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Indian Society

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POPULATION, DEMOGRAPHY & MIGRATION

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Mizoram aims to be first state to complete Census 2027

WHY IN NEWS Mizoram government announced plans to be the first state to complete the Census 2027 using a central allocation of ₹19.19 crore.

- FACT** | Mizoram's allocated budget for Census 2027 is ₹19.19 crore from the Centre.
- FACT** | Each enumerator in the Mizoram census exercise is expected to cover approximately 800 people.
- FACT** | The census will include all 16 Scheduled Castes and refugees in the state.
- FACT** | Refugees included in the census will not be conferred Indian citizenship.
- FACT** | Aadhaar numbers are not mandatory for census participation.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of accurate and inclusive census data in achieving the 'Viksit Bharat 2047' vision and effective policy formulation.

USE: Demographic profiling Viksit Bharat 2047 Inclusive enumeration Data-driven governance Scheduled Castes

Polity & Constitution

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ELECTIONS, ECI & ELECTORAL REFORMS

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ECI caps voter deletion requests to 10 after Karnataka bulk filing controversy

WHY IN NEWS The Election Commission of India capped individual voter deletion requests to prevent bulk filing of Form 7 applications following a controversy in Karnataka.

- ACT** | Representation of the People Act, 1950 — provides the legal framework for voter list maintenance and actions under Section 31.
- CONCEPT** | Form 7 — the specific application form used for the deletion of a name from the electoral roll.
- FIGURE** | 10 requests — the cap on individual voter deletion requests during claims and objections periods.
- FIGURE** | 5 requests — the cap on individual voter deletion requests during continuous updation.

MAINS Q Examine the measures taken by the Election Commission of India to ensure the integrity of the electoral roll against fraudulent deletions.

USE: electoral integrity voter disenfranchisement procedural safeguards Representation of the People Act

CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENTS & BASIC STRUCTURE

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2 REPORTS MERGED

MP High Court strikes down law increasing OBC reservation from 14% to 27%

WHY IN NEWS The Madhya Pradesh High Court struck down the Madhya Pradesh Public Service (Reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) Amendment Act, 2019

- PLACE** | Madhya Pradesh High Court: Judicial body that ruled the 2019 Amendment Act unconstitutional.
- CONCEPT** | OBC reservation increase: The contested amendment sought to raise the quota from 14% to 27%.
- FIGURE** | Unreserved quota: The court ordered filling 13% of held posts with unreserved candidates.
- DATE** | Timeline: The court mandated the filling of unreserved posts within three months.

MAINS Q Critically examine the constitutional validity of state-level amendments to reservation quotas and their impact on the principle of equality of opportunity.

USE: Constitutional Validity Affirmative Action Judicial Review Equality of Opportunity Reservation Policy

124 former officials defend ECI against vote-rigging allegations in Supreme Court case

WHY IN NEWS 124 former IAS and IFS officials defended the Election Commission of India (ECI) in the Supreme Court against allegations of vote-rigging during the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections.

FACT | Special Intensive Revision identified 22 lakh deceased voters and 7 lakh duplicate entries

FACT | 21.5 lakh new voters were identified during the Special Intensive Revision

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the Election Commission of India's autonomy in ensuring the integrity of the electoral process in a vibrant democracy like India.

USE: Electoral Integrity Constitutional Autonomy Voter List Revision Democratic Accountability Institutional Trust

Supreme Court rules against complete Delhi Metro prohibition during protests

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court ruled against a complete prohibition of the Delhi Metro during protests, ordering authorities to balance public safety with the rights of commuters.

CONCEPT | Proportionality: Balancing state power to maintain public order with citizens' fundamental rights.

FIGURE | 200 personnel: Number of personnel allegedly injured during a protest in July.

MAINS Q Discuss the constitutional balance between the right to peaceful protest and the right to freedom of movement for the general public in urban spaces.

USE: Right to movement Public Order Judicial Review Proportionality Civil Liberties

PIL seeks writ of mandamus to fill vacancies in 14 Maharashtra government bodies

WHY IN NEWS A PIL was filed in the Bombay High Court's Kolhapur Bench seeking a writ of mandamus against the Maharashtra government to fill vacancies in 14 government bodies, including the MPSC and State Human Rights Commission.

BODY | Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) — Currently has 92 out of 270 positions filled.

BODY | State Human Rights Commission — Currently has 29 out of 54 positions filled.

CONCEPT | Articles 14 and 21 — Cited as being violated by the vacancies affecting four lakh aspirants.

MAINS Q Discuss how the failure to fill vacancies in constitutional and statutory bodies impacts the delivery of public services and the protection of fundamental rights.

USE: Writ of Mandamus Public Service Commission Fundamental Rights Administrative Efficiency Statutory Bodies

Tamil Nadu accuses Karnataka of resource hoarding in Supreme Court

WHY IN NEWS Tamil Nadu filed a Supreme Court affidavit accusing Karnataka of resource hoarding and failing to meet the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) mandated daily release of 4000 cusecs.

CONCEPT | Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) — mandated daily release of 4000 cusecs

FIGURE | 29.60 TMC — Mettur reservoir storage as of October 9, 2026

FIGURE | 22.519 TMC — Alleged shortfall in supply by Karnataka by early October

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in inter-state water sharing and the role of statutory bodies in resolving federal disputes over shared natural resources.

USE: Inter-state disputes Federalism Water Governance Judicial Review Resource Allocation

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

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55 per cent of juvenile cases across 18 states and 2 UTs pending

WHY IN NEWS Chief Justice of India Surya Kant inaugurated a consultation on the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, highlighting a report showing 55% of juvenile cases were pending across 18 states and 2 UTs as of October 2023.

BODY	Juvenile Justice Committee of the Supreme Court organized the consultation with UNICEF.
FACT	55% of juvenile cases were pending across 18 states and 2 UTs as of October 2023.
REPORT	India Justice Report (November 2025) provided the data on pending juvenile cases.
POST	Chief Justice of India Surya Kant inaugurated the consultation.

MAINS Q Analyze the systemic bottlenecks leading to the high pendency of juvenile justice cases in India and suggest measures to ensure timely justice for children.

USE: Juvenile Justice Act Pendancy Child Rights Rehabilitative Justice Institutional Bottlenecks

HEALTH POLICY & PUBLIC HEALTH M

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Karnataka urges Centre to extend price-control measures to cardiac and kidney medicines

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka government urged the Centre to extend price-control measures to cardiac and kidney medicines following the NPPA's decision to cap trade margins on non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs.

FACT	Trade margins for non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines were approved at 30% of MRP.
FACT	Karnataka identified 253 medicines requiring price-control measures.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in balancing pharmaceutical affordability with the sustainability of the domestic drug manufacturing industry in India.

USE: Affordability Price Control Pharmaceutical Regulation Public Health Policy Market Distortion

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

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Dr. Koyyala Ruth John Paul became India's first transgender person to complete a postgraduate

WHY IN NEWS Dr. Koyyala Ruth John Paul became India's first transgender person to complete a postgraduate medical course in Emergency Medicine after securing admission via a Telangana High Court order.

POST	Dr. Koyyala Ruth John Paul: India's first transgender person to complete a postgraduate medical course.
FACT	Admission year: 2023.

MAINS Q Discuss the institutional and social barriers faced by the transgender community in accessing higher education and healthcare professions in India.

USE: Gender diversity Inclusive education Social justice Judicial activism Transgender rights

HEALTH POLICY & PUBLIC HEALTH M

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Loneliness among 'empty-nest' parents in Karnataka, Haryana and Punjab linked to psychological distress

WHY IN NEWS NIMHANS researchers published a study in BMC Research Notes linking loneliness among 'empty-nest' parents in Karnataka, Haryana, and Punjab to psychological distress and emotion regulation difficulties.

FACT	Study sample: 64 'empty-nest' parents aged 45 to 65
PLACE	Study locations: Karnataka, Haryana, and Punjab

MAINS Q Discuss the growing psychological challenges faced by the elderly in India's changing demographic landscape and suggest community-based interventions to mitigate loneliness.

USE: psychological distress empty-nest syndrome emotion regulation mental health demographic shift

Banks ordered to stop auto-debiting Gruha Lakshmi installments

WHY IN NEWS The State Level Bankers' Committee was ordered to stop banks from auto-debiting ₹2,000 monthly installments from the Gruha Lakshmi scheme to settle loans or interest.

SCHEME	Gruha Lakshmi: A scheme providing ₹2,000 monthly installments to beneficiaries.
BODY	State Level Bankers' Committee: The body tasked with overseeing banking operations and directives in the state.
FIGURE	₹2,000: The specific amount of the monthly installment under the Gruha Lakshmi scheme.

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of ensuring the integrity of direct benefit transfer (DBT) mechanisms in protecting the rights of marginalized beneficiaries from unauthorized financial deductions.

USE: Direct Benefit Transfer Financial Inclusion Social Welfare Regulatory Oversight Beneficiary Rights

Telangana breakfast programme sees 20–22% attendance rise across 60 schools

WHY IN NEWS A report by Third Vision Research and Services highlighted a 20–22% rise in student attendance and a 13% increase in enrolment in Telangana schools following the launch of a breakfast programme.

CONCEPT	Centralised kitchen model — used to implement the breakfast and milk programme.
SCHEME	Telangana breakfast programme — provides breakfast and milk to students from pre-primary to Intermediate level.
FIGURE	1.45 lakh students — the number of students benefiting from the initial phase of the programme.
REPORT	Third Vision Research and Services — highlighted a 13% increase in enrolment following the programme launch.

MAINS Q Examine how nutritional interventions in government schools can address barriers to education for children in rural areas. Discuss with reference to the Telangana breakfast programme.

USE: Nutritional security Educational equity Public-Private Partnership Human capital Rural education

International Relations

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Trump administration announces sanctions to dismantle ICC after Netanyahu, Gallant arrest warrants

WHY IN NEWS The Trump administration announced sanctions against the International Criminal Court (ICC) to dismantle the body following its issuance of arrest warrants for Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant.

BODY	ICC: International Criminal Court
POST	Marco Rubio: US Secretary of State
POST	Francesca Albanese: Associated with ICC
FACT	Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Navanethem 'Navi' Pillay

MAINS Q Examine the implications of unilateral sanctions on international judicial bodies like the ICC for the global rule of law and multilateral cooperation.

USE: multilateralism sovereignty judicial independence sanctions international law

India delivers Right of Reply at UN General Assembly against nuclear blackmail

WHY IN NEWS Anmol Sher Singh Bedi of India's Permanent Mission to the Conference on Disarmament delivered a Right of Reply at the UN General Assembly First Committee

PERSON	Anmol Sher Singh Bedi — Representative of the Permanent Mission of India to the Conference on Disarmament
PLACE	UN General Assembly First Committee — The committee responsible for disarmament and regulation of armaments
EVENT	Operation Sindoor — Conducted in May 2025 as a response to an April 22, 2025 attack
CONCEPT	Right of Reply — Statement delivered by India to counter nuclear blackmail and tactics by Pakistan

MAINS Q Examine India's strategy of using multilateral forums like the UN to counter cross-border terrorism and nuclear coercion from neighboring states.

USE: Nuclear blackmail Cross-border terrorism Multilateral diplomacy Strategic autonomy Disarmament

Trump administration suspends eight firms from Green Card programme

WHY IN NEWS GTech chairman Jijo G. John is urging the Indian government to intervene following the Trump administration's suspension of eight major firms from the Green Card programme.

CONCEPT	Green Card programme: Suspended for eight firms including Infosys, TCS, Wipro, HCL Technologies, Cognizant, Microsoft, Adobe, and Capgemini
BODY	Ministry of External Affairs: Clarified that H-1B visas remain valid despite the suspension
PERSON	Jijo G. John: Chairman of KOCHI GTech who urged government intervention

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of restrictive US immigration policies on India's IT services sector and the potential strategies for diversifying the Indian tech workforce's global mobility.

USE: Labor mobility Bilateral relations IT services Visa policy Trade diplomacy

India supports 220 projects and 70,000 students in Ethiopia

WHY IN NEWS External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar highlighted India's extensive developmental support and cooperation in technology and education during a visit to Ethiopia.

PLACE	Addis Ababa — Capital of Ethiopia
FIGURE	220 projects and 70,000 students — Scale of India's developmental support to Ethiopia
CONCEPT	South-South Cooperation — Model used for India's developmental partnerships in Africa

MAINS Q Discuss how India's 'South-South Cooperation' model, exemplified by its engagement with Ethiopia, serves as a tool for expanding its global footprint and soft power.

USE: South-South Cooperation Soft Power India Stack Technological Diplomacy Developmental Partnership

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18 NOTES

Economy

8

RBI to sell ₹250 billion in bonds as banks must maintain 99% CRR

WHY IN NEWS The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the sale of ₹250 billion in bonds to drain liquidity as the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) requirement for banks is set to increase from 90% to 99% starting October 16.

FACT	RBI bond sale amount: ₹250 billion (\$2.58 billion)
FACT	Bond maturity range: Fiscal 2030 to fiscal 2035
FACT	New CRR requirement: 99% of daily balances

MAINS Q Analyze how the Reserve Bank of India utilizes liquidity management tools like bond sales and CRR adjustments to achieve monetary stability.

USE: Liquidity Management Cash Reserve Ratio Monetary Policy Open Market Operations Bond Yields

RBI prohibits rebooking of cancelled rupee-linked forex derivatives

WHY IN NEWS The RBI issued a circular prohibiting Authorised Dealers from allowing the rebooking of cancelled rupee-linked forex derivative contracts and lowered the hedging threshold.

CONCEPT	Hedging threshold without underlying exposure: Reduced from \$100 million to \$5 million equivalent.
FIGURE	Cash Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve: 20% required for transactions exceeding \$2 million equivalent.
BODY	Authorised Dealers: Entities permitted by RBI to deal in foreign exchange.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of RBI's regulatory measures on forex derivatives in maintaining exchange rate stability and curbing speculative activities in the Indian economy.

USE: Monetary Policy Exchange Rate Stability Risk Mitigation Forex Derivatives Regulatory Framework

US government suspends Infosys, TCS, Wipro and HCLTech from PERM programme

WHY IN NEWS The US government suspended eight technology companies, including Infosys, TCS, Wipro, and HCLTech, from the Permanent Labour Certification (PERM) programme.

BODY	PERM: Permanent Labour Certification programme used by the US government for employment-based immigration.
FACT	43% of tech investments in Karnataka arrived within a nine-month period.
FACT	Karnataka plans to pay 40% of costs for AI labs.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of changes in US immigration and labour certification policies on India's IT services sector and the growing importance of domestic AI infrastructure.

USE: Labour Certification IT Services AI Infrastructure Investment Landscape Immigration Policy

Houthi risks maintain Brent crude premium, pressuring India's import bill

WHY IN NEWS India's import bill is facing pressure as Brent crude prices remain elevated due to geopolitical risks posed by Houthi forces in the Red Sea and Strait of Hormuz.

FIGURE	5.26 million barrels per day — India's oil import volume in September
FIGURE	\$100 per barrel — Current price threshold for Brent crude
CONCEPT	Geopolitical premium — Price pressure due to supply risks in the Strait of Hormuz and Red Sea
FIGURE	41 countries — The number of countries from which India procures oil

MAINS Q Analyze the impact of geopolitical instability in maritime chokepoints on India's energy security and its fiscal position regarding import bills.

USE: Energy Security Trade Deficit Geopolitical Premium Maritime Chokepoints Fiscal Pressure

Reliance and Jio prepare Rs 10.3 lakh crore IPO

WHY IN NEWS Reliance Industries and Jio are preparing a potential Rs 10.3 lakh crore IPO, which would be India's largest-ever listing, following roadshows by Akash and Isha Ambani.

FIGURE	Rs 10.3 lakh crore — The proposed value of the IPO.
FIGURE	270 million — The number of new shares to be issued.
FIGURE	Rs 1,065–Rs 1,119 — The price band for the shares.
CONCEPT	Existing Investors — Includes Meta, Google, and Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of mega-scale IPOs by large conglomerates on India's capital market depth and the regulatory framework governing large-scale equity listings.

USE: Capital Market Depth Equity Listing Liquidity Market Concentration Regulatory Framework

Nifty 50 falls 5.5% as RBI faces 4.82% inflation amid rising crude oil prices

WHY IN NEWS JioBlackRock Mutual Fund reported a 5.5% fall in the Nifty 50 in September 2026 due to rising crude oil prices, geopolitical tensions between the US and Iran, and FI selling.

- FIGURE | Nifty 50 decline — 5.5% in September 2026
- FIGURE | Nifty 500 decline — 5.85% in September 2026
- FIGURE | RBI inflation rate — 4.82% in September 2026
- FIGURE | Crude oil price peak — \$108 a barrel
- CONCEPT | GST receipts — reached a 13-month high in September 2026

MAINS Q Analyze the impact of global geopolitical tensions and commodity price volatility on the stability of Indian capital markets and domestic inflation.

USE: FI selling Inflationary pressure Commodity price volatility Capital markets Geopolitical risk

Karnataka sees surge in Form 7 applications amid allegations of bulk deletions

WHY IN NEWS The Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka reported a surge in Form 7 applications amid allegations of bulk submissions to arbitrarily delete names from a specific community.

- CONCEPT | Form 7: Application for objection to inclusion or deletion of names in the electoral roll
- FIGURE | 1,10,654: Cumulative Form 7 applications in Karnataka as of October 8
- DATE | October 27: Final electoral roll publication date

MAINS Q Discuss the mechanisms available to ensure the integrity of electoral rolls against organized attempts at arbitrary name deletions.

USE: Electoral Roll Disenfranchisement Data Integrity Demographic Manipulation

Nomura cuts PB Fintech net profit estimates by 72% for FY28

WHY IN NEWS Nomura revised its financial model for PB Fintech, cutting net profit estimates by 72% for FY28 following a consultation paper on insurance distribution reforms.

- CONCEPT | POSP segment — Point-of-Sales Person segment from which PB Fintech is expected to exit.
- CONCEPT | Commission caps — Proposed limits on commissions affecting take rates and profitability.
- FIGURE | 72% — Reduction in PB Fintech net profit estimates for FY28 by Nomura.
- FIGURE | 7.9% — Expected EBITDA margin for PB Fintech in FY28.
- FIGURE | 13.2% — Lowered estimated revenue CAGR for FY26–50.

MAINS Q Discuss how regulatory reforms in insurance distribution and commission capping impact the profitability and business models of digital insurance aggregators in India.

USE: Insurance Distribution Commission Caps Fintech Valuation POSP Segment Discounted Cash Flow

UDF government considers desalination plants along Keralam coast to address water shortages

WHY IN NEWS The UDF government of Kerala is considering the establishment of desalination plants along the Keralam coast to mitigate water shortages.

BODY	National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT): Body involved in discussions regarding the proposed desalination plant.
FACT	Proposed plant capacity: 10 mld (million litres per day).
FACT	Proposed plant cost: ₹215 crore.
PLACE	Pallipuram: Panchayat location proposed for the desalination plant in Kerala.

MAINS Q Examine the feasibility and environmental implications of desalination as a long-term solution to water scarcity in coastal regions of India.

USE: Desalination Water Scarcity Coastal Management Resource Sustainability Infrastructure Development

TGSPDCL urges rooftop solar installation with maximum ₹78,000 subsidy under PM Surya Ghar Yojana

WHY IN NEWS TGSPDCL is promoting rooftop solar installations under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, offering a maximum subsidy of ₹78,000 for 3 kWp systems.

SCHEME	PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana: Central scheme providing subsidies for rooftop solar installations.
FACT	Maximum subsidy of ₹78,000 provided for a 3 kWp rooftop solar system.
FACT	Telangana government approved 4,066 MW for 20.33 lakh households on November 15, 2025.
FACT	Rural initiatives include solar facilities for 16,805 agricultural pump sets.

MAINS Q Discuss how decentralized solar energy systems can alleviate the electricity deficit in rural India while promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

USE: Decentralized energy Renewable energy transition Energy security Subsidized infrastructure Sustainable agriculture

Maharashtra FDA to trace milk to tagged animals within six months to a year

WHY IN NEWS The Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced a digital system to trace milk back to tagged animals within six months to a year to combat adulteration.

BODY	Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is the body responsible for inspecting collection centres and enforcing pharmaceutical regulations.
FACT	The target for the digital milk tracing system is to link milk to tagged animals within six months to a year.
FACT	The announcement was made by FDA Commissioner Tukaram Mundhe at the India Today Conclave Mumbai 2026.

MAINS Q Discuss how digital traceability and blockchain-based systems can enhance food safety and transparency in the dairy supply chain in India.

USE: Traceability Food Safety Digital Governance Supply Chain Transparency Adulteration Control

El Nino and Maharashtra drought could reduce 2026 sucrose content, WMO warns

WHY IN NEWS World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Secretary-General Celeste Saulo warned that El Nino and Maharashtra drought could reduce 2026 sucrose content, impacting sugar production.

FACT	Retail price of sugar rose from Rs 46.49 per kg in Oct 2025 to Rs 55.21 per kg in Oct 2026
PLACE	Maharashtra is the state facing drought conditions affecting sucrose content
BODY	Department of Consumer Affairs cited low production and hoarding as price drivers

MAINS Q Analyze how climate-induced phenomena like El Nino impact agricultural supply chains and food security in India.

USE: Climate Resilience Supply Chain Volatility Food Security Agricultural Economics

Manipur Forest Department to plant bamboo on 255 hectares of poppy-cleared land

WHY IN NEWS The Manipur Forest Department announced the plantation of bamboo on 255 hectares of forestland previously cleared for poppy cultivation in Chandel, Churachandpur, and Senapati districts.

PLACE	Chandel, Churachandpur, and Senapati — districts in Manipur where forest restoration is occurring
FIGURE	255 hectares — forestland targeted for bamboo plantation
FIGURE	307 hectares — forestland identified under poppy cultivation since 2018
FIGURE	₹115 crore — amount earned from seized products between 2023-24 and 2025-26

MAINS Q Discuss the role of afforestation and alternative livelihood models in curbing the illicit cultivation of narcotics in ecologically sensitive border regions.

USE: Afforestation Narcotics Control Livelihood Diversification Ecological Restoration Inter-agency Coordination

Science & Technology

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Anti-cybercrime initiatives use AI to scam scammers with lifelike bots

WHY IN NEWS Anti-cybercrime initiatives are deploying AI-powered lifelike bots to deceive scammers into believing they are interacting with real victims.

FACT	Consent Management Platforms allow users to opt out of tracking technologies.
FACT	Cookies are utilized for site navigation, security, and aggregated traffic measurement.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of Artificial Intelligence in proactive cyber-defense and the ethical implications of using 'deceptive' AI to combat cybercrime.

USE: Cyber-defense Generative AI Data Privacy Consent Management Cyber-scam

OpenAI and Anthropic executives privately discuss responses to potential catastrophic AI incidents

WHY IN NEWS OpenAI and Anthropic executives are privately discussing response strategies for potential catastrophic AI incidents, such as cyberattacks on essential services, to influence future legislation.

S&T	OpenAI and Anthropic are private companies involved in developing large language models and AI safety.
FACT	The private discussions focus on a 6 to 12-month timeframe for potential catastrophic AI incidents.
FACT	A recent AI-related campaign targeted banks in South Korea.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in establishing a global regulatory framework for AI safety and the role of private tech giants in shaping such legislation.

USE: AI Governance Regulatory Capture Cybersecurity Existential Risk Algorithmic Accountability

Environment & Ecology

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Wayanad aims to become India's first e-waste-free model district by November 1, 2026

WHY IN NEWS Agriculture Minister T. Siddique announced Wayanad's goal to become India's first e-waste-free model district by November 1, 2026.

PLACE	Wayanad: A district in Kerala aiming to be India's first e-waste-free model district.
FACT	31 tonnes of e-waste collected from government offices in Wayanad.
FACT	Waste collection breakdown: Kalpetta (12 tonnes), Sultan Bathery (12 tonnes), Mananthavady (5 tonnes), and Panamaram (2 tonnes).
BODY	Clean Kerala Company: The body responsible for receiving the collected e-waste.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in achieving e-waste management goals at the district level and suggest a framework for creating 'e-waste-free' model zones in India.

USE: Extended Producer Responsibility Circular Economy Hazardous Waste Management Model District E-waste Policy

SECURITY FORCES & AGENCIES

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Rajnath Singh calls for self-reliance in Tejas, Dhruv and Akash at Tarang Shakti 2026

WHY IN NEWS Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called for self-reliance in indigenous platforms like Tejas and Akash during the Tarang Shakti 2026 air exercise.

S&T | Tejas, Dhruv, Rudra, Prachand, Light Utility Helicopter, and Akash are identified as key indigenous platforms for self-reliance.

PLACE | Tarang Shakti 2026 was conducted at Jodhpur Air Force Station.

FACT | The exercise included 32 observer nations.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of indigenous defense manufacturing and 'speed of sensing' in enhancing India's strategic autonomy and military capabilities.

USE: [Atmanirbhar Bharat](#) [Strategic Autonomy](#) [Defense Indigenization](#) [Aerospace Technology](#) [Joint Exercises](#)

SECURITY FORCES & AGENCIES

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Indian Railways warns of fine or imprisonment for audio on speaker mode

WHY IN NEWS Indian Railways issued a warning regarding punitive actions against passengers playing audio or video on speaker mode to curb public nuisance.

ACT | Railways Act, 1989: Governs legal provisions for public nuisance on trains.

ACT | Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026: Amended the Railways Act to include specific penalties.

CONCEPT | Section 145(2): Provides for a ₹1,000 fine and ticket forfeiture for public nuisance.

FIGURE | Punishment for continued nuisance: Six months' simple imprisonment or a ₹5,000 fine.

MAINS Q Discuss the balance between individual liberties and the enforcement of public order in public transport systems like Indian Railways.

USE: [Public Nuisance](#) [Jan Vishwas Act](#) [Regulatory Enforcement](#) [Passenger Rights](#) [Statutory Penalties](#)

10 questions, 10 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 With reference to RBI's new regulations on forex derivatives, consider the following statements:

1. Authorised Dealers are permitted to rebook cancelled rupee-linked forex derivative contracts.
2. The threshold for hedging without establishing underlying exposure has been reduced to \$5 million equivalent.
3. A 10% cash Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve is required for transactions exceeding \$2 million equivalent.

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

2 With reference to the Election Commission of India's measures for electoral roll maintenance, consider the following statements:

1. Form 7 is the application used for the deletion of a name from the electoral roll.
2. The ECI capped individual voter deletion requests at 10 during continuous updation.
3. The ECI has capped individual voter deletion requests at 15 during claims and objections periods.

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

3 With reference to the UN General Assembly First Committee, consider the following statements:

1. The committee is responsible for the regulation of armaments and disarmament.
2. India cited Operation Sindoor as a response to an attack in May 2025.
3. The statement was delivered by the Representative of the Permanent Mission of India to the Conference on Disarmament.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4 What was the specific percentage of held posts to be filled by unreserved candidates as ordered by the court?

- (a) 50% (b) 14%
(c) 13% (d) 27%

5 How many countries does India currently reach for its oil procurement?

- (a) 35 (b) 41
(c) 62 (d) 50

6 With reference to the proposed Reliance and Jio IPO, consider the following statements:

1. The offering seeks to issue 270 million new shares.
2. The proposed IPO value is set at Rs 5 lakh crore.
3. The price band for the shares is set at Rs 2,000–Rs 2,100 apiece.

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

7 Which visa type remains valid according to the Ministry of External Affairs despite the suspension of firms from the Green Card programme?

- (a) F-1 visas (b) H-1B visas
(c) L-1 visas (d) O-1 visas

8 What was the peak price of crude oil recorded before cooling to \$95?

- (a) \$120 a barrel (b) \$108 a barrel
(c) \$115 a barrel (d) \$98 a barrel

9 With reference to India's developmental cooperation with Ethiopia, consider the following statements:

1. India has supported over 50,000 students in Ethiopia.
2. The cooperation focuses on sectors including manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, and space.
3. India has supported over 220 projects in the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

10 With reference to the Railways Act and public nuisance, consider the following statements:

1. Continued nuisance after warnings can lead to a fine of ₹10,000 or imprisonment.
2. Section 145(2) of the Railways Act provides for a ₹1,000 fine and ticket forfeiture for public nuisance.
3. The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026, amended the Railways Act to include specific penalties.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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



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