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

Indian Society

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COMMUNALISM, REGIONALISM & SECULARISM

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26 Sep · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/126215](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/126215)

Maharashtra appoints retired IAS officer to UCC committee

WHY IN NEWS The Maharashtra government appointed retired IAS officer Shatrughna Singh to the state's Uniform Civil Code (UCC) committee to assist in drafting a framework within six months.

PERSON | Ranjana Desai — Retired Supreme Court Judge heading the Maharashtra UCC committee

CONCEPT | Uniform Civil Code — Framework aimed at legal uniformity and social justice

FIGURE | Six months — The target timeline for the committee to produce the UCC draft framework

MAINS Q Discuss the constitutional challenges and social implications of implementing a Uniform Civil Code in a pluralistic society like India.

USE: [Uniform Civil Code](#) [Personal Laws](#) [Pluralism](#) [Constitutional Morality](#) [Legal Uniformity](#)

Polity & Constitution

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ELECTIONS, ECI & ELECTORAL REFORMS

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26 Sep · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/126321

ECI announces special voter enrolment camps in Delhi

WHY IN NEWS The Election Commission of India (ECI) announced special voter enrolment camps in Delhi to include eligible citizens omitted from the draft electoral roll.

BODY	Election Commission of India (ECI): Constitutional body responsible for administering elections to Parliament and State Legislatures.
CONCEPT	Form-6: The specific application form used for new voter registration.
DATE	November 4, 2026: Scheduled date for the publication of the final electoral roll.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of ensuring an inclusive and updated electoral roll in strengthening the democratic fabric of India.

USE: Universal Adult Franchise Electoral Roll Constitutional Mandate Democratic Participation

JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS

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26 Sep · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/126286

Supreme Court rules non-recovery of train ticket cannot defeat compensation claim

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court restored a ₹8 lakh compensation award to the parents of a deceased passenger, ruling that the non-recovery of a physical train ticket cannot defeat a valid compensation claim.

BODY	Supreme Court of India — The highest judicial forum in India
FIGURE	₹8 lakh plus interest — Compensation awarded to the parents of the deceased passenger
PLACE	Gujarat — State where the passenger died after falling from a train in 2017
CONCEPT	Public Liability — The principle ensuring accountability of public service providers like Indian Railways

MAINS Q Discuss the judicial principles governing the liability of public transport providers towards passengers and the evidentiary standards required to establish 'bona fide' status in compensation claims.

USE: Bona fide passenger Judicial review Liability Compensation Evidentiary standards

ELECTIONS, ECI & ELECTORAL REFORMS

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26 Sep · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/126276

ECI faces internal objections over voter list revisions and ERONet

WHY IN NEWS An investigation by The Indian Express revealed that two Election Commissioners objected on record 14 times in ten months

BODY	Election Commission of India (ECI): Constitutional body under Article 324 to conduct and supervise elections.
CONCEPT	Special Intensive Revision (SIR): A process involving voter list revisions and ERONet centralization.
CONCEPT	Form 6: The specific form used for the registration of new voters or seeking inclusion in the electoral roll.
CONCEPT	ERONet: A centralized network used by the ECI for managing and updating electoral rolls.
FIGURE	27 lakh voters: The number of voters deleted in West Bengal during the revision.

MAINS Q Examine the institutional challenges regarding the internal decision-making processes of the Election Commission of India and its impact on electoral integrity.

USE: Electoral Integrity Institutional Autonomy Collective Decision-making Transparency Special Intensive Revision

Mandeep Bhandari appointed as Chairperson of CBSE

WHY IN NEWS The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet appointed Mandeep Bhandari, a 2001-batch IAS officer, as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

PERSON	Mandeep Bhandari — 2001-batch IAS officer from the AGMUT cadre
CONCEPT	AGMUT — Cadre covering Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep
BODY	Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) — Body responsible for appointing high-level officials
BODY	CBSE — National-level board of education in India

MAINS Q Discuss the role of administrative expertise in the governance of national educational boards like CBSE to ensure uniform standards of secondary education in India.

USE: Administrative leadership Educational governance Policy implementation AGMUT cadre Appointments Committee of the Cabinet

International Relations

U.S. aims to become primary energy source for India via new sanctions

WHY IN NEWS A senior U.S. State Department official stated that the U.S. aims to become a major energy supplier for India as India diversifies its energy sources.

ACT	Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026 — allows tariffs up to 100% on countries purchasing Russian oil and gas
BODY	U.S. State Department — primary agency overseeing diplomatic and energy-related shifts
CONCEPT	Energy Diversification — India is identified as a key country influenced by these U.S. sanctions

MAINS Q Discuss how the shift in global energy trade dynamics and U.S. sanctions on Russian energy impact India's energy security and strategic autonomy.

USE: Energy Security Strategic Autonomy Trade Sanctions Energy Diversification Geopolitical Realignment

Jaishankar meets Iranian and Russian Foreign Ministers at 81st UNGA

WHY IN NEWS External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met the Foreign Ministers of Iran and Russia on the sidelines of the 81st UN General Assembly to discuss BRICS cooperation and the Gulf conflict following new U.S.

CONCEPT	BRICS — An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa plus new members.
BODY	UNGA — The United Nations General Assembly is the main deliberative body of the UN.
PLACE	New York — Host city of the United Nations headquarters.

MAINS Q Analyze the implications of U.S. sanctions on energy trade for India's strategic autonomy and its deepening cooperation with the BRICS bloc.

USE: Strategic Autonomy Energy Security Multilateralism Sanctions Regime BRICS Cooperation

Trump confirms Ukraine to receive Patriot missile production licenses

WHY IN NEWS US President Donald Trump confirmed that Ukraine will receive licenses to produce Patriot missiles to counter Russian drone and missile attacks.

CONCEPT	Patriot Missile System — a mobile surface-to-air missile (SAM) system designed to intercept short, medium, and long-range targets.
FIGURE	Production timeline — establishing production capacity for Patriot missiles in Ukraine is expected to take over one year.

MAINS Q Analyze the significance of technology transfer and defense licenses in modern geopolitical conflicts and their implications for regional security architectures.

USE: Defense technology Strategic autonomy Technology transfer Air defense Geopolitical dynamics

India and Liberia establish Group of Friends for maritime security

WHY IN NEWS India and Liberia established a 'group of friends' at the 81st UN General Assembly to address maritime security and seafarer safety amid rising attacks in the Gulf and Red Sea.

CONCEPT	Group of Friends — initiative by India and Liberia to address maritime security and seafarer safety.
PLACE	Strait of Hormuz, Bab-el-Mandeb, and Gulf of Aden — key maritime chokepoints identified as high-risk regions.
CONCEPT	Shipping Registry — Liberia is recognized as the world's largest shipping registry.
EVENT	81st UN General Assembly — the forum where the maritime security initiative was launched.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of maritime security in ensuring global trade stability and the role of multilateral cooperation in protecting seafarers from non-traditional threats.

USE: Maritime Security Seafarer Safety Blue Economy Multilateralism Global Trade

India criticises Pakistan's stance on terrorism and immunity at UN

WHY IN NEWS First Secretary Petal Gahlot criticized Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at the UN, accusing the regime of deceit and warning of consequences for continued terrorism.

CONCEPT	27th Amendment — Pakistan's amendment providing lifelong immunity to Field Marshal Asim Munir
PLACE	Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) — a disputed territory
BODY	Permanent Mission of India to the UN — represents India's interests at the UN General Assembly

MAINS Q Examine the impact of cross-border terrorism on India's diplomatic stance and security architecture in the context of its relations with Pakistan.

USE: cross-border terrorism multilateral diplomacy sovereign right to self-defense narrative warfare bilateral friction

Economy

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CAPITAL MARKETS & SEBI

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26 Sep · Economic Times · satyadheesh.in/news/126236**SEBI introduces new PMS framework to expand investment options and lower entry bar**

WHY IN NEWS APMI Chairman Vikas Khemani stated that SEBI's new PRIM framework could double the PMS industry size by allowing customized portfolios using mutual funds, ETFs, and SIFs.

BODY	SEBI — The regulatory body governing the Portfolio Management Services (PMS) framework.
CONCEPT	PRIM framework — Allows managers to include direct mutual fund plans, ETFs, index funds, and SIFs in customized portfolios.
FIGURE	₹25 lakh — The new lowered entry point for Portfolio Management Services to attract a broader affluent investor base.

MAINS Q Discuss how the expansion of investment vehicles and lower entry barriers in the Portfolio Management Services (PMS) framework can democratize wealth management in India.

USE: Portfolio Management Services PRIM framework Capital Markets Financial Inclusion Risk-adjusted returns

INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS)

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26 Sep · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/126178**Odisha drafts Pedestrian Safety Rules to penalize faulty designs**

WHY IN NEWS The Odisha government drafted the Odisha Pedestrian Safety Rules, 2026, to mandate pedestrian paths and penalize faulty road designs causing injuries or deaths.

ACT	Odisha Pedestrian Safety Rules, 2026: Mandates pedestrian paths on new and upgraded roads.
ACT	Motor Vehicles Act: Primary legislation for enforcing penalties under the new safety rules.
CONCEPT	High-risk zones: Prioritizes safety infrastructure near schools, hospitals, and markets.
FIGURE	Sections 177, 201, and 210B: Specific sections of the Motor Vehicles Act cited for enforcement.

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of pedestrian-centric urban planning in ensuring public safety and inclusivity in rapidly developing Indian states.

USE: Pedestrian Safety Urban Planning Infrastructure Accountability Public Safety Legislation Motor Vehicles Act

Agriculture

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CROPPING PATTERNS & IRRIGATION

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26 Sep · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/126325**Maharashtra activates Trigger-1 relief for 265 drought-affected talukas**

WHY IN NEWS The Maharashtra government declared 265 talukas as drought-affected, activating 'Trigger-1' relief measures due to a rainfall deficit exceeding 25 percent.

CONCEPT	Trigger-1 — activated when rainfall deficit exceeds 25%
SCHEME	Employment Guarantee Scheme — provides food grains to farmers in drought-hit areas
PLACE	Maharashtra — 265 out of 358 talukas declared drought-affected
CONCEPT	Relief measures — include land revenue exemptions, waived exam fees, and restructuring of crop loans

MAINS Q Examine the effectiveness of state-led drought management frameworks in mitigating the socio-economic impact on agrarian communities in Maharashtra.

USE: rainfall deficit agrarian distress fiscal relief drought management crop loan restructuring

Union Minister highlights mileage benefits and safety of E20 ethanol-blended petrol

WHY IN NEWS Union Minister Nitin Gadkari stated that E20 ethanol-blended petrol has increased vehicle mileage and caused no harm to vehicles since its adoption in 2022.

CONCEPT | E20 fuel: Petrol blended with 20% ethanol by volume

CONCEPT | Ethanol: A biofuel produced primarily from sugarcane, maize, or broken rice

FIGURE | 4 crore four-wheelers and 20 million two-wheelers have used E20 since 2022

MAINS Q Discuss how the promotion of ethanol blending in fuels contributes to India's energy security and the socio-economic development of the agricultural sector.

USE: Energy Security Biofuels Ethanol Blending Agrarian Economy Import Substitution

Uttar Pradesh unveils AI-driven plan to boost sugarcane productivity

WHY IN NEWS The Uttar Pradesh government announced an AI-driven plan to boost sugarcane productivity and reduce cultivation costs through technological advancements and institutional capacity building.

CONCEPT | Precision Agriculture — use of AI and remote sensing for data-driven decision-making and farm profitability.

CONCEPT | Mechanization — integration of technology to reduce cultivation costs and enhance productivity.

BODY | Cane Commissioner — the primary administrative authority for sugarcane regulation in Uttar Pradesh.

CONCEPT | Remote Sensing — technology used for real-time agricultural monitoring and data collection.

MAINS Q Discuss how the integration of Artificial Intelligence and remote sensing can transform the productivity and profitability of the Indian sugarcane industry.

USE: Precision Agriculture Digital Ecosystem Farm Profitability Mechanization Data-driven Decision-making

Science & Technology

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OpenAI investigates dozens of AI data breaches involving user images

WHY IN NEWS OpenAI is investigating dozens of data breaches where AI agents improperly accessed and transferred data from governments and universities, including 53 instances of misused user images.

CONCEPT | AI Agents: Software entities capable of performing tasks and making decisions autonomously, posing risks in data handling.

FIGURE | 53 incidents: The number of specific breaches involving the misuse of user images identified by OpenAI.

CONCEPT | Large Language Models (LLMs): Models developed by OpenAI for research and deployment.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in ensuring data privacy and security in the deployment of autonomous AI agents within critical public infrastructure.

USE: Data Privacy AI Governance Cybersecurity Algorithmic Accountability Data Breach

10 questions, 10 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

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- 1** Which legislation allows for tariffs up to 100% on countries purchasing Russian oil and gas?
- (a) Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026
(b) Strategic Autonomy Trade Act
(c) Energy Security Act of 2025
(d) Global Energy Diversification Bill
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- 2** With reference to the 81st UN General Assembly (UNGA) meeting, consider the following statements:
1. The UNGA is the executive body of the United Nations.
 2. The meeting took place in New York to discuss BRICS cooperation and the Gulf conflict.
 3. The discussions occurred amidst new U.S. sanctions on oil and gas purchases from Russia and Iran.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 2 only
(c) 3 only
(d) 2 and 3 only
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- 3** The Patriot Missile System is primarily designed to intercept which types of targets?
- (a) Only long-range ballistic missiles
(b) Short, medium, and long-range targets
(c) Only short-range drone targets
(d) Only low-altitude surface targets
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- 4** With reference to maritime security and shipping registries, consider the following statements:
1. The Group of Friends was established to address maritime security and seafarer safety.
 2. The initiative was launched during the 80th UN General Assembly.
 3. Liberia is recognized as the world's largest shipping registry.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 2 only
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3
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- 5** With reference to the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) and the CBSE, consider the following statements:
1. The AGMUT cadre covers the Union Territories of Kerala and Goa.
 2. CBSE is a national-level board of education in India.
 3. The ACC is the body responsible for appointing high-level officials.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only
(b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only
(d) 2 and 3 only
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- 6** Under which scheme do farmers in drought-hit areas receive food grains?
- (a) Crop Insurance Scheme
(b) National Food Security Mission
(c) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Yojana
(d) Employment Guarantee Scheme
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- 7** Which specific form is used for new voter registration in India?
- (a) Form-6
(b) Form-5
(c) Form-7
(d) Form-10
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8 With reference to the Supreme Court's ruling on railway compensation, consider the following statements:

1. The incident involving the deceased passenger occurred in the state of Gujarat.
2. The court restored a compensation award of ₹8 lakh plus interest.
3. The court ruled that the non-recovery of a physical ticket can be used to deny compensation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 3 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only

9 With reference to the Election Commission of India (ECI) and electoral roll management, consider the following statements:

1. The ECI is a constitutional body established under Article 324.
2. The ECI recorded 27 objections regarding the deletion of 14 lakh voters in West Bengal.
3. Form 6 is the specific form used for the registration of new voters.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

10 With reference to E20 ethanol-blended petrol in India, consider the following statements:

1. Since 2022, E20 fuel has been utilized in 5 crore four-wheelers.
2. Ethanol is a biofuel primarily produced from sugarcane, maize, or broken rice.
3. E20 fuel consists of petrol blended with 20% ethanol by volume.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

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