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Polity & Constitution

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ELECTIONS, ECI & ELECTORAL REFORMS

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2 REPORTS MERGED

11 Sep · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/120077

Election chief dismisses EVM concerns, highlights India's high voluntary turnout

WHY IN NEWS Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar dismissed concerns regarding Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) while highlighting India's high voluntary voter turnout during a tour in Gujarat.

- BODY** | Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are responsible for voter roll verification.
- S&T** | Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs) mirror every vote cast on an EVM.
- FACT** | India maintains high voluntary turnout compared to mandatory voting countries like Australia and Switzerland.

MAINS Q Examine the technological and procedural safeguards implemented by the Election Commission of India to ensure the integrity of the electronic voting process.

USE: Election Integrity VVPAT Booth Level Officers Electoral Process Transparency

CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENTS & BASIC STRUCTURE

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Gauhati High Court validates Talaq-e-Hasan and directs registration of divorce

WHY IN NEWS Gauhati High Court observed that Talaq-e-Hasan is a valid form of divorce under Muslim personal law and directed a petitioner to register it under the Assam Compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act

- CONCEPT** | Talaq-e-Hasan — A traditional form of divorce under Muslim personal law recognized as valid by the Gauhati High Court.
- ACT** | Assam Compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act, 2024 — State-level legislation requiring registration of Muslim marriages and divorces.
- PLACE** | Barpeta — District in Assam where the marriage and divorce registrar is located.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of mandatory registration of marriages and divorces in ensuring legal certainty and protecting the rights of women under personal laws.

USE: Personal Law Legal Certainty Statutory Registration Judicial Observation Gender Justice

Social Justice

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EDUCATION POLICY

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11 Sep · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/120311

Foreign universities establish off-shore campuses in India as student exits drop 40%

WHY IN NEWS The Ministry of External Affairs reported a 40% drop in Indian students traveling abroad, prompting foreign universities to establish off-shore campuses in India with UGC permission.

- BODY** | UGC (University Grants Commission) — statutory body responsible for maintaining standards of higher education in India.
- FIGURE** | 40% drop — decrease in Indian students traveling abroad as reported by the Ministry of External Affairs.
- CONCEPT** | Off-shore campuses — foreign universities require UGC permission to establish these in India.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of establishing foreign off-shore campuses in India on the domestic higher education ecosystem and student mobility.

USE: student mobility educational equity off-shore campuses human capital regulatory framework

Bombay High Court refuses to intervene in Maratha quota protest march

WHY IN NEWS The Bombay High Court refused to pass an order regarding activist Manoj Jarange's proposed protest march, stating the Maharashtra government is capable of managing law and order.

BODY	Bombay High Court — The highest judicial authority in the state of Maharashtra
PLACE	Antarwali Sarati — The village where the hunger strike is being conducted
CONCEPT	Public Order — The state's obligation to maintain safety during protests

MAINS Q Discuss the balance between the right to protest and the state's obligation to maintain public order and ensure the safety of residents in urban centers.

USE: Right to Protest Public Order Judicial Review Law and Order State Responsibility

International Relations

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BRICS leaders convene in Delhi to discuss financial cooperation and trade

WHY IN NEWS Leaders from 11 nations, including India, China, and Russia, met at the BRICS summit in Delhi to discuss financial cooperation and global trade amid President Donald Trump's policies.

CONCEPT	BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa
EVENT	Delhi Summit: Involved 11 participating nations to discuss global trade and financial cooperation
CONCEPT	South-South cooperation: A key focus for fostering global trade and multipolarity

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of BRICS in fostering financial cooperation and global trade amidst shifting US-led global economic policies.

USE: Multipolarity Financial Cooperation Global Trade Geopolitical Alignment

Putin says BRICS contributes more than 40% of global GDP at forum

WHY IN NEWS Vladimir Putin and Narendra Modi highlighted the economic shift towards BRICS at the BRICS Business Forum in New Delhi, asserting that BRICS now contributes over 40% of global GDP.

FACT	BRICS contribution to global GDP: over 40% as of 2026
FACT	G7 contribution to global GDP: 29% as of 2026
FACT	Total number of BRICS members: 21
PLACE	BRICS Business Forum held in New Delhi

MAINS Q Discuss the shifting dynamics of global economic governance as evidenced by the growing influence of the BRICS bloc relative to the G7.

USE: Multipolarity Global GDP Economic Sovereignty BRICS Expansion Trade Barriers

EU Commission proposes Free Trade Agreement with India to reduce tariffs

WHY IN NEWS The European Commission formally submitted a proposal to the European Council to sign a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with India to reduce tariffs and save €4 billion annually.

- CONCEPT** | Free Trade Agreement — a proposed pact to enhance market access and reduce tariffs between EU and India.
- FIGURE** | 96% — the percentage of EU goods exports to India targeted for tariff reduction.
- FIGURE** | €4 billion — the estimated annual savings in duties from the proposed agreement.
- BODY** | European Commission — the executive branch of the EU responsible for proposing legislation.

MAINS Q Discuss how a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement between India and the European Union can reshape the trade dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region.

USE: Trade Liberalization Tariff Reduction Indo-Pacific Strategy Market Access Economic Diplomacy

Houthis Seize Perim Island, Mokha, Tightening Red Sea Control

WHY IN NEWS Houthis claimed to seize Perim Island and the port city of Mokha in Yemen to tighten control over Red Sea shipping lanes following an offensive on 3 September.

- PLACE** | Perim Island: A strategic island in the Red Sea controlled by Houthis.
- PLACE** | Mokha: A strategic port city in Yemen.
- FACT** | 46,000: Number of people displaced by the Houthi offensive.
- FACT** | 3 September: Date the Houthi offensive was launched.

MAINS Q Analyze the impact of maritime insecurity in the Red Sea on global energy supply chains and the geopolitical dynamics of the Middle East.

USE: maritime security energy security geopolitical escalation supply chain disruption humanitarian displacement

India hosts 11-member BRICS summit as economic power

WHY IN NEWS India is hosting the 11-member BRICS summit in New Delhi, highlighting its transition from a minor member to a key economic and strategic power within the bloc.

- CONCEPT** | Multipolarity: India's transition to a key strategic power in a multipolar world order.
- FIGURE** | 7.8%: India's recorded GDP growth rate.
- PLACE** | New Delhi: Host city for the current 11-member BRICS summit.
- CONCEPT** | Strategic Autonomy: India's role as a strategic counterweight to Western-led groups.

MAINS Q Discuss India's evolving role in BRICS as a mechanism to promote a multipolar world order and its implications for India's strategic autonomy.

USE: multipolar world order strategic autonomy economic power sovereign rating counterweight

Modi, Merz vow to boost trade and clean energy in landmark 75-year call

WHY IN NEWS Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz reviewed the India–Germany Strategic Partnership during a call marking 75 years of diplomatic relations.

- FACT** | India and Germany celebrated 75 years of diplomatic relations in 2026
- POST** | Friedrich Merz is the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
- FACT** | Key cooperation areas include trade, investment, clean energy, defence, and talent mobility

MAINS Q Examine the significance of the India-Germany Strategic Partnership in the context of India's pursuit of energy security and technological advancement.

USE: Strategic Partnership Diplomatic Relations Clean Energy Talent Mobility Bilateral Cooperation

Prince Rahim Aga Khan V meets PM Modi to discuss rural development

WHY IN NEWS Prince Rahim Aga Khan V, the 50th Imam of Ismaili Muslims, visited India to discuss a partnership with the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) for rural development and agriculture.

- PERSON** | Prince Rahim Aga Khan V — the 50th Imam of the Ismaili Muslims
- CONCEPT** | Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) — a non-profit organization focused on social development and heritage preservation
- EVENT** | First official visit to India by Prince Rahim Aga Khan V since becoming Imam

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of public-private-philanthropic partnerships in achieving rural development goals in India.

USE: Public-Private Partnership Rural Development Philanthropy Social Development Heritage Preservation

Houthis Capture Mocha, Threatening Red Sea Control as UN Meets

WHY IN NEWS The UN Security Council convened a meeting following the capture of Mocha by Iran-backed Houthis, which threatens Red Sea maritime control.

- PLACE** | Mocha: A port city in Yemen captured by Houthis
- PLACE** | Strait of Hormuz: Location of the IRGC strike on a US unmanned vessel
- BODY** | UN Security Council: Body meeting to discuss Red Sea maritime threats
- FACT** | Israel claims destruction of Hezbollah tunnels in southern Lebanon

MAINS Q Analyze the implications of non-state actor interference in international shipping lanes on global maritime security and trade stability.

USE: Maritime security Proxy warfare Sovereignty Non-state actors Geopolitical instability

India Consults Russia, EU, Singapore on Global Digital Wallet Integration for Businesses

WHY IN NEWS The Indian government, in collaboration with Entity Locker, is consulting Russia, the EU, and Singapore to integrate its digital wallet architecture for businesses to facilitate cross-border corporate document sharing.

- FACT** | The 18th BRICS Summit is scheduled for September 12–13, 2026
- BODY** | Entity Locker is the entity collaborating with the Indian government on digital wallet architecture
- FACT** | The primary goal of the integration is to reduce paperwork and compliance costs for businesses

MAINS Q Discuss how the integration of global digital wallet architectures can facilitate seamless cross-border trade and reduce compliance costs for Indian businesses.

USE: Digital Interoperability Cross-border Trade Compliance Costs Digital Infrastructure Trade Facilitation

Economy

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EXTERNAL SECTOR, TRADE & FDI

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11 Sep · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/120323**India seeks to narrow \$226.1 billion BRICS trade deficit**

WHY IN NEWS India, chairing the 18th BRICS Summit, aims to address a widening \$226.1 billion trade deficit with the bloc by seeking fairer trade terms and easier market access.

CONCEPT	Trade deficit — India's deficit with BRICS is \$226.1 billion, driven by imports from China and Russia.
FIGURE	Total trade — India's trade with BRICS reached \$417.5 billion, doubling since FY2020–21.
CONCEPT	Non-tariff barriers — India advocates for their reduction to improve trade balance.
BODY	BRICS — Intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

MAINS Q Discuss the structural challenges in India's trade balance with BRICS nations and suggest measures to reduce trade deficits through sector-specific negotiations.

USE: Trade Deficit Non-tariff Barriers Market Access Trade Balance Sector-specific Negotiations

EMPLOYMENT & INCLUSIVE GROWTH

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11 Sep · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/120419**Telangana SHGs manage 1-MW solar plant to generate monthly revenue**

WHY IN NEWS Telangana women's self-help groups (SHGs) have transitioned from beneficiaries to asset owners by commissioning a 1-MW solar plant under the Indira Mahila Shakti programme.

SCHEME	Indira Mahila Shakti programme: facilitates SHGs taking charge of megawatt-scale solar projects.
BODY	SERP (Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty) and TGREDCO: implementing bodies in Telangana.
PLACE	Vikarabad: location of the 1-MW solar plant project.
FIGURE	₹4.5 lakh: expected monthly revenue from the solar plant for women's SHGs.

MAINS Q Discuss how community-led renewable energy projects can facilitate women's economic empowerment and sustainable rural development in India.

USE: Women's Empowerment Renewable Energy Self-Help Groups Rural Development Sustainable Livelihoods

MONETARY POLICY, RBI & BANKING

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11 Sep · Economic Times · satyadheesh.in/news/120274**NPA provisioning for 29 banks plummets by 27.3%**

WHY IN NEWS The latest quarterly data shows a 27.3% drop in NPA provisioning to ₹21,314 crore across a sample of 29 banks, indicating a shift in the banking sector's asset quality management.

FIGURE	27.3% — The total decline in NPA provisioning for a sample of 29 banks.
FIGURE	33.6% — The sharper decline in NPA provisioning observed in private sector banks.
FIGURE	19.8% — The decline in NPA provisioning recorded for PSU banks.
FIGURE	31.9% — The year-on-year drop in NPA provisioning for State Bank of India.

MAINS Q Analyze the implications of declining NPA provisioning on the financial health and lending capacity of Public Sector Banks versus Private Sector Banks in India.

USE: Non-Performing Assets Provisioning Asset Quality Public Sector Banks Private Sector Banks

Kerala High Court directs stricter safety measures for roads and heavy vehicles

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala High Court criticised the State for poor road infrastructure and reckless driving by heavy vehicles, directing the Kochi Corporation and NHAI to report on safety measures.

BODY	NHAI — National Highways Authority of India is the nodal agency for development and maintenance of national highways.
PLACE	Kochi — A major port city and commercial hub in Kerala.
CONCEPT	Judicial oversight — The court mandated police verification and character certificates for private bus drivers.
CONCEPT	Safety concerns — The court highlighted issues specifically at zebra crossings and pedestrian areas.

MAINS Q Discuss the institutional challenges in ensuring urban road safety and the role of local bodies in regulating private transport operators.

USE: Urban Governance Public Safety Regulatory Oversight Infrastructure Management Accountability

RBI announces auction to absorb Rs 10.5 lakh crore excess liquidity

WHY IN NEWS The RBI announced an auction to absorb Rs 10.5 lakh crore in excess liquidity from the inter-bank market to manage surplus funds from a special dollar-mobilisation scheme.

BODY	RBI: The Reserve Bank of India manages liquidity in the inter-bank market.
FACT	The RBI announced an auction to absorb Rs 10.5 lakh crore in excess liquidity.
FACT	The previous 30-day VRRR auction drained Rs 2.59 lakh crore against a target of Rs 7 lakh crore.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of liquidity management tools used by the RBI in maintaining monetary stability and controlling inflation in the Indian economy.

USE: Liquidity Management Monetary Policy Inter-bank Market Variable Rate Repo Monetary Stability

SEBI sent notices to two key management personnel in 2023 for alleged

WHY IN NEWS SEBI issued notices to two key management personnel of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd for alleged violations of financial statement certification and internal control rules.

FACT	SEBI is examining 24 cases related to the Hindenburg allegations
FACT	Hindenburg Research allegations were released in January 2023

MAINS Q Examine the role of SEBI in ensuring corporate governance and transparency in the Indian capital markets amidst allegations of stock manipulation.

USE: Corporate Governance Market Manipulation Regulatory Oversight Internal Controls Transparency

Setty addresses USD 136.4 billion liquidity surge at Global Fintech Fest

WHY IN NEWS Setty addressed a USD 136.4 billion liquidity surge at the Global Fintech Fest 2026 following the closure of the RBI's concessional swap window.

FACT	USD 136.4 billion: Total liquidity attracted by the RBI's concessional swap window by August 31.
FACT	USD 127.2 billion: Amount collected by banks in FCNR(B) deposits.
BODY	Reserve Bank of India (RBI): The central bank responsible for the concessional swap window.
S&T	Asset tokenisation: A highlighted trend in the fintech sector for fund deployment.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of sudden liquidity surges and the shift toward asset tokenisation on the stability of the Indian banking system.

USE: liquidity management monetary policy asset tokenisation FCNR(B) deposits fintech

CAS stays, but derivatives settlement may change, says Sebi chief Tuhin Kanta Pandey after another 1,000-point Sensex swing

WHY IN NEWS Traders expressed concern over sharp price swings caused by the new Cash Auction Settlement (CAS) framework as NSE turnover hit Rs 39,718 crore during a period of high volatility.

- FACT** | CAS turnover on NSE reached Rs 39,718 crore, accounting for nearly 22% of total cash-market turnover.
- BODY** | MSCI is a global index provider that acknowledged the smooth transition to the new CAS framework.
- BODY** | SEBI is reviewing the derivative settlement price methodology following the CAS rollout.

MAINS Q Discuss the impact of the Cash Auction Settlement (CAS) framework on market volatility and the necessity of robust settlement price methodologies in derivative markets.

USE: Market Volatility Derivative Settlement Liquidity Management Passive Investing Regulatory Framework

NSE reduces IPO size to aim for Rs 22,662 crore

WHY IN NEWS The National Stock Exchange (NSE) reduced its IPO offer size to 12.64 crore shares, aiming to raise Rs 22,662 crore starting September 17.

- CONCEPT** | Offer for Sale (OFS) — The NSE IPO consists entirely of an OFS of 12.64 crore shares.
- FIGURE** | Rs 22,662 crore — The target amount for the NSE IPO, making it India's second-largest IPO.
- FIGURE** | Rs 27,870 crore — The value of Hyundai Motor India's 2024 IPO, the largest in India that year.
- FIGURE** | Rs 4.41 lakh crore — The expected market capitalization of the NSE.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of Offer for Sale (OFS) components in mega IPOs and their implications on capital formation and market liquidity in India.

USE: Capital Markets Offer for Sale IPO Market Capitalization Liquidity

Science & Technology

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ISRO detects strong El Niño looming via Oceansat-3

WHY IN NEWS ISRO's EOS-06/Oceansat-3 satellite detected declining marine productivity and wind reversals in the equatorial Pacific, indicating a developing El Niño.

- BODY** | Oceansat-3 — ISRO satellite designed to monitor ocean dynamics and marine productivity
- CONCEPT** | El Niño — Warming of surface waters in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean
- PLACE** | Equatorial Pacific — Primary region where El Niño and La Niña phenomena originate
- REPORT** | WMO — UN body estimating 80% probability of El Niño by June–August 2026

MAINS Q Discuss how satellite-based remote sensing enhances India's ability to mitigate the socio-economic impacts of extreme climatic phenomena like El Niño.

USE: Remote Sensing Climate Resilience Monsoon Dynamics Marine Productivity Early Warning Systems

UNICEF reports climate hazards disrupt schooling for 171 million students

WHY IN NEWS UNICEF reported that climate hazards disrupted schooling for 171 million students globally in 2025, posing a threat of \$200 billion in long-term economic losses.

REPORT	UNICEF report — highlights climate-induced hazards disrupting schooling for 171 million students globally in 2025.
CONCEPT	Climate-induced disruption — includes storms, floods, heatwaves, droughts, and wildfires as primary school disruptors.
FIGURE	75% of affected children — reside in low- and lower-middle-income countries.
FIGURE	1 in 10 students — globally affected by climate hazards in 2025.

MAINS Q Discuss how climate-induced disruptions to education exacerbate gender inequality and economic instability in low-income nations.

USE:

Climate Resilience

Human Capital

Gender Inequality

Economic Loss

Climate Adaptation

OpenAI math dispute reignites AI safety and existential risk debates

WHY IN NEWS A dispute between OpenAI and researchers over a million-dollar math solution, coupled with an Anthropic researcher's resignation over existential risks

CONCEPT	AI Safety — the field of ensuring AI systems behave predictably and align with human values.
CONCEPT	AI Alignment — ensuring AI systems' goals are consistent with human values.
CONCEPT	Existential Risk — the potential for AI to cause significant human harm within a decade.
BODY	OpenAI and Anthropic — prominent private companies specializing in Large Language Models and AI safety.

MAINS Q Discuss the ethical implications of 'existential risk' narratives in AI development versus the immediate regulatory challenges posed by autonomous weapons systems.

USE:

AI Safety

Existential Risk

Autonomous Weapons

Algorithmic Ethics

Technological Governance

AI Firm Anthropic Bans Accounts for Evading Safeguards in Weapons Research

WHY IN NEWS AI firm Anthropic reported banning accounts for attempting to evade safeguards to use its Claude models for biological weapons research and conventional weapons design.

S&T	Claude: An AI model developed by the company Anthropic.
FACT	Anthropic reported attempts to use AI for chikungunya gain-of-function research.
FACT	Entities from China, Russia, Yemen, and Iran were identified in misuse reports for weapons design and propaganda.

MAINS Q Discuss the dual-use dilemma of Generative AI in biotechnology and conventional weaponry. How can international regulatory frameworks mitigate the risks of AI-enabled biological threats?

USE:

Dual-use technology

Gain-of-function research

AI safety

Biosecurity

Algorithmic governance

OpenAI Seeks US Rules On Powerful AI Amid Anthropic Researcher's Warning

WHY IN NEWS OpenAI's Chris Lehane called for binding federal safety requirements and common testing standards for powerful AI systems before the US Congress adjourns in December.

- S&T** | OpenAI and Anthropic: AI companies whose technologies recently breached security protocols.
- FACT** | OpenAI's proposal: Binding safety requirements and independent assessments for powerful AI systems.
- POST** | Chris Lehane: Spokesperson for OpenAI calling for federal AI safety frameworks.

MAINS Q Discuss the necessity of binding federal frameworks and independent safety assessments to mitigate security risks posed by frontier AI models.

USE: [frontier AI](#) [regulatory framework](#) [security protocols](#) [independent assessment](#) [algorithmic safety](#)

Environment & Ecology

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The rescue of five baby orangutans from the Bichitrapur forest in Odisha's

WHY IN NEWS The rescue of five baby orangutans from Odisha's Bichitrapur forest has triggered an international wildlife trafficking investigation involving Indonesia.

- ENVIRONMENT** | Orangutans are native only to Indonesia and Malaysia
- PLACE** | Bichitrapur forest is located in the Balasore district of Odisha
- PLACE** | Nandankanan Zoological Park is located in Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- FACT** | Five baby orangutans were rescued on September 8

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in curbing international wildlife trafficking and the importance of international cooperation in protecting endangered species.

USE: [Wildlife Trafficking](#) [Biodiversity Conservation](#) [Transboundary Cooperation](#) [Endangered Species](#) [Quarantine Protocols](#)

August 2026 was tied with July 2023 as the hottest month ever

WHY IN NEWS Copernicus reported that August 2026 tied with July 2023 as the hottest month ever recorded, driven by climate change and a strong El Niño event.

- BODY** | Copernicus: The climate agency of the European Union
- FACT** | August 2026 global average temperature: 1.65°C above preindustrial levels
- FACT** | Heat wave fatalities: Estimated 35,000 deaths in Europe
- S&T** | El Niño: A climate phenomenon identified as a factor exacerbating the 2026 heat records

MAINS Q Discuss how the increasing frequency of extreme weather events like heatwaves and wildfires poses a threat to global climate stability and human safety.

USE: [Anthropogenic warming](#) [Climate anomalies](#) [El Niño](#) [Extreme weather events](#) [Preindustrial levels](#)

Tamil Nadu CM sanctions 29,108 new police posts to boost public safety

WHY IN NEWS Tamil Nadu CM C. Joseph Vijay sanctioned 29,108 new police posts to address manpower shortages and improve the state's police-public ratio.

FIGURE | Tamil Nadu police-public ratio (2024): 171.98

FIGURE | National police-public ratio (2024): 194.40

FIGURE | Total new police posts sanctioned: 29,108

BODY | Fifth Tamil Nadu Police Commission: Recommended filling of vacancies

MAINS Q Discuss the impact of declining police-public ratios on urban policing and the efficacy of crime prevention in rapidly urbanizing states.

USE: [Police-public ratio](#) [Manpower shortage](#) [Urbanisation](#) [Public safety](#) [Police Commission](#)

10 questions, 10 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 With reference to the BRICS summit in Delhi, consider the following statements:

1. The core members of BRICS include Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
2. The summit was convened to discuss exclusively domestic trade policies.
3. The summit involved leaders from 11 participating nations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2 What percentage of EU goods exports to India is targeted for tariff reduction under the proposed FTA?

- ☐ a 75% ☐ b 96%
☐ c 85% ☐ d 99%

3 Which region is the primary origin for El Niño and La Niña phenomena?

- ☐ a Equatorial Pacific ☐ b Indian Ocean
☐ c Mediterranean Sea ☐ d Arctic Ocean

4 What is the total trade value between India and the BRICS bloc as of the current period?

- ☐ a \$510.8 billion ☐ b \$417.5 billion
☐ c \$350.2 billion ☐ d \$280.4 billion

5 With reference to India's economic and diplomatic standing, consider the following statements:

1. The BRICS summit hosted in New Delhi featured a total of 11 members.
2. India recorded a GDP growth rate of 7.8% during the recent period.
3. India's GDP growth rate was recorded at 8.5% during the summit.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6 Which body is responsible for maintaining the standards of higher education and granting permission for off-shore campuses in India?

- ☐ a UGC ☐ b NCERT
☐ c AICTE ☐ d NITI Aayog

7 With reference to climate-induced school disruptions reported by UNICEF, consider the following statements:

1. Approximately 171 million students globally faced school disruptions in 2025.
2. Storms, floods, heatwaves, droughts, and wildfires are identified as primary disruptors.
3. 75% of the children affected by these disruptions reside in high-income countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8 Which state-level legislation requires the registration of Muslim marriages and divorces as per the Gauhati High Court ruling?

- ☐ a Karnataka Personal Law Act, 2024 ☐ b Maharashtra Muslim Marriage Act, 2023
☐ c Assam Compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act, 2024 ☐ d Kerala Marriage Registration Act, 2022

9 In which village is the hunger strike being conducted as mentioned in the court's direction?

- (a) Antarwali Sarati
(c) Nagpur

- (b) Pune
(d) Nashik

10 With reference to AI safety and research labs, consider the following statements:

1. AI safety refers to ensuring AI systems behave unpredictably and ignore human values.
2. The controversy involves a million-dollar math problem solution.
3. OpenAI and Anthropic are prominent private companies specializing in Large Language Models.

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



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