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Polity & Constitution

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JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS

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23 Aug · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/111603

Justice Sanjay Karol, Known As Chachaji In Supreme Court, Retires

WHY IN NEWS The retirement of Justice Sanjay Karol highlights judicial recognition of homemakers' economic contributions and the judiciary's role in social justice.

- POST** | Justice Sanjay Karol served as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, and Patna High Courts.
- FACT** | The Supreme Court increased homemakers' compensation to ₹63 lakh in a June 2026 judgment.
- BODY** | Amicus Curiae: A neutral third party appointed by the court to provide expert advice.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of recognizing non-market economic contributions, such as homemaking, in the judicial framework of India.

USE: judicial activism economic contribution gender equality social justice

ELECTIONS, ECI & ELECTORAL REFORMS

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23 Aug · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/111958

Ex-Ambassador Navdeep Suri Questions Election Commission Over Citizenship Proof

WHY IN NEWS Former Ambassador Navdeep Suri highlighted procedural hurdles in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) voter roll exercise, raising concerns over the ease of citizenship verification for citizens.

- FACT** | SIR process led to removal of 60 lakh+ voters in Bihar and 90 lakh+ in West Bengal.
- BODY** | The Election Commission of India (ECI) is the constitutional body responsible for voter list maintenance.
- FACT** | The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) was initiated in June 2025.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in maintaining accurate voter rolls in India and the importance of ensuring inclusive and seamless verification processes for all citizens.

USE: voter roll electoral integrity procedural hurdles citizenship verification inclusive democracy

JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS

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23 Aug · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/111615

Lucknow Bench: No Forced Sales, Rules Against Government Harassment

WHY IN NEWS The Allahabad High Court ruled that government authorities cannot use harassment or coercion to force private landowners into executing sale deeds for land acquisition.

- BODY** | Allahabad High Court: One of the oldest High Courts in India, located in Prayagraj.
- FACT** | The ruling distinguishes between 'voluntary sale' (contractual) and 'compulsory acquisition' (statutory).
- PLACE** | Devipatan Tulsipur village: The specific location where the land acquisition dispute occurred.

MAINS Q Discuss the legal distinction between voluntary land sale and compulsory acquisition under Indian law and the importance of procedural safeguards for private property owners.

USE: Eminent Domain Statutory Procedure Right to Property Judicial Oversight Administrative Harassment

Karnataka government issues draft for Greater Bengaluru Authority Parking Rules, 2026

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka government issued a draft notification for the Greater Bengaluru Authority (Parking) Rules, 2026, to overhaul and monetize paid parking systems in Bangalore.

- PLACE** | Greater Bengaluru Authority: A regional body governing urban planning and infrastructure in Bangalore.
- BODY** | DULT: Directorate of Urban Land Transport, the body responsible for the previous parking policy.
- FACT** | The new rules aim to monetize free and residential spaces for paid parking.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges of urban mobility and infrastructure management in rapidly expanding metropolitan cities like Bengaluru. How can structured parking policies contribute to sustainable urban development?

USE: urban mobility infrastructure management monetization urban planning sustainable development

Social Justice

Gadchiroli fights malaria: ₹500 for positive tests, 3,004 cases reported

WHY IN NEWS Maharashtra launched India's first malaria incentive program in Gadchiroli, offering monetary rewards to families and traditional healers to encourage early testing.

- FACT** | Gadchiroli is identified as one of Maharashtra's worst-affected rural districts for malaria.
- FACT** | The incentive program is the first of its kind in India for malaria control.
- FACT** | 3,004 malaria cases were reported in Gadchiroli between January 1 and August 15.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of community-based incentives and the involvement of traditional healers in tackling endemic diseases in tribal and rural regions of India.

USE: incentivization early diagnosis community-led healthcare tribal welfare public health intervention

Odisha plans 1000-acre university townships with up to 8 greenfield universities near industrial corridors

WHY IN NEWS Odisha government announced plans to develop 1000-acre university townships near industrial corridors to foster industry-linked education and mining research.

- FACT** | Each university township is planned to span at least 1000 acres.
- BODY** | Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) will be used to manage the university townships.
- FACT** | The initiative aims to establish up to eight greenfield universities per township.
- PLACE** | Potential locations include Kamakhyanagar, Puri-Balukhanda, and Jatni/Tangi in Odisha.

MAINS Q Discuss how the integration of industry-linked education and the PPP model can enhance the employability of graduates and foster regional industrial growth.

USE: Public-Private Partnership Greenfield Universities Special Purpose Vehicle Industry-linked education Human capital development

INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS

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2 REPORTS MERGED

23 Aug · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/111801

Border Stability, De-escalation On Agenda As National Security Advisor Ajit Doval Heads To China, To meet Chinese foreign Minister Wang Yi

WHY IN NEWS National Security Advisor Ajit Doval is visiting Beijing for the 25th round of Special Representatives' talks to address the border dispute and normalize India-China ties.

POST | Ajit Doval serves as the National Security Advisor (NSA) of India.

PLACE | Galwan Valley is a high-altitude pass in the Ladakh region, site of the 2020 clash.

FACT | This marks the 25th round of Special Representatives' talks between India and China.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the Special Representatives' mechanism in managing the India-China border dispute and its implications for regional stability.

USE: de-escalation bilateral diplomacy border management strategic stability disengagement

INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS

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2 REPORTS MERGED

23 Aug · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/111476

U.S. Accuses India and 39 Others of Helping China Evade Tariffs, Costing \$28B

WHY IN NEWS The U.S. accused India and 39 other nations of facilitating Chinese transshipment to evade tariffs, potentially leading to trade penalties and increased manufacturing costs.

FACT | The U.S. estimated a \$28 billion loss in tariff revenue due to transshipment scams.

PLACE | India, Mexico, and Vietnam were identified as primary enablers of the transshipment scam.

FACT | The report 'The Great Transshipment Scam' was released on July 24, 2026.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of transshipment practices on global trade dynamics and India's position in the global manufacturing supply chain.

USE: Transshipment Tariff Evasion Trade Diplomacy Supply Chain Integrity Trade Barriers

INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS

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23 Aug · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/112181

India's Goyal Leads 200-member Delegation to Japan to Boost Trade Ties

WHY IN NEWS Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal is leading a 200-member business delegation to Japan to strengthen trade ties and discuss investment in high-tech sectors.

FACT | Japan aims to invest 10 trillion yen over a decade in India.

PLACE | Nagoya and Osaka are major industrial and commercial hubs in Japan.

S&T | Semiconductors and AI are key focus areas for the India-Japan trade discussions.

BODY | Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) is the primary trade framework being reviewed.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of India-Japan economic cooperation in the context of global supply chain diversification and technological advancement.

USE: Trade Deficit FDI Supply Chain Diversification Strategic Partnership Technology Transfer

Pakistan Rebuilds JeM HQ with PKR 25 Crore, Hinting State Support Continues

WHY IN NEWS Intelligence reports reveal Pakistan's security establishment funded the reconstruction of the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) headquarters in Bahawalpur.

- FACT** | PKR 25 crore was allocated by Pakistan's security establishment for the reconstruction.
- PLACE** | Bahawalpur is the location of the rebuilt Jaish-e-Mohammed headquarters.
- BODY** | Jaish-e-Mohammed is a UN and US-designated terrorist group.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of state-sponsored terrorism on India's regional security and the efficacy of international counter-terrorism frameworks.

USE: state patronage cross-border terrorism regional security non-state actors

Bangladesh-India Tensions Stall Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's First Trip to India

WHY IN NEWS Diplomatic friction between India and Bangladesh has stalled PM Tarique Rahman's first visit due to the extradition demand regarding Sheikh Hasina.

- PLACE** | Sheikh Hasina: Former Prime Minister of Bangladesh who took office in 2009.
- FACT** | July 2024: Date of the ouster of Sheikh Hasina's government.
- FACT** | Tarique Rahman: Current Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

MAINS Q Discuss the impact of internal political transitions in neighboring countries on India's 'Neighborhood First' policy and regional security.

USE: extradition diplomatic impasse neighborhood first sovereignty bilateral ties

The final bridge segment connecting Male with Villingili was set in place

WHY IN NEWS India completed the final bridge segment of the \$500 million Greater Male Connectivity Project (GMCP) in the Maldives, strengthening bilateral infrastructure ties.

- FACT** | GMCP project cost is \$500 million.
- PLACE** | Male and Villingili are key locations in the Maldives.
- S&T** | The project includes a 6.74-km-long bridge and causeway.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of India's infrastructure-led development assistance in the Indian Ocean Region as a tool for soft power and strategic connectivity.

USE: Connectivity Infrastructure development Strategic partnership Soft power

China's Foreign Ministry claims border is "generally stable" despite July tensions in Arunachal Pradesh

WHY IN NEWS China's Foreign Ministry claimed the India-China border is 'generally stable' despite reported tensions in Arunachal Pradesh in July 2026.

- PLACE** | Arunachal Pradesh is a state in Northeast India bordering China.
- FACT** | The 36th Working Mechanism for Consultation on India-China Border Affairs was held recently.
- BODY** | The Working Mechanism for Consultation on India-China Border Affairs is a bilateral platform for border management.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the Working Mechanism for Consultation on India-China Border Affairs in maintaining regional peace and managing the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

USE: border management bilateral diplomacy strategic stability de-escalation

Economy

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INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT & MSMEs

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23 Aug · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/111545

India's maize imports rise as ethanol production policy backfires

WHY IN NEWS India has transitioned from a maize exporter to a net importer due to the ethanol blending policy aimed at reducing crude oil imports.

- FACT** | Maize accounts for nearly half of India's ethanol production.
- FACT** | Government procurement price for maize-based ethanol is ₹71.86 per litre.
- FACT** | India has become a net importer of maize for the first time in decades.

MAINS Q Analyze the economic and agricultural implications of India's ethanol blending policy on domestic food security and trade balances.

USE: Ethanol Blending Programme Net Importer Food Security Trade Deficit Feedstock Dynamics

INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS)

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23 Aug · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/111725

GIFT City aims to attract one million NRIs by 2047 under Viksit Bharat vision

WHY IN NEWS IFSCA Chairman K Rajaraman shared GIFT City's vision to attract one million NRIs as investors by 2047 to bolster India's position as a global financial hub.

- BODY** | IFSCA: International Financial Services Centres Authority is the regulatory body for GIFT City.
- FACT** | GIFT City houses over 400 funds managing nearly \$20 billion abroad.
- FACT** | Approximately \$60 billion has flowed into India via GIFT City.
- PLACE** | GIFT City: Located in Gujarat, India.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of International Financial Services Centres (IFCs) like GIFT City in attracting foreign investment and strengthening India's position in the global economy.

USE: Financial Hub External Commercial Borrowings Viksit Bharat Capital Mobilization Regulatory Framework

INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS)

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PNGRB greenlights ₹7,000 crore LPG pipeline project, set to boost India's network by 24%

WHY IN NEWS PNGRB approved a ₹7,000 crore LPG pipeline project by GAIL to expand India's LPG network by 24% to enhance safety and reduce emissions.

- BODY** | PNGRB: The regulatory body for the oil and natural gas sector in India.
- FACT** | The project aims to increase India's LPG network by 24%.
- POST** | GAIL (India) Limited: A central public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- FACT** | The pipeline project covers a length of approximately 1,800 km.

MAINS Q Discuss how the expansion of LPG pipeline infrastructure contributes to India's goals of energy security and environmental sustainability.

USE: Energy Security Infrastructure Development Carbon Footprint Logistics Efficiency

Rajnath Singh lays foundation for five expansion projects of GRSE, Yantra India in Bengal

WHY IN NEWS Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually laid the foundation for five brownfield expansion projects worth ₹3,500 crore for GRSE and Yantra India Ltd. to boost warship construction.

- FACT** | Total investment for the five brownfield expansion projects is ₹3,500 crore.
- PLACE** | The projects are located in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- POST** | Rajnath Singh is the current Union Minister of Defence.
- FACT** | The expansion includes three facilities for GRSE and two for Yantra India Ltd.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of expanding the domestic shipbuilding infrastructure in enhancing India's maritime security and industrial growth.

USE: Brownfield expansion Maritime security Industrial ecosystem Aatmanirbhar Bharat Shipbuilding infrastructure

Agriculture

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For three years, Belagavi Zilla Panchayat under the erstwhile MGNREGA created up

WHY IN NEWS A significant drop in person-days generated in Belagavi Zilla Panchayat highlights the implementation challenges and lower reach of the VB-G RAM G scheme compared to MGNREGA.

- SCHEME** | MGNREGA: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act provides 100 days of guaranteed wage employment.
- FACT** | 805 out of 5,958 gram panchayats in Karnataka recorded nil expenditure under the new scheme.
- PLACE** | Belagavi Zilla Panchayat is located in the state of Karnataka.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in transitioning from demand-driven rural employment schemes like MGNREGA to newer initiatives, focusing on implementation hurdles and local governance.

USE: demand-driven implementation hurdles rural employment fiscal expenditure administrative clarity

₹200 crore for 13 new irrigation projects in Kalyana Karnataka next year

WHY IN NEWS The Minister for Minor Irrigation announced ₹200 crore for 13 new irrigation projects in Kalyana Karnataka to enhance water storage and irrigation infrastructure.

- PLACE** | Kalyana Karnataka: A region in Karnataka designated for special development.
- FACT** | ₹1,811 crore allocated for 8 lift irrigation projects to fill 88 tanks.
- FACT** | ₹200 crore allocated for 13 new projects in 2025-26.
- BODY** | KKRDB: Kalyana Karnataka Regional Development Board.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of minor irrigation and check dam construction in ensuring agricultural sustainability and water security in drought-prone regions of India.

USE: minor irrigation water security check dams infrastructure development agricultural sustainability

Agriculture Minister T. Siddique inaugurates digital mechanism at 2,000 Onam markets in Kerala

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala government launched a digital mechanism at 2,000 Onam markets to facilitate direct benefit transfers to farmers and stabilize market prices.

- FACT** | The scheme covers 2,000 Onam markets in Kerala.
- FACT** | State agencies allocated ₹10.74 crore for market intervention support.
- FACT** | The mechanism uses Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for prompt payments to farmers.
- FACT** | The price stabilization model involves a 10% premium on procurement and a 30% discount on sales.

MAINS Q Discuss how digital interventions and price stabilization mechanisms can enhance the income of small and marginal farmers in India.

USE: Direct Benefit Transfer Price Stabilization Digital Intervention Market Efficiency Farmer Welfare

Kojadmal Jat, a 60-year-old farmer in Rajasthan, India, runs the state's

WHY IN NEWS Rajasthan's first farmer-owned agrophotovoltaics (APV) project demonstrates a dual-income model combining solar power generation with maize cultivation.

- S&T** | Agrophotovoltaics (APV): A dual-use land system where solar panels are installed above agricultural crops.
- FACT** | The Rajasthan pilot project generates 600 kW of power and yields ₹4.48 lakh annually per acre after investment recovery.
- PLACE** | Rajasthan is the site of the state's first farmer-owned APV project.

MAINS Q Discuss how agrophotovoltaics can serve as a viable model for achieving dual objectives of rural energy security and agricultural income diversification in India.

USE: Agrophotovoltaics Income Diversification Food Security Renewable Energy CSR Funding

Yadav orders visit to resolve protests over Ken-Betwa project, impacting 7,000 families

WHY IN NEWS Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav ordered an official visit to resolve protests by tribal families over the Ken-Betwa river link project (KBLP) regarding compensation and rehabilitation.

- PLACE** | Ken and Betwa rivers are located in the state of Madhya Pradesh.
- FACT** | The KBLP project impacts approximately 7,000 families.
- FACT** | The project involves water transfer between the Ken and Betwa river basins.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges of balancing large-scale irrigation projects with the rights of displaced tribal communities in India. Suggest measures for effective rehabilitation.

USE: Rehabilitation Displacement Tribal Welfare Water Security Social Impact Assessment

India's Amethis Korwa Ordnance Factory Produces "Sher" Rifle with All Indian Parts

WHY IN NEWS The Amethis Korwa Ordnance Factory achieved full localization of the 'Sher' rifle (AK-203 variant), marking a significant milestone in India's self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

- S&T** | Sher rifle: An AK-203 variant produced with fully localized Indian components.
- BODY** | IRRPL: A joint venture between Indian and Russian companies established in 2019.
- FACT** | The Sher rifle aims to replace the INSAS rifle in the Indian Armed Forces.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in the defence manufacturing sector and the challenges faced in achieving full localization of high-tech weaponry.

USE: Self-reliance Indigenization Strategic Autonomy Defence Manufacturing Localization

ISRO Chairman Announces Un-Crewed Gaganyaan Launch in Four Months

WHY IN NEWS ISRO Chairman announced the upcoming un-crewed Gaganyaan mission, a critical milestone in India's human spaceflight program and the goal of establishing an Indian space station.

- S&T** | Gaganyaan: India's first human spaceflight mission aimed at sending astronauts into orbit.
- S&T** | PSLV: Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, a workhorse rocket for ISRO's satellite missions.
- FACT** | ISRO target: Establish an Indian space station and conduct lunar and Venus missions.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the Gaganyaan mission in establishing India as a global space power and the role of private sector participation in space exploration.

USE: human spaceflight technological sovereignty private-public partnership space station lunar exploration

Shekhawat Speaks on Space Tech Convergence at National Space Day 2026

WHY IN NEWS Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat highlighted the convergence of space technology with AI and quantum computing at the 3rd National Space Day, emphasizing the role of privatization in India's space sector.

- S&T** | Space technology convergence includes AI, quantum tech, robotics, semiconductors, and high-performance computing.
- FACT** | India has approximately 440 space startups operating post-2020 reforms.
- POST** | Vikram Sarabhai was recognized as a pioneer in the Indian space sector.
- S&T** | Space debris and cybersecurity are identified as key future challenges in space exploration.

MAINS Q Discuss how the convergence of space technology with emerging technologies like AI and quantum computing is reshaping India's geopolitical positioning and economic landscape.

USE: Technological Convergence Democratization Geopolitical Positioning Space Privatization Cybersecurity

ISRO Review: Parliament Panel Discusses Gaganyaan, Civil Aircraft at Bengaluru Trip

WHY IN NEWS The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology visited Bengaluru to review progress on the Gaganyaan mission and civil aircraft development at ISRO and associated labs.

- BODY** | ISRO: Indian Space Research Organisation, the national space agency of India.
- S&T** | Gaganyaan: India's first human spaceflight mission to send humans into orbit.
- BODY** | NAL: National Aerospace Laboratories, involved in aircraft design and manufacturing.
- S&T** | CSIR-NIDSA: National Institute of Data Science and AI, focused on high-performance computing.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the Gaganyaan mission in establishing India as a global leader in space technology and its implications for the domestic aerospace industry.

USE: Space Exploration Indigenous Technology High-Performance Computing Policy Framework Aerospace Infrastructure

Apollo 15 Samples Reveal Moon May Have Ancient Water

WHY IN NEWS Analysis of Apollo 15 lunar samples revealed volcanic glass beads containing trapped hydrogen, suggesting the Moon may have had ancient internal water.

- S&T** | Apollo 15: The third manned mission to the Moon, launched in 1971.
- FACT** | Hydrogen detection in lunar volcanic glass beads indicates ancient water presence.
- PLACE** | Hadley Rille and Apennine Mountains: Key geological features on the Moon's surface.

MAINS Q Discuss how the discovery of water in the lunar mantle impacts future space exploration and the feasibility of establishing long-term lunar colonies.

USE: lunar mantle hydrogen detection space exploration geological evidence

India's Space Launch Costs Soar at \$13,302 per Kg, Far Exceeding US at \$3,225

WHY IN NEWS A University of Cambridge study highlighted that India's space launch costs per kilogram are significantly higher than the US, sparking a debate on cost-competitiveness vs. payload efficiency.

- FACT** | India's 2025 space launch cost: \$13,302 per kg (per Cambridge study).
- FACT** | US space launch cost: \$3,225 per kg (per Cambridge study).
- S&T** | ISRO: Indian Space Research Organisation, the national space agency of India.

MAINS Q Analyze the factors influencing the cost-competitiveness of India's space program and suggest measures to optimize launch costs while maintaining high reliability.

USE: cost-competitiveness economies of scale payload efficiency space economy technological optimization

Erratic rains disrupt Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, forests face significant shifts

WHY IN NEWS A 2024 study in 'Remote Sensing' highlights how erratic rainfall and climate change are causing significant shifts in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve's forest structure.

PLACE	Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve is located in the Western Ghats of South India.
ENVIRONMENT	Biosphere Reserves are protected areas aimed at conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable development.
FACT	The study utilized satellite imagery spanning a 20-year period (2000–2020).

MAINS Q Discuss how erratic rainfall patterns and climate change are impacting the biodiversity of the Western Ghats and suggest measures for forest conservation.

USE: climate changebiodiversity losswater securityremote sensingecological disruption

On June 15, an RTI application sought details of Assam Chief Secretary's

WHY IN NEWS An RTI application was filed to check the Assam government's compliance with Central Empowered Committee (CEC) directions regarding mining near Kaziranga National Park.

PLACE	Kaziranga National Park is located in Assam and is a major habitat for the one-horned rhinoceros.
BODY	The Central Empowered Committee (CEC) is a body often constituted by the Supreme Court to oversee environmental compliance.
ENVIRONMENT	Parkup Pahar Range is a declared wildlife sanctuary and a vital ecological corridor in Assam.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in balancing industrial mining activities with the preservation of ecologically sensitive zones in India's protected wildlife habitats.

USE: Eco-Sensitive ZoneEcological CorridorRegulatory ComplianceSustainable DevelopmentBiodiversity Conservation

NGT Reports Toxic Chromium Contamination in Three Uttar Pradesh Districts Since 1976

WHY IN NEWS The National Green Tribunal (NGT) highlighted severe groundwater contamination by hexavalent chromium in Uttar Pradesh due to decades of improper industrial waste management.

BODY	National Green Tribunal (NGT): A specialized body for adjudication of environmental disputes.
FACT	Hexavalent Chromium: A toxic heavy metal and industrial byproduct known to cause severe health issues.
PLACE	Kanpur Dehat: District in Uttar Pradesh identified as a site of significant industrial waste dumping.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in managing industrial waste and the long-term impact of heavy metal contamination on public health and groundwater resources in India.

USE: Heavy metal contaminationGroundwater pollutionIndustrial waste managementPublic health crisisEnvironmental justice

The Supreme Court on Saturday set aside a 2017 National Green Tribunal

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court set aside a 2017 NGT order against the Art of Living Foundation, ruling that the Yamuna floodplain was already in a dilapidated state before the 2016 World Culture Festival.

BODY | National Green Tribunal (NGT): A statutory body established to handle environmental protection cases.

FACT | The Supreme Court ordered a refund of Rs 5 crore environmental compensation.

PLACE | Yamuna floodplain: The site of the 2016 World Culture Festival and the subject of the environmental dispute.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in balancing large-scale cultural events with environmental conservation in ecologically sensitive zones like the Yamuna floodplain.

USE: Environmental Compensation Ecologically Sensitive Zones Judicial Review Pre-existing Damage Sustainable Development

Dr. Shailesh Nayak Launches Blue Economy Centre Focusing on Coastal Conservation and Ocean Tech

WHY IN NEWS Dr. Shailesh Nayak inaugurated the Centre of Excellence on Blue Economy to promote sustainable marine resource use and ocean technologies.

PLACE | Vadlamudi is located in the Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh.

S&T | Blue Economy refers to the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth.

POST | Dr. Shailesh Nayak is the Director of the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the 'Blue Economy' in achieving India's sustainable development goals while ensuring coastal conservation and ecological balance.

USE: Blue Economy Coastal Conservation Sustainable Development Ocean Technology Ecological Balance

Internal Security

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Fortnightly anti-narcotics drives by NCB and ANTFs target drug criminals, start September 2026

WHY IN NEWS The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) announced a year-long national enforcement drive starting September 2026 to dismantle drug trafficking syndicates through fortnightly operations.

BODY | NCB: Narcotics Control Bureau is the primary agency for enforcing the NDPS Act.

FACT | The enforcement plan involves 24 different special drives running for a fortnight each.

FACT | The drive includes identifying foreign drug criminals specifically for deportation.

FACT | Medical stores and pharmacies will be inspected to check for the diversion of pharmaceutical drugs into narcotics trafficking.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges faced by Indian law enforcement agencies in dismantling transnational drug trafficking syndicates and suggest measures to curb the diversion of pharmaceutical drugs.

USE: syndicate dismantling narcotics trafficking inter-agency coordination pharmaceutical diversion deportation

NIA Searches 10 Sites in J&K, Cracks Down on Cross-Border Terror Network

WHY IN NEWS The NIA conducted raids in J&K to dismantle a cross-border terror network involving Pakistan-based handlers and local Over Ground Workers (OGWs).

BODY | NIA: National Investigation Agency is the primary counter-terrorism law enforcement agency in India.

ACT / BILL | UAPA: Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act is used to combat terrorism and maintain national security.

ACT / BILL | Arms Act and Explosive Substances Act: Laws governing the possession and manufacture of weapons and explosives.

FACT | Lashkar-e-Taiba: A Pakistan-based militant organization involved in cross-border terrorism.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges faced by Indian security agencies in dismantling cross-border terror networks and the role of the UAPA in ensuring national security.

USE: [Cross-border terrorism](#) [Counter-terrorism](#) [National Security](#) [Lashkar-e-Taiba](#) [Logistical support](#)



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