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2**Defence Ministry approves revised SOP for indigenous project testing****Why it matters:** Defence infrastructure and R&D support: a GS3 Internal Security and Atmanirbhar Bharat case study.

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5.50%

The new policy repo rate after a 25 basis point hike.

What to know, in 60 seconds each

8 of 59 notes · picked for exam value

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RBI MPC unanimously votes to hike repo rate to 5.50%

Why in news: The RBI Monetary Policy Committee unanimously voted to hike the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.50% to manage monetary variables.

REMEMBER

- Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) — The body responsible for determining the repo rate.
- 5.50% — The new policy repo rate after a 25 basis point hike.
- 55,276 — The Nifty Bank index level after gaining over 147 points.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the impact of repo rate hikes on inflation management and capital market volatility in a developing economy like India.

USE: Monetary Policy Repo Rate Inflation Targeting Liquidity Management

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/132013

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Hamas and Palestinian groups kill over 1,200 in Israel and take 251 hostages

Why in news: The ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas/Palestinian groups is being contextualized through the historical and religious narrative of the 'Promised Land' and the 1917 Balfour Declaration.

REMEMBER

- Balfour Declaration — 1917 declaration providing historical context to the conflict.
- Promised Land — religious and historical narrative central to the conflict.
- Canaan — ancient name for the region encompassing parts of present-day Israel and Palestinian territories.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze how historical narratives and religious claims over the 'Promised Land' complicate modern diplomatic efforts to resolve the Israel-Palestine conflict.

USE: Balfour Declaration Nakba Promised Land Partition Plan

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/132266

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Defence Ministry approves revised SOP for indigenous project testing

Why in news: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved a revised SOP to streamline access to proof and firing ranges for indigenous projects to support 'atmanirbharta'.

REMEMBER

- Atmanirbharta — The goal of making India self-reliant in defence manufacturing.
- iDEX — A scheme to support indigenous defence projects.
- Technology Development Fund (TDF) — A scheme to support R&D for indigenous technology.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how streamlining access to testing infrastructure can accelerate the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative in the defence manufacturing sector.

USE: Atmanirbharta Defence Procurement R&D Infrastructure iDEX

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/132378

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India proposes three-part ceasefire plan to Ukraine during S Jaishankar's Kyiv visit

Why in news: India proposed a three-part ceasefire plan to Ukraine during External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's visit to Kyiv to mediate the ongoing conflict with Russia.

REMEMBER

- Three-part ceasefire plan: halting attacks on energy infrastructure, ensuring grain/energy flow through Black Sea ports, and ending strikes on commercial shipping.
- Black Sea: The strategic waterway central to the grain and energy flow discussions.
- Comparative proposals: Ukraine received ceasefire initiatives from India, Turkey, Egypt, and the United States.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze India's evolving role as a mediator in the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the strategic significance of its 'comprehensive' ceasefire proposal.

USE: Strategic Autonomy Mediation Black Sea Security Energy Diplomacy

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/131929

MeitY to collaborate with Indian companies for indigenous smartphone by 2028

Why in news: The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) announced a collaboration with Indian companies to manufacture a completely indigenous smartphone by the end of 2028.

REMEMBER

- MeitY — Nodal ministry for the indigenous smartphone manufacturing project.
- Indigenous production — Transitioning from assembly-based manufacturing to self-reliant production.
- Rs 35,000 crore — Value of components currently exported by India to China.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of transitioning from assembly-based manufacturing to indigenous production in India's electronics sector to achieve self-reliance.

USE: Atmanirbhar Bharat Value Chain Import Substitution

Indigenous Manufacturing

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/131865

World Bank raises India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 7.1 per cent

Why in news: The World Bank raised India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 7.1 per cent from 6.6 per cent due to robust domestic demand and strong exports.

REMEMBER

- FY27 GDP growth forecast: 7.1 per cent
- FY26 GDP growth rate: 7.8 per cent
- FY25 GDP growth rate: 7.2 per cent

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the factors contributing to India's resilient GDP growth despite global geopolitical uncertainties and external risks.

USE: GDP Growth Domestic Demand Private Consumption

External Risks

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/131820

Delhi and Centre unveil Winter Action Plan 2026-27 to tackle NCR air pollution

Why in news: The Delhi government and the Centre unveiled the Winter Action Plan 2026-27 to combat NCR air pollution, featuring fuel station restrictions and vehicle bans.

REMEMBER

- 500 fuel stations: Number of stations mandated to enforce fuel restrictions.
- Non-BS-VI vehicles: Vehicles prohibited from entry into NCR starting November 1.
- January 31: Deadline for phased construction prohibitions.

MAINS ANGLE Critically analyze the effectiveness of seasonal action plans in addressing the structural causes of air pollution in the National Capital Region.

USE: Air Quality Management Regulatory Framework

Pollution Mitigation

Inter-agency Coordination

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/131863

Karnataka seeks central aid after drought causes ₹46,000 crore crop losses

Why in news: The Government of Karnataka submitted two memoranda to the Centre seeking assistance after a severe drought hit 217 taluks, causing estimated crop losses of ₹46,000 crore.

REMEMBER

- Karnataka is the second most drought-prone state in India after Rajasthan, with 80% of its area prone to drought.
- Southwest monsoon (SWM) accounts for approximately 74% of the calendar year rainfall in Karnataka.
- Karnataka received 551 mm of rainfall during the southwest monsoon, a 35% deficit from the 852 mm normal.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the vulnerability of Karnataka's agrarian economy to southwest monsoon variability and suggest measures to mitigate drought-induced crop losses.

USE: monsoon variability agrarian distress drought-prone

rainfall deficit

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/132282

Everything else, one line each

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India-Ghana ties: External Affairs Minister met Ghanaian leaders to discuss trade, defense, and deepening engagement with African Union and ECOWAS.

Voter enrolment: West Bengal CEO seeks clarity on 38.31 lakh voters with pending appellate tribunal cases for re-enrolment.

Asha Kirana: Karnataka performed over 2.5 lakh cataract surgeries and 14 million vision screenings since 2022.

Bombay High Court orders Maharashtra to restore student trust regarding MPSC recruitment

Cauvery water dispute: Karnataka challenged the current water-sharing award in the Supreme Court citing inequitable allocations for 2026-27.

Credit schemes: Finance Ministry directs SLBCs and UTLBCs to report percentage share of SC beneficiaries for Mudra and Stand Up India.

Kerala Health Task Force: A 16-member task force was formed to develop a Holistic Model for Health, Wellness and Longevity.

Strait of Hormuz attacks: IMO reported a record 12 tanker attacks between September 28 and October 5, 2026.

Voter enrolment: EC initiated a special drive across 20 states and UTs allowing Form 6 submission without additional declarations.

Tradewinds program: DoD uses the program to grant post-competitive status to AI firms and facilitate faster awards.

Voter roll cleanup: The White House is using the SAVE database to verify citizenship, mirroring India's Special Intensive Revision.

Diplomatic outreach: India's outreach regarding Tarique Rahman's visit to India remains unconfirmed despite discussions.

CJI Surya Kant issues notice over systemic accessibility failures for 7 million disabled passengers

Child custody: Karnataka High Court directs replacing visitation with parenting time to ensure a more humane approach.

Hospital and Education: Andhra Pradesh approved a ₹58.42 crore hospital upgrade and amendments to the Education Act, 1982.

India rejects OIC remarks on Jammu and Kashmir at UN General Assembly Sixth Committee

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Nobel Prize in Chemistry: Henri Kagan and Kenso Soai awarded for research on asymmetric organic synthesis and homochirality.

SPIR 2026: 13% of respondents were victims of cybercrimes, with 54% of those facing digital financial frauds.

Space cooperation: Former ISRO Chairperson urges a cooperative model between ISRO and start-ups for the Bharat Antariksh Station.

Road safety: Telangana to target zero fatalities in seven districts by November 3 using the 4E approach and SafeLife Foundation data.

Overseas ETFs: NSE warned that some overseas ETFs traded at 65%-80% premiums over their Net Asset Values in September.

Infosys Springboard Maker Lab on Wheels to provide free digital education in rural schools

SynthID tool: Google launched a verification site to identify AI-generated media across image, video, and audio formats.

Stream restoration: Tenkasi officials demolished illegal concrete walls to restore natural wild stream flow from the Western Ghats.

MAP WORK

Places in news

Black Sea	The strategic waterway central to the grain and energy flow discussions.
Cauvery River	River shared between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu
Strait of Hormuz	The location where 12 tanker attacks were recorded.
Western Ghats	Mountain range from which wild streams were being illegally diverted.
Imphal Valley	The central valley of Manipur where the Meitei community predominantly resides.

5 questions, 5 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

- 1** Which body is responsible for determining the repo rate in India?
- (a) Financial Stability Board (b) Securities and Exchange Board
(c) Monetary Policy Committee (d) National Development Council
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- 2** With reference to the revised SOP for access to proof and firing ranges, consider the following statements:
1. The SOP reserves weekly slots for government-sponsored and indigenous projects.
 2. The testing facilities involve the DRDO and Government Quality Assurance agencies.
 3. The revised SOP waives charges for iDEX, Technology Development Fund (TDF), and Make projects.
- 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
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- 3** With reference to the historical context of the Israel–Palestine conflict, consider the following statements:
1. Canaan is the ancient name for the region encompassing parts of present-day Israel and Palestinian territories.
 2. David Ben–Gurion declared the State of Israel in 1947.
 3. The United Nations proposed a partition of the land in 1947.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
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- 4** Which strategic waterway is central to the grain and energy flow discussions in India's ceasefire proposal?
- (a) Red Sea (b) Caspian Sea
(c) Mediterranean Sea (d) Black Sea
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- 5** Which Indian body signed an MoU with the University of Ghana during the visit?
- (a) Wildlife Institute of India (b) National Institute of Oceanography
(c) Botanical Survey of India (d) Zoological Survey of India
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MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

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Analyze the impact of repo rate hikes on inflation management and capital market volatility in a developing economy like India.

USE: Monetary Policy Repo Rate Inflation Targeting Liquidity Management Capital Markets

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