 technical).
BODY	The bill seeks to improve efficiency and independence in tribunal appointments.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of establishing an independent commission for tribunal appointments in ensuring the rule of law and judicial efficiency in India.

USE: Judicial independence Administrative efficiency Separation of powers Statutory bodies Rule of law

JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS

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10 Aug · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/100643](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/100643)

Supreme Court Seeks Responses from Union, Assam on NRC Identity Cards

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court sought responses from the Union and Assam governments regarding petitions for identity cards for individuals listed in the 2019 National Register of Citizens (NRC).

BODY	NRC: National Register of Citizens is a list of Indian citizens.
PLACE	Assam: The state where the NRC was first implemented in India.
FACT	The NRC list in question was finalized in August 2019.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of the judiciary in safeguarding the rights of marginalized communities during the implementation of large-scale identification schemes like the NRC.

USE: Judicial Review Identity Rights Administrative Accountability Constitutional Safeguards

FEDERALISM & CENTRE-STATE RELATIONS

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10 Aug · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/100335](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/100335)

Telangana Prepares to Clash with Karnataka Over Krishna River Projects at Zonal Council Meeting

WHY IN NEWS Telangana and Karnataka are set to clash over Krishna River water sharing and project status at the 31st Southern Zonal Council meeting.

ACT / BILL	Inter State River Water Disputes Act, 1956: Provides the legal framework for resolving water disputes between states.
BODY	Zonal Council: A statutory body under the Government of India to promote coordination between states.
FACT	Kaleshwaram and Palamuru-Rangareddy: Major irrigation projects in Telangana seeking national project status.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of the Zonal Council and the Inter State River Water Disputes Act in resolving inter-state water conflicts in India.

USE: inter-state disputes cooperative federalism water governance statutory bodies

TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY & RTI

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2 REPORTS MERGED

10 Aug · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/100749

India's Ambassador Defends Controversial FCRA Amendments, Citing U.S. Precedents

WHY IN NEWS India's Ambassador to the U.S. defended the FCRA amendments as a sovereign measure for national security and transparency against concerns of government overreach.

ACT / BILL | FCRA: Regulates foreign contributions to NGOs, churches, and charities in India

POST | Vinay Mohan Kwatra: India's Ambassador to the United States

FACT | The amendments aim to ensure transparency in foreign financial flows into public and political spaces

MAINS Q Discuss the balance between national security and the freedom of civil society organizations in the context of regulating foreign funding in India.

USE: Sovereign right Transparency National security Regulatory framework Civil society

E-GOVERNANCE & CITIZEN SERVICES

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10 Aug · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/100968

The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) plans to implement digital

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) is planning a phased rollout of digital evaluation for SSLC and II PU answer scripts to ensure faster result declaration.

BODY | KSEAB: Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board

FACT | SSLC and II PU are the primary secondary and higher secondary examinations in Karnataka

S&T | Digital evaluation involves scanning answer scripts and using unique login IDs for evaluators

FACT | KSEAB currently provides digital mark sheets and digital transfer certificates (TCs)

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges and opportunities associated with the transition from manual to digital evaluation systems in large-scale public examinations in India.

USE: Digital transformation Transparency Scalability Technological intervention Standardization

E-GOVERNANCE & CITIZEN SERVICES

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10 Aug · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/100406

Maharashtra FDA Announces Digitisation Plan to Combat Milk Adulteration

WHY IN NEWS Maharashtra FDA announced a digitisation plan to link milking records with individual animals to combat milk adulteration through real-time traceability.

BODY | National Digital Livestock Mission (NDLM): A government initiative to create a digital database of livestock for traceability.

FACT | The Maharashtra FDA is the primary body responsible for food safety and monitoring in the state.

S&T | Traceability in the dairy supply chain involves linking production data to individual milch animals.

MAINS Q Discuss how the integration of digital traceability and real-time data monitoring can enhance food safety and transparency in the dairy supply chain in India.

USE: traceability food safety digital infrastructure transparency supply chain management

VULNERABLE SECTIONS (SC/ST, MINORITIES, DISABLED, ELDERLY, CHILDREN)

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10 Aug · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/100980](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/100980)

Karnataka Launches 'Kudi Balona': 178 Centres Offer Pre-Marital Counselling Sessions

WHY IN NEWS Karnataka launched the 'Kudi Balona' programme to provide pre-marital counselling across 178 centres to promote social values and financial planning.

SCHEME	Kudi Balona: A pre-marital counselling programme launched by the Government of Karnataka.
BODY	National Commission for Women (NCW): A statutory body established to review and recommend measures to secure improvement in the status of women.
FACT	The initiative involves 178 Santwana Kendras in Karnataka.

MAINS Q Discuss how community-based counselling programmes like 'Kudi Balona' can contribute to improving the socio-economic status of women and reducing domestic friction.

USE: [social welfare](#) [gender empowerment](#) [community outreach](#) [preventive measures](#)

EDUCATION POLICY

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10 Aug · NDTV · [satyadheesh.in/news/100916](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/100916)

Punjab passes bills for worker benefits and school fee caps

WHY IN NEWS The Punjab government passed the State Outsourced Personnel Bill and an Education Bill to provide social security to workers and cap private school fees.

FACT	Punjab Education Bill caps private school fee hikes at 5%.
FACT	Punjab State Outsourced Personnel Bill covers 26,000 to 28,000 outsourced workers.
FACT	The Education Bill affects over 32 lakh students in nearly 7,800 schools.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of state-led legislative interventions in ensuring social security for outsourced workers and regulating private education costs.

USE: [social security](#) [regulatory oversight](#) [labor welfare](#) [educational equity](#)

VULNERABLE SECTIONS (SC/ST, MINORITIES, DISABLED, ELDERLY, CHILDREN)

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10 Aug · NDTV · [satyadheesh.in/news/100871](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/100871)

Delhi High Court condemns blaming attire in sexual harassment case, upholds 2013 conviction

WHY IN NEWS The Delhi High Court upheld a sexual harassment conviction while condemning the practice of victim-blaming based on a woman's attire.

ACT / BILL	Section 354A of the IPC deals with sexual harassment of women at workplace.
ACT / BILL	POCSO Act (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act) applies specifically to crimes against minors.
BODY	Delhi High Court is the highest judicial body in the NCT of Delhi.

MAINS Q Discuss the socio-legal challenges in addressing victim-blaming in sexual harassment cases and the importance of judicial sensitivity in upholding women's rights.

USE: [victim-blaming](#) [judicial activism](#) [gender justice](#) [personal autonomy](#) [sexual harassment](#)

Tamil Nadu Health Minister to Review Raising Medical Admissions Reservation to 10%

WHY IN NEWS The Tamil Nadu government announced a review to increase the horizontal reservation for state government school students in medical admissions from 7.5% to 10%.

- FACT** | Current horizontal reservation for state government school students in TN medical admissions: 7.5%
- FACT** | Proposed reservation increase: 10%
- BODY** | NEET: National Eligibility cum Entrance Test for medical admissions

MAINS Q Discuss the role of affirmative action in ensuring equitable access to professional education for students from marginalized backgrounds in India.

USE: [affirmative action](#) [horizontal reservation](#) [social justice](#) [educational equity](#)

Telangana lottery ends: Last day to apply for 7,680 subsidized flats in Hyderabad

WHY IN NEWS The Telangana government is concluding applications for the Indiramma Houses scheme, providing subsidized housing to address urban poverty and housing shortages.

- SCHEME** | Indiramma Houses: A Telangana state government housing scheme providing subsidized flats.
- FACT** | The scheme includes a ₹5 lakh subsidy for housing units.
- FACT** | The first phase aims to construct one lakh houses across the state.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of state-led housing schemes in alleviating urban poverty and promoting inclusive urbanization in India.

USE: [subsidized housing](#) [urban poverty](#) [inclusive growth](#) [social welfare](#) [infrastructure](#)

Caste Census starts in Ladakh, uses paper due to border security concerns

WHY IN NEWS The Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India announced the commencement of the second phase of the Census, including caste enumeration, with specific security-based exceptions for Ladakh.

- BODY** | Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India: The primary authority responsible for conducting the national census.
- FACT** | Census Phase 2: Includes caste enumeration and is scheduled to run until September 30.
- PLACE** | Ladakh: A Union Territory where paper-based census is being used due to proximity to international borders.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of caste enumeration in the Census for inclusive policy formulation and the challenges of conducting such exercises in sensitive border regions.

USE: [Caste enumeration](#) [Data-driven governance](#) [Border security](#) [Inclusive development](#) [Demographic profiling](#)

Amid tensions over Sheikh Hasina's press event in Delhi, Dinesh Trivedi met

WHY IN NEWS India and Bangladesh are navigating strained diplomatic ties following the transition of power in Bangladesh and tensions over Sheikh Hasina's press event in Delhi.

- BODY | BIMSTEC: Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
- BODY | BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa
- FACT | Tarique Rahman is the current Prime Minister of Bangladesh

MAINS Q Discuss the evolving dynamics of India-Bangladesh relations in the wake of recent political transitions and their implications for regional security.

USE: sovereignty extradition bilateral ties regional stability geopolitical shift

The United States Senate approved the Lindsey Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran

WHY IN NEWS The US Senate approved the Lindsey Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act, which allows for tariffs on third-country importers of Russian energy, potentially impacting India.

- FACT | The Lindsey Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act allows for tariffs up to 100%.
- PLACE | The US Senate is the upper house of the United States Congress.
- FACT | The House is scheduled to finalize the bill on August 31.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of unilateral sanctions by major powers on the energy security and trade relations of neutral nations like India.

USE: Unilateral sanctions Energy security Trade barriers Geopolitical alignment Economic diplomacy

Putin plans to mobilize 500,000 new fighters after September 21 elections

WHY IN NEWS Ukrainian intelligence and Turkish officials warned of a potential Russian mobilization of 500,000 fighters and the risk of nuclear escalation in the Ukraine conflict.

- FACT | Russia plans to mobilize 500,000 new fighters after the September 21 parliamentary elections.
- POST | Hakan Fidan is the current Foreign Minister of Turkey.
- S&T | Nuclear weapons are identified as a 'last resort' in the context of the escalating Ukraine conflict.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of the escalating Russia-Ukraine conflict on global security architecture and the risk of nuclear proliferation.

USE: war of attrition nuclear escalation geopolitical instability mobilization security dilemma

Tamil Nadu Seeks Urgent Supreme Court Hearing Over Cauvery Water Crisis, Farmers in Peril

WHY IN NEWS The Tamil Nadu government sought an urgent Supreme Court hearing regarding the Cauvery water dispute, alleging that Karnataka failed to adhere to tribunal orders, impacting irrigation for farmers.

- PLACE | Cauvery River: A major river in South India shared by Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala.
- BODY | Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA): Body responsible for managing water distribution.
- FACT | Billigundulu: A key point for monitoring water flow in the Cauvery dispute.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in inter-state river water sharing in India and suggest measures to ensure equitable distribution while maintaining ecological balance.

USE: Inter-state dispute Federalism Water security Judicial intervention Equitable distribution

Admiral Krishna Swaminathan starts four-day visit to Mauritius for deep maritime ties

WHY IN NEWS Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan visited Mauritius to strengthen bilateral maritime security and defense cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region.

- POST** | Admiral Krishna Swaminathan is the current Chief of the Naval Staff of India.
- FACT** | The official visit to Mauritius took place from August 10 to 13.
- PLACE** | Mauritius is a key partner in India's maritime cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of India's maritime cooperation with Indian Ocean Island nations in ensuring regional stability and maritime security.

USE: Maritime Security Bilateral Cooperation Capacity Building Regional Stability Indian Ocean Region

India Adds 11 New E-Visa Entry Points, Total Reaches 88 Under Modi

WHY IN NEWS The Government of India notified 11 new entry points for e-visas, bringing the total to 88, to liberalize the visa regime while maintaining security.

- FACT** | Total e-visa entry points in India reached 88 (37 airports, 38 seaports, and 13 land ports).
- FACT** | E-visa facility is available to nationals from 172 countries.
- FACT** | Pakistani passport holders or those of Pakistani origin are ineligible for e-visas and must apply for regular visas.
- FACT** | Attari land port is one of the newly notified entry points for e-visa holders.

MAINS Q Discuss how the liberalization of India's visa regime balances the objectives of promoting tourism and ease of doing business with national security concerns.

USE: Visa Liberalization Ease of Doing Business Internal Security Digital Governance Tourism Promotion

Princess Akiko tours Bhutan's Gelephu Mindfulness City on 40-year tie visit

WHY IN NEWS Princess Akiko of Japan visited Bhutan's Gelephu Mindfulness City to commemorate 40 years of Japan-Bhutan diplomatic ties.

- PLACE** | Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC) is a Special Administrative Region in Bhutan.
- FACT** | GMC covers an area of over 2,600 square kilometres.
- FACT** | India and Bhutan have shared diplomatic ties for 40 years (marked by the recent visit).
- FACT** | The Kokrajhar-Gelephu railway line is a proposed project to enhance connectivity between India and Bhutan.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of regional connectivity and infrastructure projects in strengthening India's diplomatic and economic ties with its neighbours.

USE: regional connectivity bilateral ties infrastructure development soft power strategic partnership

Teesta erosion threatens NH10, officials consider post-monsoon tunnel

WHY IN NEWS The Teesta River's erosion and landslides have severely damaged NH10, leading to plans for a tunnel to ensure the stability of Sikkim's critical supply chain.

- PLACE** | NH10: A vital highway connecting Sikkim to West Bengal.
- FACT** | The July 7 landslide measured approximately 250 metres in length.
- S&T** | Tunneling is being considered as a long-term engineering solution to river erosion and landslide-prone terrain.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges of infrastructure development in the Himalayan region and the importance of resilient connectivity for the socio-economic stability of border states.

USE: geological instability supply chain resilient infrastructure connectivity

India donates rare white peacock to UNOG, reviving Indira Gandhi's tradition

WHY IN NEWS India donated five peacocks, including a rare white one, to the UN Office at Geneva (UNOG) to revive a diplomatic tradition started by Indira Gandhi.

PLACE | UNOG: United Nations Office at Geneva is the UN's European headquarters.

FACT | The tradition of donating peacocks to the UN was initiated by Indira Gandhi in 1981.

ENVIRONMENT | The white peacock is a rare genetic variant of the Indian Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*).

MAINS Q Discuss the role of 'soft power' and cultural diplomacy in strengthening India's bilateral and multilateral relations with international organizations.

USE: [soft power](#) [cultural diplomacy](#) [biodiversity](#) [multilateralism](#)

China Criticizes India for Mapping 27 Arunachal Pradesh Locations, Calls It "Self-Deception"

WHY IN NEWS China criticized India's formal identification of 27 locations in Arunachal Pradesh on its official map as 'self-deception' affecting bilateral relations.

PLACE | Arunachal Pradesh: A state in Northeast India that is a site of ongoing border disputes with China.

FACT | India identified 27 specific locations including land, passes, a lake, and a monument on its official map.

S&T | Official maps are used by the Survey of India to define sovereign boundaries and administrative names.

MAINS Q Discuss how the assertion of territorial integrity through cartographic naming impacts India's bilateral relations and border management with China.

USE: [territorial integrity](#) [bilateral relations](#) [cartographic assertion](#) [border management](#) [sovereignty](#)

India, U.S. navies to hold EOD exercise in Kochi from August 10

WHY IN NEWS The Indian and U.S. Navies are scheduled to conduct the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Exercise 2026 to enhance maritime interoperability.

FACT | EOD Exercise 2026 is the 8th edition of joint exercises between India and the U.S. since 2005

PLACE | The exercise is hosted at the Southern Naval Command

S&T | EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) involves the safe handling and disposal of explosive devices and mines

MAINS Q Discuss how joint maritime exercises like EOD 2026 contribute to India's maritime security and the strengthening of the India-U.S. strategic partnership.

USE: [interoperability](#) [maritime security](#) [strategic partnership](#) [operational synergy](#) [defense cooperation](#)

Economy

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FISCAL POLICY, BUDGET & TAXATION (GST)

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10 Aug · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/100868**Lok Sabha passes tax bill with MDR-free UPI for consumers and small merchants**

WHY IN NEWS The Lok Sabha passed the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, which includes a key provision to waive Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charges on UPI for consumers and small merchants.

ACT / BILL	Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026
FACT	MDR (Merchant Discount Rate) will be waived for consumers and small merchants using UPI
FACT	The bill provides tax exemptions for data centers and incentives for diamond trading
BODY	Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are the two houses of the Indian Parliament

MAINS Q Discuss how the removal of MDR charges on UPI and tax exemptions for data centers can contribute to India's goal of becoming a global digital economy.

USE: [Ease of Doing Business](#) [Digital Public Infrastructure](#) [Fiscal Incentives](#) [Financial Inclusion](#) [Taxation Policy](#)

CAPITAL MARKETS & SEBI

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10 Aug · Economic Times · satyadheesh.in/news/100858**Sebi Tackles Fraud, Removes 1.2 Lakh Misleading Posts**

WHY IN NEWS SEBI is cracking down on financial fraud and misleading social media content to protect retail investors from unregistered influencers and fake trading apps.

BODY	SEBI: Securities and Exchange Board of India, the primary regulator for the securities market in India.
FACT	62% of investors are influenced by unregistered financial influencers according to a SEBI survey.
S&T	SEBI Check and Validated UPI handles are tools introduced to verify payments and trading apps.
BODY	SEBI partnered with Google Play to provide verified app labels for trading platforms.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges posed by 'finfluencers' and unregulated trading apps on retail investor protection in India. How can technology-driven regulation mitigate these risks?

USE: [retail investors](#) [finfluencers](#) [market integrity](#) [data analytics](#) [regulatory oversight](#)

CAPITAL MARKETS & SEBI

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10 Aug · Economic Times · satyadheesh.in/news/100852**Sebi Proposes Raising ISIN Limits to 12 for Plain-Vanilla Debt Securities**

WHY IN NEWS SEBI proposed increasing the maximum number of ISINs maturing annually to 12 for plain-vanilla debt securities to facilitate borrowing for large corporates.

BODY	SEBI: Securities and Exchange Board of India regulates the securities market.
FACT	ISIN: A unique 12-character code used to identify securities like bonds and shares.
FACT	Large Corporates: Entities rated AA or higher with outstanding long-term borrowings of Rs 1,000 crore or more.
FACT	Proposed Limit: 12 ISINs for plain-vanilla debt; 5 for structured/market-linked debt.

MAINS Q Discuss how regulatory reforms in the debt market can enhance capital mobilization for large corporates while ensuring market stability.

USE: [Capital Mobilization](#) [Regulatory Framework](#) [Debt Securities](#) [Market Liquidity](#) [ESG Debt](#)

Tamil Nadu CM Announces Farm Incentives Despite State's Poor Finances

WHY IN NEWS Tamil Nadu CM announced significant financial incentives for paddy and sugarcane farmers despite the state's fiscal deficit, highlighting the tension between agricultural welfare and fiscal prudence.

- FACT** | Paddy price incentives: ₹159 to ₹289 per quintal
- FACT** | Sugarcane incentive: ₹709.50 per tonne
- BODY** | Rule 110 of the Assembly rules allows the Speaker to prohibit debate on specific matters

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges of balancing agricultural subsidies with fiscal responsibility in states facing high debt-to-GSDP ratios.

USE: [fiscal prudence](#) [agricultural subsidies](#) [state finances](#) [rural economy](#)

According to Adecco India, India's electric vehicle (EV) sector could create 30-40

WHY IN NEWS Adecco India report highlights the potential for the EV sector to generate 30–40 million jobs by 2030, emphasizing the shift toward infrastructure and recycling roles.

- FACT** | EV sector job creation projection: 30–40 million by 2030
- FACT** | Projected annual hiring growth in EV sector: 15–20%
- FACT** | Delhi EV Policy 2026 target: 30,000 charging points
- S&T** | Fastest growing EV sub-sectors: Battery manufacturing, infrastructure, and recycling

MAINS Q Discuss how the transition to electric mobility can act as a catalyst for job creation and industrial growth in India's manufacturing sector.

USE: [Green jobs](#) [Skill development](#) [Circular economy](#) [Industrial transition](#) [Infrastructure development](#)

ARC purchases surge to ₹16,876 crore as legacy stressed assets drive activity

WHY IN NEWS Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) saw a significant surge in purchases of non-performing assets (NPAs) in Q1 FY25, highlighting the resolution of legacy stressed assets.

- FACT** | Gross NPA (GNPA) ratio fell from 2.8% in FY24 to 1.8% in FY26.
- FACT** | Total stressed-loan stock as of March 2025: ₹12.20 lakh crore.
- FACT** | Written-off loans as of March 2025: ₹7.88 lakh crore.
- FACT** | ARC purchases in Q1 FY25: ₹16,876 crore.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) in cleaning up the banking sector's balance sheet and improving credit flow to productive sectors.

USE: [Asset Reconstruction Companies](#) [Non-Performing Assets](#) [Legacy Stressed Assets](#) [Balance Sheet Cleaning](#) [Credit Flow](#)

Microfin Giants Raise Growth Projections 500 Basis Points as Banks Shrink Portfolios

WHY IN NEWS Major microfinance firms (Muthoot Microfin, Satin Creditcare) raised growth projections as commercial and small finance banks reduced their microfinance portfolios.

- FACT** | Private bank microfinance portfolio shrank by 12% to Rs 79,023 crore in Q1 FY26
- FACT** | Small finance banks' microfinance portfolio dropped to Rs 48,759 crore in Q1 FY26
- FACT** | Muthoot Microfin and Satin Creditcare raised growth projections to 20–25%

MAINS Q Analyze the shifting dynamics between commercial banks and NBFC-MFIs in the microfinance sector and its implications for financial inclusion in India.

USE: [financial inclusion](#) [NBFC-MFI](#) [portfolio shrinkage](#) [credit penetration](#) [asset quality](#)

The RBI maintained the repo rate at 5.25% while upgrading India's GDP growth forecast to 6.7% amidst significant Foreign Institutional Investor (FII) inflows

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- FACT | RBI Repo Rate: Held at 5.25%
- FACT | Projected GDP Growth: 6.7%
- FACT | FII Investment: ₹2,887 crore into Indian equities
- FACT | Brent Crude Price: Hovering near \$83 due to Strait of Hormuz tensions
- FACT | VIX (Volatility Index): Recorded at 12.15

MAINS Q Analyze how the RBI's monetary policy stance and India's domestic economic stability influence the flow of Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) into the Indian capital markets.

USE: [Monetary Policy](#) [FII Inflows](#) [Capital Markets](#) [GDP Forecast](#) [Risk Appetite](#)

Agriculture

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Kerala's Minister Plans Organic Farming Push After Pesticide Findings

WHY IN NEWS Kerala's Agriculture Minister announced the 'Kathir' initiative and organic farming push following the detection of excessive pesticide residues in nearly 46% of tested food items.

- FACT | 58 out of 1,262 food items tested in Kerala showed excessive pesticide residues.
- SCHEME | Kathir initiative: A Kerala government initiative to promote organic farming and awareness in schools.
- FACT | ₹10.5 crore allocated by Kerala government to open 2,000 vegetable markets for Onam.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in transitioning from conventional to organic farming in India and the role of government initiatives in ensuring food safety.

USE: [organic farming](#) [pesticide residue](#) [food safety](#) [sustainable agriculture](#) [public health](#)

Science & Technology

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Meta's Safe-Harbour Status Under Review as India Demands Faster Takedowns

WHY IN NEWS The Indian government is reviewing Meta's 'safe-harbour' status due to concerns over algorithmic content curation and the need for faster takedowns of unlawful content.

- S&T | Safe-harbour: Legal protection for intermediaries from liability for user-generated content.
- FACT | The Indian government's proposed takedown window for unlawful content is three hours.
- BODY | Meta: A multinational technology conglomerate that owns Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in balancing the 'safe-harbour' protections for social media intermediaries with the state's obligation to regulate unlawful content and protect public order.

USE: [Safe-harbour](#) [Intermediary liability](#) [Algorithmic curation](#) [Content moderation](#) [Digital sovereignty](#)

In 2012, the Gujarat State Electricity Corporation and Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam

WHY IN NEWS The Gujarat State Electricity Corporation and Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam developed a canal-top solar plant to optimize land use and water conservation.

- FACT** | The canal-top solar plant reduces water evaporation by 2.38 million gallons annually.
- FACT** | Potential solar power generation from 10% of Gujarat's canals is 2,200 MW.
- S&T** | Canal-top solar plants are designed to limit algae growth and conserve land resources.

MAINS Q Discuss how canal-top solar projects can contribute to India's renewable energy targets while addressing challenges of water conservation and infrastructure maintenance.

USE: renewable energy resource optimization water conservation infrastructure synergy decentralized power

Astronauts Lose Sight in Space, British Startup Siloton Scans for Solutions

WHY IN NEWS The European Space Agency is investigating Spaceflight-associated neuro-ocular syndrome (SANS) and commissioning a British startup to develop quantum-based eye-scanning technology.

- S&T** | SANS: Spaceflight-associated neuro-ocular syndrome is a condition affecting vision in astronauts.
- S&T** | Siloton: A British startup developing quantum-based eye-scanning technology.
- S&T** | ESA: The European Space Agency is the primary body investigating space-related ocular health.

MAINS Q Discuss the physiological challenges faced by humans in long-duration space missions and the role of emerging quantum technologies in mitigating these health risks.

USE: SANS Quantum Technology Space Medicine Autonomous Monitoring Microgravity

Uttar Pradesh Animal Husbandry Plans Compendium for Zoonotic Diseases

WHY IN NEWS The Uttar Pradesh Animal Husbandry department announced a new Compendium for Veterinarians to enhance early identification and reporting of zoonotic diseases.

- S&T** | Zoonotic diseases: Diseases that can spread from animals to humans.
- S&T** | ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay): A common laboratory technique used to detect antibodies or antigens.
- FACT** | RISE GHS Project: Conducted active surveillance at 19 sites, collecting over 1,100 samples of Avian Influenza.
- PLACE** | Pilibhit and Gorakhpur: Districts in Uttar Pradesh targeted for improved biosecurity.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the 'One Health' approach in managing zoonotic diseases and preventing future pandemics in India.

USE: One Health Zoonotic diseases Biosecurity Early warning systems Avian Influenza

The world's oceans hit record-high July temperatures, reaching 20.96°C

WHY IN NEWS Copernicus Climate Change Service reported record-high July ocean temperatures (20.96°C) driven by El Niño, highlighting escalating global warming trends.

S&T	El Niño: A climate pattern describing the unusual warming of surface waters in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.
FACT	Record July ocean temperature: 20.96°C.
BODY	Copernicus Climate Change Service: The European Union's Earth observation program.
ENVIRONMENT	Ocean warming impacts: Sea level rise and intensification of tropical storms.

MAINS Q Discuss the impact of rising ocean temperatures on global climate patterns and suggest measures to mitigate the effects of extreme weather events.

USE:

Global Warming

El Niño

Climate Resilience

Marine Ecosystems

Extreme Weather

Asiatic lions roam free, claiming diverse habitats from hills to coast in Saurashtra

WHY IN NEWS The expansion of Asiatic lion habitats across diverse terrains in Saurashtra highlights the success of conservation and human-wildlife coexistence.

ENVIRONMENT	Asiatic lions are found exclusively in the Gir National Park and Sanctuary in Gujarat.
PLACE	Saurashtra and Bhavnagar are regions in Gujarat where lions have established territories.
FACT	Lions inhabit diverse terrains including grasslands, riverbeds, and mountainous terrain like Girnar hills.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges and strategies involved in managing human-wildlife conflict in expanding habitats of endangered species like the Asiatic lion.

USE:

biodiversity conservation

human-wildlife conflict

habitat expansion

coexistence

ecological corridors

Kerala’s Advanced Disaster System Flawed: Gaps in Tech, Enforcement Identified

WHY IN NEWS The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs identified technological and enforcement gaps in Kerala's disaster management framework despite its decentralized model.

BODY	The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs oversees the Ministry of Home Affairs' functions.
FACT	Kerala utilizes a decentralized disaster management model integrating community participation.
PLACE	Kerala is a state in India frequently prone to floods and landslides.

MAINS Q Critically analyze the challenges in last-mile connectivity and technological integration in India's disaster management framework, using Kerala's model as a case study.

USE:

decentralized model

last-mile connectivity

community participation

disaster resilience

technological integration

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Parliamentary panel recommends centralised surveillance for Kashmir tourist sites

WHY IN NEWS A Parliamentary panel recommended a centralized surveillance and integrated security framework for tourist sites in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure coordinated inter-agency responses.

BODY	Parliamentary panels are committees of the Parliament tasked with overseeing executive actions and expenditures.
FACT	The report specifically covers the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
S&T	Centralised surveillance frameworks typically involve the integration of CCTV, drone monitoring, and real-time data sharing.

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of inter-agency coordination and integrated surveillance in maintaining internal security and promoting tourism in sensitive border regions like Jammu and Kashmir.

USE: [integrated security](#) [inter-agency coordination](#) [standard operating procedures](#) [surveillance framework](#) [internal security](#)

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India, China Hold Talks to Maintain Peace Along Disputed LAC Borders

WHY IN NEWS India and China held WMCC talks in New Delhi to review the LAC situation and discuss border management and trans-border cooperation.

BODY	WMCC: Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs
PLACE	LAC: Line of Actual Control is the de facto border between India and China
FACT	The meeting took place in New Delhi on August 6, 2026

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the WMCC in managing the India-China border dispute and the challenges in achieving a permanent delimitation of the LAC.

USE: [border management](#) [bilateral diplomacy](#) [strategic stability](#) [delimitation](#)



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