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History & Culture

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MODERN INDIA & FREEDOM STRUGGLE

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

WHY IN NEWS The Centre mandated that the National Song 'Vande Mataram' be sung before the National Anthem for the first time on Independence Day under a new amendment act.

ACT / BILL	Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 (amended in 2026)
FACT	Vande Mataram duration: approximately 3 minutes 10 seconds
FACT	Vande Mataram was adopted as the National Song on its 150th anniversary in 2026
POST	Bankim Chandra Chatterjee is the author of Vande Mataram

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

USE: National Identity Cultural Heritage Legislative Framework Symbolism National Integration

Polity & Constitution

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PARLIAMENT & STATE LEGISLATURES

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Amit Shah, Union Home Minister, moved a motion in the Lok Sabha

WHY IN NEWS Union Home Minister Amit Shah moved a motion to refer the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act Amendment Bill, 2026, to a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) for scrutiny.

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

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

USE: Legislative scrutiny Transparency Foreign funding Democratic oversight

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, DPSP & DUTIES

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

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court scheduled a seven-judge Constitution Bench to decide if legislative privileges can override the fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression.

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

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

USE: Constitutional Bench Legislative Privileges Freedom of Speech Judicial Review Democratic Dissent

FEDERALISM & CENTRE-STATE RELATIONS

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Parliament passes Mines and Minerals Amendment Bill

WHY IN NEWS Parliament passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, which impacts state taxation powers on mineral rights.

ACT / BILL	Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026
FACT	The bill restricts state governments from levying additional taxes on mineral rights.
BODY	The bill requires Presidential assent to become an Act of Parliament.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of centralizing mineral taxation on the federal structure of India and the rights of states over natural resources.

USE: Fiscal Federalism Cooperative Federalism Mineral Rights Legislative Process State Autonomy

BCI directs then reverses halt on NALSAR 2026 graduates' enrolment

WHY IN NEWS The Bar Council of India (BCI) issued and then swiftly withdrew a directive to halt the enrollment of NALSAR University of Law 2026 graduates following a student protest against the Chief Justice of India's participatio...

- BODY** | BCI: The statutory body responsible for regulating legal education and practice in India.
- PLACE** | NALSAR University of Law: Located in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- FACT** | The directive was issued and withdrawn on August 13, 2026.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of the Bar Council of India in maintaining professional ethics and the implications of administrative actions on the rights of students.

USE: statutory body professional ethics regulatory oversight administrative action

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

WHY IN NEWS Rajasthan Cabinet approved a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill to mandate marriage registration and equal inheritance rights, aiming to align personal laws with constitutional ideals.

- ACT / BILL** | Rajasthan UCC Bill mandates marriage registration and equal inheritance rights.
- FACT** | The UCC Bill excludes Scheduled Tribes from the prohibition on polygamy.
- PLACE** | Rajasthan is the first state to move towards a state-specific UCC implementation.

MAINS Q Discuss the constitutional significance of the Uniform Civil Code in promoting gender justice and national integration in India.

USE: Article 44 Gender Justice Personal Laws National Integration Pluralism

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

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala High Court overruled the Union Home Ministry's decision to deny FCRA renewals to two NGOs, highlighting the judicial oversight over the Ministry's power to regulate foreign funding.

- BODY** | FCRA: Foreign Contribution Regulation Act regulates the receipt and usage of foreign funds by NGOs in India.
- BODY** | Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA): The nodal ministry responsible for overseeing FCRA registrations and compliance.
- FACT** | The court directed the competent authority to reconsider the applications within a three-month timeframe.

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of judicial oversight in ensuring that the state's power to regulate foreign funding does not infringe upon the rights of civil society organizations.

USE: Judicial Review Civil Society Foreign Contribution Regulation Act Executive Oversight Rule of Law

The Kerala High Court has seen a significant increase in case disposal

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala High Court reported a significant increase in case disposal through the Auto Cause List System (ACLS) and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) initiatives.

BODY	KeLSA: Kerala State Legal Services Authority, responsible for organizing Adalats and providing legal aid.
FACT	Over 24,682 cases were settled through Adalats organized by KeLSA and other bodies.
FACT	₹48.23 crore was released specifically for victim compensation claims during this period.
S&T	ACLS: Auto Cause List System is a technological intervention to streamline and automate the listing of cases in courts.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and technological interventions like ACLS in reducing judicial pendency in India.

USE: judicial pendency Alternative Dispute Resolution legal aid technological intervention access to justice

Governance

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The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 was passed to balance national mineral growth with federal rights over resources

WHY IN NEWS The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 was passed to balance national mineral growth with federal rights over resources.

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

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

USE: federalism resource equity regulatory framework industrial growth

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

WHY IN NEWS Karnataka launched Tathyakosh.in to unify 1.5 million datasets into a single searchable repository to improve data accessibility for policymakers and researchers.

FACT	Tathyakosh.in unifies over 1.5 million datasets from 458 sources.
FACT	Over 92% of the datasets on the platform are open-access.
FACT	95% of the datasets provided are machine-readable.
BODY	ACSEL Technology Forum is the developer of the Tathyakosh platform.

MAINS Q Discuss how the creation of unified data repositories like Tathyakosh can enhance evidence-based policymaking and foster a data-driven economy in India.

USE: Data Democratization Evidence-based Policy Machine-readability Digital Infrastructure Data Interoperability

DDA OKs Policy: Old Home Owners Can Demolish, Rebuild Under Master Plan Rules

WHY IN NEWS The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) approved a uniform redevelopment policy allowing owners of old two-storey homes to demolish and rebuild under Master Plan rules.

- BODY** | DDA (Delhi Development Authority) is the principal planning and land management agency for Delhi.
- FACT** | The policy applies to old two-storey DDA-built homes under the Master Plan for Delhi-2047.
- FACT** | Redevelopment is subject to Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and specific height limits.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of urban master plans in managing rapid urbanization and infrastructure development in metropolitan cities like Delhi.

USE: Urban Planning Master Plan Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Infrastructure Development Regulatory Framework

Social Justice

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

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala High Court dismissed Jacobite faction appeals, emphasizing state mediation to resolve the long-standing Orthodox-Jacobite church property dispute.

- PLACE** | The Orthodox-Jacobite dispute is a significant communal/religious property conflict in the state of Kerala.
- BODY** | The Kerala High Court oversees judicial appeals regarding religious property rights in the state.
- FACT** | The court dismissed appeals specifically concerning six churches in Kerala.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of state mediation in resolving communal and religious property disputes to maintain public order and communal harmony.

USE: State mediation Communal harmony Judicial oversight Public order Property rights

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

WHY IN NEWS The Madhya Pradesh High Court ruled that rape survivors with pregnancies up to 24 weeks do not require court permission for abortion, emphasizing reproductive rights.

- PLACE** | Madhya Pradesh High Court is located in Jabalpur (Principal Seat) and Indore (Bench).
- FACT** | The court ruling specifies a 24-week threshold for abortion without court permission for rape survivors.
- POST** | Justice Sandeep N. Bhatt is a Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

MAINS Q Discuss the legal and ethical dimensions of reproductive rights for survivors of sexual assault in India. How does judicial intervention balance individual rights with medical protocols?

USE: Reproductive rights Judicial intervention Bodily autonomy Sexual assault survivors Medical ethics

Health Minister Announces Seizure of Spurious Cosmetics Worth ₹9.64 Lakh in Operation Soundarya

WHY IN NEWS The Drugs Control Department conducted 'Operation Soundarya' to seize spurious cosmetics containing hazardous levels of mercury, highlighting the need for stricter regulation of cosmetic safety.

FACT | Legal limit for mercury in cosmetics is 1 ppm.

FACT | Operation Soundarya targeted spurious products like 'Faiza' and 'Goree' face creams.

BODY | Drugs Control Department is the primary body responsible for monitoring and regulating drug and cosmetic safety in India.

MAINS Q Discuss the regulatory challenges in monitoring the safety of cosmetic products in India and suggest measures to curb the circulation of spurious cosmetics.

USE:

public health

regulatory oversight

spurious products

mercury toxicity

consumer protection

International Relations

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

WHY IN NEWS The standoff between Iran and the US over the Strait of Hormuz highlights the geopolitical tension regarding maritime security and the impact of economic sanctions.

PLACE | Strait of Hormuz: A strategic waterway connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.

FACT | Iran seeks the lifting of US sanctions and the release of frozen assets as part of its demands.

PLACE | Oman and Pakistan are currently involved in mediation efforts to reopen the strait and facilitate peace talks.

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

USE:

Geopolitical standoff

Maritime security

Energy security

Economic sanctions

Diplomatic mediation

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

WHY IN NEWS Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are in a legal dispute before the Supreme Court regarding the mandatory vs. voluntary release of Cauvery river water.

PLACE | Biligundlu is a key point for water release in the Cauvery river basin.

BODY | Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) is the body governing water sharing between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

FACT | The dispute involves the release of 3,500 cusecs of water.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in inter-state river water sharing in India and suggest measures to ensure equitable distribution while maintaining ecological balance.

USE:

Inter-state dispute

Water security

Cooperative federalism

Resource management

Economy

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CAPITAL MARKETS & SEBI

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2 REPORTS MERGED

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The Securities and Exchange Board of India plans to allow companies

WHY IN NEWS SEBI is proposing to expand the eligibility of companies for SME platform IPOs to increase investor participation and reduce costs for issuers.

- BODY** | SEBI: The primary regulator for the securities and capital markets in India.
- FACT** | Proposed market value limit for SME platform IPOs: Rs 4,000 crore.
- FACT** | Current market value limit for SME platform IPOs: Rs 5 billion.
- S&T** | Underwriting: A process where a financial institution guarantees the sale of issued securities.

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

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

MONETARY POLICY, RBI & BANKING

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

WHY IN NEWS Bank credit growth hit a multi-year high of 19.4% in June 2024, reflecting robust credit demand and significant FCNR-B inflows.

- FACT** | Bank credit growth reached 19.4% in June 2024, the fastest pace in recent years.
- FACT** | FCNR-B (Foreign Currency Non-Resident Bank) deposits accounted for \$36.72 billion of the \$41 billion inflows by July 31.
- FACT** | Outstanding bank credit as of July 2024: Rs 220.8 lakh crore.
- FACT** | FCNR-B scheme introduced in June is expected to run until September 30, 2026.

MAINS Q Analyze the implications of accelerating bank credit growth and rising FCNR-B inflows on India's monetary stability and MSME development.

USE: credit growth FCNR-B MSME lending liquidity monetary stability

INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS)

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2 REPORTS MERGED

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

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka Government proposed the Greater Bengaluru Authority (Parking) Rules, 2026, introducing a tiered annual fee for residential parking permits to manage urban congestion.

- FACT** | Proposed annual parking fees: ₹15,000 (hatchback), ₹20,000 (sedan), ₹25,000 (SUV)
- BODY** | Bengaluru Traffic Police: Authority responsible for enforcing parking compliance and issuing fines
- PLACE** | Greater Bengaluru Authority: The body overseeing the proposed parking rules

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges of urban mobility and infrastructure management in rapidly expanding Indian cities like Bengaluru. How can policy interventions balance resident convenience with traffic management?

USE: urban mobility infrastructure planning congestion management regulatory framework public policy

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

WHY IN NEWS Larsen & Toubro (L&T) secured a mega order of ₹10,000–15,000 crore to build India's largest AI infrastructure facility in Chennai for Together AI.

- FACT** | L&T secured a 'mega order' valued between ₹10,000 and ₹15,000 crore.
- S&T** | The facility will utilize NVIDIA B300 GPUs for large-scale inference and training workloads.
- PLACE** | The AI Factory is being established at the Vyoma.AI data centre campus in Chennai.
- FACT** | The Chennai data centre campus has a Phase 1 capacity of 250 MW.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of developing large-scale AI infrastructure in India and its role in fostering a global AI-native ecosystem.

USE: AI Infrastructure Hyperscale Data Centres Digital Transformation Inference and Training Scalable Infrastructure

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

WHY IN NEWS T-Hub launched 'Blueprint', a 12-month fellowship to support deep tech startups, highlighting India's push for high-tech industrial growth.

- BODY** | T-Hub: A prominent startup incubator and innovation hub.
- FACT** | RDI Fund: A ₹1 lakh crore fund established to aid deep tech startups.
- POST** | Rajesh Kumar Pathak: Secretary of India's Technology Development Board (TDB).
- S&T** | Deep Tech: Technologies based on substantial scientific advances or high-tech engineering.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of deep tech startups in India's economic growth and the role of incubator-led fellowships in fostering innovation.

USE: Deep Tech Startup Incubator RDI Fund Innovation Ecosystem Fundraising

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

WHY IN NEWS The Bombay High Court urged the closure of a decade-long Rs 9,000 crore bank dispute involving Vijay Mallya and Kingfisher Airlines to resolve long-standing economic impacts.

- BODY** | Enforcement Directorate (ED): The primary agency in India responsible for investigating money laundering and crimes against foreign exchange.
- FACT** | Fugitive Economic Offender: A legal status in India for individuals fleeing the country to evade prosecution for economic offenses.
- POST** | Bombay High Court: A High Court in India that has jurisdiction over the state of Maharashtra and the Union Territory of Goa.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in recovering Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) from fugitive economic offenders and the impact of such defaults on India's banking sector.

USE: Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Fugitive Economic Offender Asset Attachment Money Laundering Banking Stability

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

WHY IN NEWS Adani Group proposed a ₹16,000 crore titanium plant in Andhra Pradesh to process beach sand minerals and reduce import dependence.

- FACT** | Proposed investment for the titanium plant is ₹16,000 crore.
- PLACE** | The proposed plant is located in Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh.
- S&T** | Ilmenite is a primary mineral source for producing titanium dioxide and sponge.
- FACT** | The project focuses on value addition to beach sand minerals and rare earths.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of developing domestic value chains for critical minerals and rare earths in achieving India's industrial self-reliance.

USE: Value addition Critical minerals Import substitution Industrial infrastructure Strategic autonomy

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

WHY IN NEWS The ILO reported a stagnation in the post-COVID-19 youth labor market recovery, highlighting a rise in global youth unemployment and NEET rates.

- BODY** | ILO: International Labour Organization, a UN agency that sets international labour standards.
- FACT** | Global youth unemployment rate (15–24 age group) reached 12.4% in 2025.
- FACT** | NEET rate: Refers to individuals Not in Employment, Education, or Training.
- FACT** | Total global NEET population reached 257 million as of 2025.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges of youth unemployment and the rising NEET population in the post-pandemic era. Suggest measures to enhance employability and skill development.

USE: structural unemployment skill gap human capital NEET population labour market dynamics

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

WHY IN NEWS Bank of America is set to acquire up to 49.9% stake in Jio Credit, signaling a trend of large foreign investments in India's financial sector.

- FACT** | Jio Credit AUM: Rs 30,667 crore as of June 30, 2026
- FACT** | Bank of America's potential stake in Jio Credit: up to 49.9%
- BODY** | Jio Financial Services: A digital-first Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)
- FACT** | MUFG (Japan) invested in Shriram Finance; Emirates NBD (Dubai) acquired 60% of RBL Bank

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India's financial sector for achieving the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

USE: Foreign Direct Investment NBFC Financial Inclusion Viksit Bharat Capital Market

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

WHY IN NEWS Bihar's Cooperative Department announced the establishment of two sugar mills by Indian Potash Ltd (IPL) under the 'Samriddh Udyog-Sashakt Bihar' initiative to boost rural economy.

- PLACE** | Sakri and Raiyam are locations in Bihar designated for new sugar mills.
- FACT** | The initiative includes the construction of vegetable collection centers and crop insurance starting from the Rabi season of 2026-27.
- S&T** | CBG (Compressed Biogas) units are part of the integrated industrial plan for the sugar mills.

MAINS Q Discuss how the integration of sugar mills with power plants and CBG units can contribute to the 'Atmanirbhar Krishi' vision and rural industrialization in Bihar.

USE: Value addition Rural industrialization Integrated processing Job creation Waste-to-energy

Science & Technology

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

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

- FACT** | The multirole transport aircraft procurement is valued at approximately Rs 1 lakh crore.
- FACT** | The trainer aircraft procurement is valued at approximately Rs 15,000 crore.
- BODY** | HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) is a major state-owned aerospace and defence manufacturing company in India.
- S&T** | Multirole transport aircraft are designed to carry passengers, cargo, and equipment across various terrains.

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

USE: Atmanirbhar Bharat Strategic Autonomy Defence Ecosystem Indigenization Import Substitution

Environment & Ecology

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

WHY IN NEWS Andhra Pradesh Deputy CM and Union Minister called for a shift from human-elephant conflict to coexistence during a conference on World Elephant Day.

- ENVIRONMENT** | Kumki elephants: Trained elephants used for capturing and relocating wild elephants.
- FACT** | Andhra Pradesh wild elephant population: 132-142.
- PLACE** | Visakhapatnam: Location of the conference on human-elephant coexistence.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges of human-elephant conflict in India and evaluate the role of 'kumki' elephants and habitat restoration in promoting coexistence.

USE: human-elephant coexistence habitat fragmentation kumki elephants wildlife conservation mitigation strategies

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

WHY IN NEWS Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma proposed reducing the Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Kaziranga National Park from 10 km to 1 km to facilitate infrastructure development.

PLACE	Kaziranga National Park is located in the state of Assam.
ENVIRONMENT	Kaziranga is a primary habitat for the Great One-horned Rhinoceros.
FACT	The proposed reduction of the Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) is from 10 km to 1 km.
BODY	UNESCO World Heritage Site status is granted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges of balancing infrastructure development with the conservation of ecologically sensitive zones in India's protected areas.

USE: [Eco-Sensitive Zone](#) [Sustainable Development](#) [Biodiversity Conservation](#) [Infrastructure Development](#) [UNESCO World Heritage](#)

Internal Security

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UN report attributes Red Fort explosion to AQIS

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

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

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

USE: [asymmetric warfare](#) [transnational terrorism](#) [regional stability](#) [intelligence gathering](#) [counter-terrorism](#)

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

WHY IN NEWS The Jammu and Kashmir government revised and increased financial compensation for families of security personnel and civilians affected by terror activities and LoC shelling.

FACT	Compensation for defence and paramilitary personnel killed in action: Rs 25 lakh
FACT	Compensation for families of police personnel: Rs 12 lakh
FACT	Compensation for civilians affected by terror or LoC shelling: Rs 1 lakh
FACT	Maximum relief for property damage during counter-terror operations: Rs 10 lakh

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of state-led compensation schemes in strengthening the internal security apparatus and ensuring the welfare of security forces in conflict-prone regions.

USE: [internal security](#) [compensation framework](#) [counter-terrorism](#) [socio-economic welfare](#)



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