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The Securities and Exchange Board of India plans to allow companies

Why in news: SEBI is proposing to expand the eligibility of companies for SME platform IPOs to increase investor participation and reduce costs for issuers.

REMEMBER

- SEBI: The primary regulator for the securities and capital markets in India.
- Proposed market value limit for SME platform IPOs: Rs 4,000 crore.
- Current market value limit for SME platform IPOs: Rs 5 billion.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how simplifying the IPO process for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) can contribute to deepening the Indian capital markets and fostering entrepreneurship.

USE : Capital formation Market liquidity
Ease of doing business Investor participation

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REMEMBER

- Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC): A committee of the Indian Parliament consisting of members from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA): Legislation governing the acceptance and utilization of foreign funds by individuals, associations, and companies.
- Amit Shah: Current Union Home Minister of India.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Joint Parliamentary Committee in ensuring transparency and democratic scrutiny of legislation affecting national security and foreign funding.

USE : Legislative scrutiny Transparency Foreign funding
Democratic oversight

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REMEMBER

- Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026
- The amendment applies only to major minerals; minor minerals remain under State control.
- G. Kishan Reddy is the Union Minister for Coal and Mines.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 in balancing industrial growth with federalism in India.

USE : federalism resource equity regulatory framework
industrial growth

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India's Defence Ministry Seeks Rs 1 Lakh Crore Aircraft Deal, Favors Domestic Makers

Why in news: The Ministry of Defence issued Requests for Information (RFIs) for a massive aircraft procurement to bolster the IAF and promote the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative in defence.

REMEMBER

- The multirole transport aircraft procurement is valued at approximately Rs 1 lakh crore.
- The trainer aircraft procurement is valued at approximately Rs 15,000 crore.
- HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) is a major state-owned aerospace and defence manufacturing company in India.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how prioritizing domestic manufacturing in large-scale defence procurement contributes to India's strategic autonomy and industrial growth.

USE : Atmanirbhar Bharat Strategic Autonomy
Defence Ecosystem Indigenization

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Iran, US in Strait of Hormuz Standoff; Talks Aim to Reopen Strait

Why in news: The standoff between Iran and the US over the Strait of Hormuz highlights the geopolitical tension regarding maritime security and the impact of economic sanctions.

REMEMBER

- Strait of Hormuz: A strategic waterway connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
- Iran seeks the lifting of US sanctions and the release of frozen assets as part of its demands.
- Oman and Pakistan are currently involved in mediation efforts to reopen the strait and facilitate peace talks.

MAINS ANGLE *Analyze the significance of the Strait of Hormuz in global energy security and discuss the implications of maritime blockades on international trade.*

USE : Geopolitical standoff Maritime security

Energy security Economic sanctions

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Supreme Court to Hear 2003 Case on Press Freedom vs. Legislative Privileges in 2026

Why in news: The Supreme Court scheduled a seven-judge Constitution Bench to decide if legislative privileges can override the fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression.

REMEMBER

- Article 19(1)(a) guarantees the freedom of speech and expression to all citizens.
- A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court consists of at least five judges.
- The case was referred to a seven-judge bench in December 2004 due to its legal complexity.

MAINS ANGLE *Examine the conflict between parliamentary/legislative privileges and the fundamental right to freedom of speech. Can privileges be used to curtail democratic dissent?*

USE : Constitutional Bench Legislative Privileges

Freedom of Speech Judicial Review

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UN report attributes Red Fort explosion to AQIS

Why in news: A UN Security Council report attributed a deadly explosion at the Red Fort to Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), highlighting evolving regional terror tactics.

REMEMBER

- Red Fort: A historic fort in Old Delhi, India, and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- AQIS: Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent, a regional affiliate of Al-Qaeda.
- UN Security Council: The primary organ of the UN responsible for maintaining international peace and security.

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the evolving tactics of regional terror groups like AQIS and the challenges they pose to internal security and regional stability in South Asia.*

USE : asymmetric warfare transnational terrorism

regional stability intelligence gathering

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National Song Vande Mataram Sung Before National Anthem for First Time on Independence Day

Why in news: The Centre mandated that the National Song 'Vande Mataram' be sung before the National Anthem for the first time on Independence Day under a new amendment act.

REMEMBER

- Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 (amended in 2026)
- Vande Mataram duration: approximately 3 minutes 10 seconds
- Vande Mataram was adopted as the National Song on its 150th anniversary in 2026

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the significance of national symbols in fostering a sense of collective identity and unity among the diverse populace of India.*

USE : National Identity Cultural Heritage

Legislative Framework Symbolism

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BCI directs then reverses halt on NALSAR 2026 graduates' enrolment

Rajasthan Cabinet Approves Uniform Civil Code Bill Mandating Equal Inheritance Rights, Marriage Registration

Karnataka Launches Tathyakosh.in: Unifying 1.5 Million Datasets for Easy Access

Kerala High Court Overrules Union Home Ministry, Clears NGOs of Misuse Charges

Kerala High Court Dismisses Jacobite Appeals, Hopes Mediation Ends Orthodox–Jacobite Church Spat

Tamil Nadu Claims Karnataka's Water Release Was Forced, Not Voluntary

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Rape survivors don't need court approval to terminate pregnancies up to 24 weeks: Madhya Pradesh High Court

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Bank credit growth accelerates to 19.4% in June 14, 2024

Bengaluru to Charge Up to ₹25,000 for Annual Residential Parking Permits

Andhra Pradesh Deputy CM calls for human–elephant coexistence on World Elephant Day

Larsen & Toubro Bags Rs 10,000–15,000 Crore AI Facility Order in Chennai

T-Hub, a startup incubator, launched Blueprint, a 12-month fellowship for deep tech

Bombay High Court Urges Closure of Mallya's Rs 9,000 Crore Bank Dispute

Ram Kripal Yadav, Bihar's Cooperative Department Minister, announced on Wednesday (August 12)

Adani proposes ₹16,000 crore titanium plant in Andhra Pradesh

ILO: Youth Unemployment Hits 12.4%, NEET Rate Rises to 20% Post-COVID-19

The Jammu and Kashmir government increased financial assistance for families of security

Assam To Seek Centre Approval To Cut Kaziranga Buffer Zone From 10 To 1 km

Bank of America to acquire up to 49.9% in Jio Credit through regulatory approvals

Write one answer today

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Discuss how simplifying the IPO process for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) can contribute to deepening the Indian capital markets and fostering entrepreneurship.

USE :

Capital formation

Market liquidity

Ease of doing business

Investor participation

Regulatory overhaul



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