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Practice — 10 MCQs**HOW EACH NOTE READS**

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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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2 Oct · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/129424](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/129424)

Mahatma Gandhi led Non-Cooperation and Dandi March movements before assassination in Delhi

WHY IN NEWS The 157th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was observed on October 2, 2026, highlighting his leadership in the Non-Cooperation, Dandi March, and Quit India movements.

- POST** | Mahatma Gandhi was a lawyer and a prominent figure in the freedom movement against British rule.
- PLACE** | Mahatma Gandhi was born in Porbandar.
- FACT** | October 2 is observed as Gandhi Jayanti and International Day of Non-Violence.
- FACT** | Gandhi was assassinated on January 30, 1948, in Delhi.

MAINS Q Discuss how Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence and Satyagraha shaped the trajectory of the Indian freedom struggle against British rule.

USE: Satyagraha Non-violence Mass mobilization Civil disobedience Freedom struggle

MODERN INDIA & FREEDOM STRUGGLE

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2 Oct · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/129332](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/129332)

British East India Company defeated Maratha army to control Delhi in 1803

WHY IN NEWS Historical records and contemporary arguments highlight the transition of Delhi from Maratha control to British colonial land classification and modern urban expansion.

- EVENT** | British East India Company defeated the Maratha army to control Delhi on 11 September 1803
- PLACE** | Kanjhawala: Site of an 1880 settlement and revenue survey
- PLACE** | Raisina: Village displaced during the construction of New Delhi in 1911
- CONCEPT** | Colonial land classification: Replaced customary rights with systematic revenue surveys starting in 1837

MAINS Q Analyze how colonial land revenue systems and urban planning in Delhi reshaped the socio-spatial fabric of the region from the 19th century to the present.

USE: Colonial land tenure Revenue survey Urban expansion Customary rights Socio-spatial fabric

Geography

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PLACES IN NEWS / MAPPING

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2 Oct · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/129419](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/129419)

India identifies 28 strategic places and geographical features on Sol map

WHY IN NEWS The Government of India, in consultation with the Union Territory of Ladakh administration, formally identified 28 strategic places and geographical features on the official Survey of India (Sol) map.

- BODY** | Survey of India (Sol) — official body responsible for mapping and geographical identification in India
- PLACE** | Gogra, Hot Spring, Alisha Giri, and Brangsa — identified strategic features in Ladakh
- PLACE** | Kanishka Peak, Karun Pir mountain, and Zorawar Peak — included in official Sol map update
- PLACE** | Parpik glacier, Skamri Glacier, Shachmirik Pass, Shkorga Valley, and Kumarayana Point — newly identified features

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of accurate cartographic representation in maintaining territorial integrity and managing border security in the Himalayan region.

USE: Cartographic sovereignty Territorial integrity Strategic mapping Border management Geospatial data

IMD reports 2026 as lowest monsoon in a decade due to El Nino

WHY IN NEWS The India Meteorological Department (IMD) reported that 2026 recorded the lowest monsoon rainfall in a decade due to a strengthening El Nino causing a deficit that crossed the all-India drought threshold.

- CONCEPT | El Nino — a climate pattern associated with warming in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean
- CONCEPT | Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) — remained neutral during the 2026 monsoon season
- FIGURE | 759.4 mm — rainfall received between June and September in 2026
- FIGURE | 868.6 mm — the Long Period Average (LPA) for monsoon rainfall
- CONCEPT | Drought threshold — the rainfall deficit level crossed in 2026 to define an all-India drought year

MAINS Q *Analyze the impact of El Nino and the Indian Ocean Dipole on India's monsoon patterns and its implications for national food security.*

USE: El Nino Indian Ocean Dipole Monsoon variability Drought threshold LPA

Gandak River breaches and Shitalpur dam flood five districts in Bihar

WHY IN NEWS Fresh breaches in Gandak River embankments and the Shitalpur dam flooded villages in Saran, Gopalganj, Muzaffarpur, West Champaran, and East Champaran as water levels remained above the Highest Flood Level.

- PLACE | Saran, Gopalganj, Muzaffarpur, West Champaran, and East Champaran: Districts affected by the floods.
- CONCEPT | Highest Flood Level (HFL): Water levels remained above this mark for 24 to 36 hours.
- BODY | NDRF and Indian Air Force: Deployed 14 NDRF teams and IAF for rescue operations.

MAINS Q *Evaluate the challenges in flood management and embankment maintenance in riverine plains to mitigate recurring seasonal flood damage.*

USE: flood management disaster mitigation riverine infrastructure emergency response

Polity & Constitution

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ELECTIONS, ECI & ELECTORAL REFORMS

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3 REPORTS MERGED

2 Oct · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/129344

Election Commission directs special drive to enroll voters after 13.3 crore deletions

WHY IN NEWS The Election Commission directed Chief Electoral Officers to conduct a special drive to enroll eligible voters following the deletion of approximately 13.3 crore names from voter lists.

BODY	Election Commission — directed Chief Electoral Officers to conduct a special drive for voter enrollment.
FIGURE	13.3 crore — the approximate number of names deleted from voter lists.
CONCEPT	Form 6 — the specific form used for enrolling eligible voters.
EVENT	House-to-house visits — Booth Level Officers tasked to identify left-out electors within one month.

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of maintaining an accurate and inclusive electoral roll in ensuring the integrity of the democratic process in India.

USE: Universal Adult Franchise Electoral Integrity Constitutional Mandate Voter Awareness Administrative Efficiency

CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENTS & BASIC STRUCTURE

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2 Oct · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/129714

Gujarat receives presidential assent for Uniform Civil Code Bill 2026

WHY IN NEWS Gujarat became the second state after Uttarakhand to receive presidential assent for its Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill 2026, which unifies personal laws for marriage, divorce, and succession.

ACT	Gujarat UCC Bill 2026: Unifies rules for marriage, divorce, succession, and live-in relationships.
CONCEPT	Marriage age requirements: 21 years for men and 18 years for women.
CONCEPT	Exemptions: The provisions of the Gujarat UCC do not apply to Scheduled Tribes.
EVENT	Gujarat becomes the second state after Uttarakhand to receive presidential assent for its UCC Bill.

MAINS Q Discuss the constitutional challenges and social implications of implementing a Uniform Civil Code while preserving the customary rights of Scheduled Tribes.

USE: Uniform Civil Code Personal Laws Scheduled Tribes Constitutionalism Legal Uniformity

JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS

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2 Oct · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/129441

Supreme Court orders blacklisting of vehicles with ₹49,194.05 crore in unpaid fines

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court ordered states to block services and blacklist vehicles for motorists with ₹49,194.05 crore in unpaid fines to ensure enforcement of traffic regulations.

CONCEPT	Blacklisting: Vehicles with unpaid fines will be blacklisted on the Parivahan portal.
FIGURE	₹49,194.05 crore: Total amount of unpaid fines across states ordered for blocking.
FIGURE	₹19,23,72,500: Amount owed in fines by government vehicles in Karnataka.
FIGURE	99.22 lakh: Number of unpaid challans reported in Hyderabad by late 2025.
BODY	Parivahan: The portal used for vehicle registration and service blocking.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in enforcing traffic regulations and the role of judicial intervention in ensuring fiscal accountability of state-owned vehicles.

USE: Judicial oversight Fiscal accountability Regulatory enforcement Public administration Statutory compliance

Kerala High Court directs Speaker to disqualify Pala MLA Mani C. Kappan

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala High Court directed the Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly to disqualify Pala MLA Mani C. Kappan following his conviction in four cheque-bounce cases.

ACT	Representation of People's Act — Governs the disqualification of members of Parliament and State Legislatures.
CONCEPT	Judicial Review — The court ruled the Speaker must act in accordance with the Constitution and the Representation of People's Act.
FIGURE	₹3.25 crore — The fine amount exceeding the amount sentenced to Mani C. Kappan.
BODY	Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly — The authority responsible for presiding over the assembly and handling disqualification proceedings.

MAINS Q Discuss the constitutional role of the Speaker in the disqualification of legislators and the importance of judicial oversight in ensuring legislative integrity.

USE:

Disqualification

Representation of People Act

Judicial Review

Legislative Integrity

Constitutional Mandate

Social Justice

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Tamil Nadu launches Vettri Payanam for free bus travel for women and transgender persons

WHY IN NEWS Tamil Nadu CM C. Joseph Vijay launched the 'Vettri Payanam' scheme to provide free bus travel for women and transgender persons across seven State Transport Corporations.

SCHEME	Vettri Payanam — Tamil Nadu state government scheme providing no-fare travel for women and transgender persons.
FIGURE	12,695 buses — Total number of buses covered across seven State Transport Corporations.
PLACE	Chengalpattu and Tiruppur — Districts excluded from the scheme due to bypolls.
PLACE	Koyambedu bus terminus — Location in Chennai where the scheme was launched.

MAINS Q Examine how targeted free public transport schemes can facilitate women's economic participation and social mobility in rural and urban India.

USE:

Social Inclusion

Gender Equality

Public Transport

Mobility Rights

Subsidized Services

CMs of Odisha and Chhattisgarh meet Amit Shah over Mahanadi water dispute

WHY IN NEWS Chief Ministers Mohan Charan Majhi and Vishnu Deo Sai met Union Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss a resolution for the Mahanadi water dispute.

BODY	Central Water Commission — Body supporting state proposals for the Mahanadi water dispute
PERSON	Bela M. Trivedi — Head of the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal
CONCEPT	Inter-state water dispute — Issue involving federal institutions and technical committees for resolution

MAINS Q Discuss the role of federal institutions and technical committees in resolving inter-state water disputes in India.

USE:

Inter-state dispute

Federalism

Water governance

Technical committee

Tribunal

Kerala announces separate housing scheme for SC/ST to bypass Life Mission delays

WHY IN NEWS Kerala Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan announced a separate housing scheme for SC/ST communities to bypass delays in the Life Mission scheme.

SCHEME	Life Mission: A housing scheme in Kerala currently facing implementation delays for SC/ST beneficiaries.
FIGURE	₹500 crore: Additional budget allocation for SC/ST and Backward Classes welfare schemes in Kerala.
PLACE	Wayanad: Proposed location for the world's first tribal university in Kerala.

MAINS Q *Examine the role of targeted housing schemes in ensuring the socio-economic upliftment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in India.*

USE: Social Justice Inclusive Growth Last-mile Delivery Land Reform Tribal Welfare

Kerala High Court rules against DNA tests for undisputed paternity

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala High Court ruled that children should not be subjected to DNA tests to correct birth records in cases where paternity is undisputed, directing the government to rectify a girl's father's name.

ACT	Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 — governs the recording of birth and death statistics.
CONCEPT	Bodily Integrity — the principle that children should not be subjected to DNA tests for undisputed paternity.
BODY	Kerala High Court — directed the government to rectify a girl's father's name without DNA testing.
DATE	Rule 11 of Kerala Registration of Births and Deaths Rules, 1999 — specific rule the court urged the Legislature to amend.

MAINS Q *Discuss the importance of protecting the dignity and privacy of children in administrative procedures like birth registration and record correction.*

USE: Right to Privacy Administrative Law Child Rights Legislative Amendment Bodily Integrity

Kerala High Court orders Travancore Devaswom Board to provide water and washrooms for pilgrims

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala High Court directed the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) to improve pilgrim infrastructure at Erumely following a plea by Ayyappa Seva Sangam.

PLACE	Erumely: Location in Kerala associated with the Sabarimala pilgrimage.
FACT	The court mandated a mobile booking app with UPI payment options for pilgrims.
POST	Deputy Collector: Official appointed by the court to coordinate and resolve pilgrim complaints.

MAINS Q *Discuss the role of judicial activism in ensuring the provision of basic amenities and public order during large-scale religious gatherings in India.*

USE: Judicial Activism Public Amenities Crowd Management Digital Governance Religious Tourism

Kerala hospitals face drug shortages as KMSCL owes pharma firms over ₹2,200 crore

WHY IN NEWS Kerala hospitals are facing shortages of non-communicable disease drugs due to a ₹2,200 crore debt owed by the Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited (KMSCL) to pharmaceutical firms.

BODY	Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited (KMSCL) — State body responsible for medical supplies in Kerala.
FIGURE	₹2,200 crore — Debt owed by KMSCL to pharmaceutical firms.
CONCEPT	Non-communicable disease drugs — Shortages reported for metformin, telmasartan, and atorvastatin.
PERSON	K. Muraleedharan — Health Minister of Kerala.

MAINS Q Analyze the systemic issues in public procurement of essential medicines and suggest measures to ensure supply chain resilience in state-run healthcare systems.

USE:

Public Procurement

Supply Chain Resilience

Non-communicable Diseases

Fiscal Deficit

Healthcare Infrastructure

Kerala Health Minister orders committee to draft Bill regulating medicine costs and room rents

WHY IN NEWS Kerala Health Minister K. Muraleedharan directed the Principal Secretary (Health) to form a committee to draft a Bill regulating medicine costs, diagnostic charges, and room rents in the private health sector.

BODY	KMSCL: Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited
POST	Director of Health Services and Director of Medical Education are key members of the drafting committee
FACT	The proposed Bill aims to regulate three specific areas: medicine costs, diagnostic charges, and room rents

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in regulating private healthcare costs in India while ensuring the quality of medical services and patient rights.

USE:

Price Regulation

Healthcare Accessibility

Public-Private Partnership

Regulatory Framework

Patient Rights

International Relations

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India and Canada aim to scale bilateral trade to USD 70 billion by 2031

WHY IN NEWS India and Canada aim to scale bilateral trade from USD 30 billion to USD 70 billion by 2031, initiating the fifth round of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) negotiations in Ottawa.

CONCEPT	Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) — trade agreement between India and Canada
FIGURE	USD 30 billion — current bilateral trade volume between India and Canada
FIGURE	USD 70 billion — target bilateral trade volume between India and Canada by 2031
PLACE	Ottawa — location for the fifth round of CEPA negotiations
CONCEPT	Key focus areas — energy, critical minerals, and supply chain diversification

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of diversifying supply chains and securing critical minerals in strengthening India's bilateral trade relations with North American partners.

USE:

bilateral trade

supply chain diversification

critical minerals

trade liberalization

Putin praises Modi's ideas for Ukraine conflict settlement

WHY IN NEWS Vladimir Putin stated at the Valdai International Discussion Club that Narendra Modi offered 'very good ideas' for a mutual settlement of the Ukraine conflict during talks preceding the BRICS summit.

PLACE | New Delhi — Venue of the BRICS summit

DATE | February 2022 — Start date of the Ukraine war

CONCEPT | Valdai International Discussion Club — Forum where Putin's statement was made

MAINS Q Analyze India's role as a mediator in the Ukraine conflict and the significance of its 'multi-aligned' diplomacy in global peace-building efforts.

USE: Strategic Autonomy Multi-alignment Conflict Resolution Diplomatic Mediation Global South

Global Alliance formed in Bengaluru to tackle diabetic foot cases

WHY IN NEWS Eight organizations, including the Diabetic Foot Society of India and King's College London, formed the Global Alliance for Diabetic Foot Survival and Limb Preservation in Bengaluru.

CONCEPT | Global Alliance for Diabetic Foot Survival and Limb Preservation: A multi-stakeholder alliance to address diabetic foot cases.

PLACE | Bengaluru: Site where the alliance was formed to tackle high mortality rates from ulcers and amputations.

FIGURE | 18.6 million: The number of annual diabetic foot cases the alliance aims to address.

FIGURE | 30% and 70%: Mortality rates following ulcers and major amputations respectively.

BODY | Diabetic Foot Society of India (DFSI): One of the founding members of the alliance.

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of international multi-stakeholder alliances in addressing non-communicable diseases like diabetes in developing nations.

USE: Non-communicable diseases Multi-stakeholder alliance Limb preservation Public health advocacy Global health governance

Economy

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CAPITAL MARKETS & SEBI

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2 REPORTS MERGED

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SEBI study reveals 87.7% of individual equity derivative traders incurred net losses

WHY IN NEWS Shoonya MD Sarjeet Singh Virk highlighted a SEBI FY25–26 study revealing that 87.7% of individual equity derivative traders incurred net losses, primarily due to options trading and high transaction costs.

BODY	SEBI — conducted the study for FY25–26 on equity derivative traders
FIGURE	87.7% — percentage of individual equity derivative traders who incurred net losses
FIGURE	92% — proportion of net losses in equity derivatives attributed to options trading
FIGURE	Rs 24,859 crore — transaction costs that turned 4.4 lakh profitable traders into net losers

MAINS Q Discuss the risks associated with retail participation in equity derivatives and suggest measures to protect individual investors from excessive transaction costs and speculative losses.

USE: Retail participation Equity derivatives Transaction costs Investor protection Market volatility

GROWTH, INFLATION & MACRO INDICATORS

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Economists propose OECD countries pay Global South individuals for climate damage

WHY IN NEWS Economists Michael Greenstone, Abhijit Banerjee, and Esther Duflo proposed a model where OECD countries pay individuals in the Global South directly for climate damage caused by their emissions

CONCEPT	Just Economics: A model proposing direct-to-individual payments rather than government transfers for climate damage.
FIGURE	82% of future emissions are projected to come from outside the OECD.
PLACE	Surat: Site of a 99% compliant market trial of 150 textile plants for emissions trading.
PERSON	Michael Greenstone: Director of the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago.
BODY	OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, a grouping of mostly wealthy, industrialised countries.

MAINS Q Examine the feasibility of direct-to-individual climate reparations from the Global North to the Global South as a mechanism for climate justice.

USE: Climate Justice Carbon Pricing Global South Climate Finance Market-based Solutions

INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS)

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Railway Board approves first Vande Bharat Sleeper for South India to Mumbai

WHY IN NEWS The Railway Board approved the first Vande Bharat Sleeper Express service connecting KSR Bengaluru and Mumbai (CSMT) to enhance high-speed rail connectivity in South India.

CONCEPT	Vande Bharat Sleeper Express — high-speed rail service connecting KSR Bengaluru and Mumbai (CSMT)
FIGURE	Two trainsets — used to operate the service six days a week
PERSON	Ashwini Vaishnaw — Union Railway Minister

MAINS Q Discuss how the expansion of high-speed rail infrastructure like the Vande Bharat Sleeper Express contributes to regional integration and economic corridors in India.

USE: Regional integration Infrastructure development Logistics efficiency Public transport modernization

CURE Act shifts property tax to Capital Value System in Hyderabad region

WHY IN NEWS The Core Urban Region (Integrated Governance) Act, 2026 (CURE Act) replaced the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955, shifting property tax to a Capital Value System.

ACT	CURE Act: Core Urban Region (Integrated Governance) Act, 2026
ACT	GHMC Act, 1955: Replaced by the CURE Act on October 2, 2026
CONCEPT	Capital Value System: New property tax system under the CURE Act
BODY	GHMC, Malkajiri Municipal Corporation, and Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC): Governed by CURE Act

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of shifting property tax to a Capital Value System on urban governance and municipal fiscal autonomy.

USE: Fiscal Federalism Municipal Governance Capital Value System Taxation Policy

Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka announces ₹52,000 crore infrastructure works for Hyderabad

WHY IN NEWS Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka announced a ₹52,000 crore infrastructure development package for Hyderabad to be completed by October 2026.

FIGURE	₹52,000 crore — Total infrastructure investment for Hyderabad
FIGURE	₹38,000 crore — Budget for Metro Rail expansion
FIGURE	₹30,627 crore — Budget for Regional Ring Road
DATE	October 2026 — Completion deadline for infrastructure projects
CONCEPT	TSRTC-Metro Rail Common Pass — Integrated mobility initiative

MAINS Q Discuss the role of integrated multi-modal transport systems in facilitating urban decongestion and sustainable economic growth in rapidly expanding Indian metropolitan cities.

USE: Multi-modal transport Urban decongestion Infrastructure investment Integrated mobility Regional connectivity

PNGRB launches National PNG Drive 3.0 to enroll 50 lakh domestic-piped gas connections

WHY IN NEWS The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) launched National PNG Drive 3.0 to accelerate the adoption of domestic-piped natural gas connections to meet net-zero goals.

BODY	PNGRB: Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board
FACT	National PNG Drive 3.0 target: 50 lakh domestic-piped gas connections by FY 2027
FACT	National PNG Drive 3.0 target: 40 lakh connections to be converted into active users
FACT	National PNG Drive 2.0 closure report was released on July 7, 2026

MAINS Q Discuss how the expansion of piped natural gas infrastructure contributes to India's net-zero commitments and the transition towards a cleaner energy mix.

USE: Net-zero goals Energy transition Piped Natural Gas (PNG) Infrastructure development Regulatory oversight

Telangana Government to release two pending DA instalments worth ₹2,500 crore

WHY IN NEWS The Telangana Government announced the release of two out of five pending dearness allowance (DA) instalments worth ₹2,500 crore to address arrears since July 1, 2023.

CONCEPT	Dearness Allowance (DA) — periodic pay revision to offset inflation, with full release potentially increasing salaries by 15.43%.
PERSON	N. Siva Sankar — head of the Pay Revision Commission in Telangana responsible for revised pay scale recommendations.
FIGURE	₹2,500 crore — the value of two out of five pending DA instalments being released by the Telangana Government.

MAINS Q Discuss the fiscal implications and administrative challenges of managing large-scale arrears and periodic pay revisions in state-level public service structures.

USE: Fiscal Federalism Public Service Pay Dearness Allowance Budgetary Allocation State Governance

Karnataka approves Sustainable Data Centre Policy to reach 1GW capacity by 2031

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka government approved the Sustainable Data Centre Policy 2026–2031 to establish a 1GW capacity by 2031 while offering incentives for energy and water efficiency.

CONCEPT	Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) — a metric for measuring energy efficiency in data centres.
FIGURE	₹20 crore — incentive provided for low Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE).
FIGURE	₹30 lakh — annual water charge reimbursement for efficient Water Usage Effectiveness (WUE).
MISSION	1GW capacity — the target capacity for data centres in Karnataka by 2031.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges of balancing rapid digital infrastructure expansion with environmental sustainability in India's growing data centre ecosystem.

USE: Sustainable Infrastructure Data Centres Power Usage Effectiveness Water Usage Effectiveness Digital Economy

Agriculture

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Andhra Pradesh CM announces rural development and Rayalaseema horticulture funds

WHY IN NEWS Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu announced a ₹1.30 lakh crore rural development fund and a ₹1 lakh crore horticulture investment for Rayalaseema during the Swarnandhra-Swachhandhra Awards-2026.

FIGURE	₹1.30 lakh crore — Amount allocated for rural development in Andhra Pradesh
FIGURE	₹1 lakh crore — Amount allocated for horticulture in Rayalaseema
PLACE	Rayalaseema — A region in Andhra Pradesh
CONCEPT	Net-Zero goals — Supported by IIT-Kanpur through an MoU with the state government

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of targeted regional investments in horticulture and rural infrastructure for achieving balanced regional development in India.

USE: Regional Development Horticulture Net-Zero Goals Rural Infrastructure Public-Private Partnership

World food prices hit nearly four-year high due to logistics and El Nino

WHY IN NEWS The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization reported that world food prices hit a nearly four-year high in September due to logistics disruptions and El Niño weather patterns.

BODY	FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations
FACT	FAO Food Price Index reached an average of 136.0 points in September
PLACE	Strait of Hormuz and Black Sea identified as key locations for logistics disruptions

MAINS Q Analyze how geopolitical disruptions in maritime corridors and climate change phenomena like El Niño contribute to global food insecurity and price volatility.

USE: Food Price Index Logistics disruptions El Niño Commodity volatility Food security

Andhra Pradesh HRD Minister Nara Lokesh directs SEEDAP to target 1 lakh youth annually

WHY IN NEWS Andhra Pradesh HRD Minister Nara Lokesh directed the State Employment Exchange Department (SEEDAP) to target the annual employment of 1 lakh youth.

BODY	SEEDAP: State Employment Exchange Department of Andhra Pradesh
FACT	Andhra Pradesh recorded a 76% placement rate for youth
FACT	5.43 lakh youth secured jobs through skill development programmes in the state

MAINS Q Discuss the role of skill development and employment exchange departments in addressing the structural unemployment challenges faced by the youth in Indian states.

USE: Skill Development Employment Exchange Vocational Training Human Resource Development Placement Rate

Karnataka requests ₹3,705.30 crore aid for ₹46,324.5 crore crop losses

WHY IN NEWS Karnataka's Deputy Chief Minister informed the Union Government of ₹46,324.5 crore in crop losses due to deficit rainfall and requested ₹3,705.30 crore in aid.

FIGURE	₹46,324.5 crore — Total crop losses reported in Karnataka due to deficit rainfall
FIGURE	47.09 lakh hectares — Total area affected by crop losses in Karnataka
FIGURE	177 taluks — Current number of drought-affected taluks in Karnataka
FIGURE	₹3,705.30 crore — Amount of aid requested by Karnataka from the Union Government

MAINS Q Discuss the institutional and fiscal challenges in providing timely disaster relief to farmers facing climate-induced crop failures in India.

USE: Climate-induced distress Disaster management Fiscal federalism Agricultural resilience SDRF norms

Food Ministry reduces sugar stock limits to 1,000 quintals for festival season

WHY IN NEWS The Food Ministry tightened sugar stock-holding limits to 1,000 quintals for a 15-day period to prevent hoarding and ensure supply during the festival season.

CONCEPT	Stock-holding limits: Administrative measures to regulate commodity markets and ensure price stability.
FIGURE	1,000 quintals: New sugar stock limit for most areas during the festival season.
PLACE	Kolkata and Assam: Exceptions where the sugar stock limit remains at 2,000 quintals.
FIGURE	15% and 28%: The respective percentage drops in retail sugar prices and ex-mill prices.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of administrative interventions in regulating commodity markets to prevent hoarding and ensure price stability during peak demand periods.

USE: stock-holding limits price stability supply chain management hoarding market intervention

NUCLEAR & NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

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UNFCCC praises Rs 1.86 lakh crore Green Energy Corridor Phase-III scheme

WHY IN NEWS UNFCCC Executive Secretary Simon Stiell praised the Centre's approved Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III) scheme for its scale in renewable energy evacuation.

SCHEME	Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III) — A project to evacuate 135 GW of renewable energy.
FIGURE	Rs 1.86 lakh crore — Total project outlay for GEC-III.
FIGURE	50 GWh — Capacity of battery energy storage systems under the scheme.
FIGURE	Rs 54,082 crore — Central financial assistance for the GEC-III project.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of large-scale battery energy storage systems in achieving India's renewable energy targets and ensuring grid stability.

USE: Renewable Energy Grid Stability Energy Storage Decarbonization Infrastructure Investment

SPACE TECHNOLOGY (ISRO, MISSIONS)

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Jessica Watkins leads first Black woman-led crew to orbit in record flight

WHY IN NEWS SpaceX launched a crew to the International Space Station (ISS) led by Jessica Watkins, the first Black woman to lead a crew to orbit, setting a U.S. speed record.

PERSON	Jessica Watkins — NASA commander and first Black woman to lead a crew to orbit
PLACE	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station — Launch site located in Florida, USA
FIGURE	Eight hours — The duration of the flight to the International Space Station (ISS)

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of private-public partnerships in expanding human space exploration and the socio-cultural implications of diversifying space missions.

USE: Space Exploration Public-Private Partnership Orbital Logistics Diversity in STEM Aerospace Technology

IT, AI, SEMICONDUCTORS & COMPUTING

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Spintronics AI and CSIR-CEERI sign MoU for indigenous GaN fabrication facility

WHY IN NEWS Spintronics AI Semiconductors and CSIR-CEERI signed an MoU on October 02, 2026, to establish an indigenous Gallium Nitride (GaN) fabrication facility in India.

CONCEPT	GaN: Gallium Nitride technology used in semiconductor fabrication
BODY	CSIR-CEERI: Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute
FIGURE	GaN market projected to grow from \$224 million in 2026 to \$1.88 billion by 2033

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of developing indigenous semiconductor fabrication facilities for India's technological sovereignty and economic growth.

USE: Semiconductor fabrication Indigenous technology Wide-bandgap semiconductors Strategic autonomy R&D collaboration

CCMB scientists develop India-specific Severity Score to improve clinical assessment concordance to 85%

WHY IN NEWS Scientists at the CSIR–Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) developed India-specific Severity Scores (ISS1 and ISS2) to improve clinical assessment concordance in children.

BODY	CCMB: CSIR–Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology
FACT	ISS1 and ISS2: India-specific Severity Scores developed on October 02, 2026
FACT	Clinical assessment concordance: Improved to 85% from 67% (PSS score)
PLACE	Government Medical College and Hospital: Nagpur

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of developing indigenous clinical assessment tools in improving healthcare outcomes for pediatric patients in India.

USE: [Clinical Concordance](#) [Pediatric Healthcare](#) [Diagnostic Standardization](#) [Indigenous Innovation](#) [Public Health Metrics](#)

Tamil Nadu launches first booth-less toll plaza using FASTag and ANPR

WHY IN NEWS Tamil Nadu launched its first booth-less toll plaza at Paranur on the Chennai–Tiruchi National Highway to improve traffic flow and reduce emissions using automated technologies.

PLACE	Paranur — Location of the first booth-less toll plaza on the Chennai–Tiruchi National Highway
CONCEPT	Multi-lane free flow — System integrating FASTag, RFID, and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)
FIGURE	50% discount — Available on double-fee e-notices if payments are made within 72 hours

MAINS Q Discuss how the integration of RFID and ANPR technologies in toll collection contributes to infrastructure efficiency and environmental sustainability in India.

USE: [Multi-lane free flow](#) [Automatic Number Plate Recognition](#) [Infrastructure efficiency](#) [Carbon footprint reduction](#) [Digital governance](#)

Gursaran Prasad Talwar recognized for leprosy and birth control vaccines

WHY IN NEWS Gursaran Prasad Talwar is celebrating his 100th birthday, recognized for developing the first leprosy and birth control vaccines and founding the National Institute of Immunology.

PERSON	Gursaran Prasad Talwar — Developed first leprosy and birth control vaccines
CONCEPT	National Institute of Immunology (NII) — Founded in 1983 after discussions with Indira Gandhi
PLACE	Hisar — Birthplace of Gursaran Prasad Talwar
DATE	1956 — Year Gursaran Prasad Talwar joined AIIMS, New Delhi

MAINS Q Discuss the evolution of India's indigenous vaccine research and its role in achieving self-reliance in public health infrastructure.

USE: [Indigenous research](#) [Public health infrastructure](#) [Vaccine development](#) [Institutional legacy](#)

Nile perch introduction in Lake Victoria destroys 200 native fish species

WHY IN NEWS The National Invasive Species Information Center reported that the 1954 introduction of Nile perch into Lake Victoria led to the destruction of approximately 200 native fish species.

BODY	National Invasive Species Information Center — reported the biodiversity loss in Lake Victoria.
CONCEPT	Nile perch — an invasive predator species introduced for commercial fisheries.
PLACE	Lake Victoria — a water body shared by Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.
FIGURE	200 — the approximate number of native fish species destroyed.

MAINS Q Discuss the ecological and economic trade-offs involved in introducing non-native species for commercial purposes in shared water bodies.

USE: Invasive species Biodiversity loss Ecological impact Commercial fisheries Cichlids

Google launches Planet Labs satellite to test Tensor Processing Unit in orbit

WHY IN NEWS Google launched a Planet Labs satellite on a SpaceX rocket to test its Tensor Processing Unit (TPU) in orbit as part of Project Suncatcher.

CONCEPT	Tensor Processing Unit (TPU) — Google's custom-developed AI accelerator chip designed to compete with Nvidia's GPUs.
MISSION	Project Suncatcher — Google's initiative to develop an 81-satellite network for orbital compute clusters.
CONCEPT	Laser communications link — Planned technology for future purpose-built satellites to collaborate in orbit.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of orbital compute infrastructure in the evolution of Artificial Intelligence and space-based data processing.

USE: Orbital Compute Tensor Processing Unit Space Infrastructure Edge Computing Satellite Network

Environment & Ecology

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Idukki administration clears natural passages to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts

WHY IN NEWS The Idukki district administration and Forest department are clearing natural passages in the Devikulam forest range to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts following a decade of fatalities.

PLACE	Chinnakkanal area — the specific site in Devikulam forest range targeted for passage clearing.
CONCEPT	Human-wildlife conflict — mitigation strategy involving clearing natural passages to address a decade of fatalities.
FIGURE	81 deaths and 486 injuries — the recorded impact of human-wildlife conflict in the region over a decade.
MISSION	Translocation of Murivali — a planned move of a specific tusker to be completed before December.

MAINS Q Discuss the ecological and socio-economic challenges of managing human-wildlife conflict in fragmented forest landscapes like the Western Ghats.

USE: Human-wildlife conflict Habitat fragmentation Elephant corridors Biodiversity conservation Mitigation strategies

Survey records 65 distinct vultures in Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary

WHY IN NEWS A synchronous survey in Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary recorded 65 distinct vultures, providing baseline data for monitoring critically endangered scavengers in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

PLACE	Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary — located within the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve
CONCEPT	White-rumped and red-headed vultures — classified as critically endangered scavengers
FIGURE	65 distinct vultures — recorded across 108 observations in the survey
BODY	Kerala Forest Department and WWF-India — joint initiative for the vulture survey

MAINS Q Discuss the ecological significance of vulture populations in maintaining forest health and evaluate the conservation strategies required to protect critically endangered scavengers in India.

USE: Biodiversity conservation Scavenger ecology Baseline data Critically endangered species Biosphere Reserve

Union Minister and West Bengal CM release tigress T138 into Buxa Tiger Reserve

WHY IN NEWS Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Chief Minister Suvenhu Adhikari released a three-year-old tigress, T138, into the Buxa Tiger Reserve to mark the start of World Wildlife Week, 2026.

PLACE	Buxa Tiger Reserve — site of the tigress release
PLACE	Valmiki Tiger Reserve — original location of tigress T138
CONCEPT	Tiger translocation — project aimed at augmenting tiger populations and improving habitats
DATE	World Wildlife Week 2026 — commenced on 02 October 2026
FIGURE	Five-year project — spanning financial years 2023-24 to 2027-28

MAINS Q Discuss the ecological and logistical challenges involved in tiger translocation projects to augment populations and improve habitats in fragmented tiger reserves.

USE: Tiger translocation Habitat augmentation Wildlife conservation In-situ conservation Population dynamics

Internal Security

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Manipur Cabinet approves ₹10 lakh assistance for kin of missing persons

WHY IN NEWS The Manipur Cabinet approved a one-time ₹10 lakh assistance for the kin of 49 people missing since the May 3, 2023 ethnic conflict.

CONCEPT	Ex-gratia assistance: Manipur Cabinet increased rates for Army and CAPF to match State police rates.
FIGURE	306 deaths and over 60,000 people displaced due to ethnic conflict since May 3, 2023.
SCHEME	One-time assistance: ₹10 lakh for kin of 49 missing persons.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in managing internal ethnic conflicts and the role of state-led compensation schemes in restoring communal harmony in Manipur.

USE: Internal Security Ethnic Conflict Ex-gratia Assistance Displacement Communal Harmony

10 questions, 10 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 With reference to the voter enrollment drive by the Election Commission, consider the following statements:

1. The special drive was initiated to enroll voters after 5 crore names were deleted.
2. Booth Level Officers are required to use Form 5 to enroll eligible voters.
3. Approximately 13.3 crore names were deleted from the voter lists.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- ☐ a 3 only ☐ b 1 and 2 only
☐ c 2 and 3 only ☐ d 1, 2 and 3

2 Which of the following geographical features was identified as part of the 28 strategic locations in the Ladakh region?

- ☐ a Tso Moriri ☐ b Pangong Tso
☐ c Lingszi Glacier ☐ d Skamri Glacier

3 With reference to the Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III) scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme aims to evacuate 135 GW of renewable energy.
2. The scheme provides for a battery energy storage system capacity of 100 GWh.
3. The total project outlay for the GEC-III scheme is Rs 1.86 lakh crore.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- ☐ a 1 only ☐ b 2 only
☐ c 1 and 3 only ☐ d 2 and 3 only

4 With reference to the recent SpaceX mission to the International Space Station (ISS), consider the following statements:

1. Jessica Watkins became the first Black woman to lead a crew to orbit.
2. The flight to the International Space Station lasted ten hours.
3. The flight was launched from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- ☐ a 1 and 2 only ☐ b 1 and 3 only
☐ c 2 and 3 only ☐ d 1, 2 and 3

5 With reference to the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and Canada, consider the following statements:

1. The fifth round of CEPA negotiations is scheduled to take place in Mumbai.
2. The two nations aim to scale their bilateral trade volume to USD 70 billion by 2031.
3. Key focus areas of the negotiations include energy, critical minerals, and supply chain diversification.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- ☐ a 1 only ☐ b 1 and 2 only
☐ c 1 and 3 only ☐ d 2 and 3 only

6 With reference to the rural development funds announced by the Andhra Pradesh government, consider the following statements:

1. The government allocated ₹1.30 lakh crore for rural development.
2. The funds were announced during the Swarnandhra-Swachhandhra Awards-2026.
3. The horticulture investment for Rayalaseema is ₹2 lakh crore.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- ☐ a 1 only ☐ b 3 only
☐ c 1 and 2 only ☐ d 1 and 3 only

- 7 Which districts are excluded from the Vettri Payanam scheme in Tamil Nadu?
- (a) Madurai and (b) Chengalpattu and Tiruppur
(c) Coimbatore and Salem (d) Vellore and Erode
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- 8 In which city was the BRICS summit held where the talks preceding the Ukraine conflict settlement discussion took place?
- (a) Moscow (b) New Delhi
(c) Astana (d) Johannesburg
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- 9 What percentage of net losses in equity derivatives was specifically attributed to options trading according to the SEBI study?
- (a) 92% (b) 60%
(c) 75% (d) 87.7%
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- 10 With reference to the Gujarat Uniform Civil Code Bill 2026, consider the following statements:
1. The bill unifies personal laws regarding marriage, divorce, and succession.
 2. The provisions of the bill do not apply to Scheduled Tribes.
 3. The bill sets the marriage age at 18 years for both men and women.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

ANSWERS · 1 (a) 2 (d) 3 (c) 4 (b) 5 (d) 6 (c) 7 (b) 8 (b) 9 (a) 10 (c)



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