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Polity & Constitution

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CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES (CAG, UPSC, FC, NCSC...)

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Union Law Ministry publishes rules for National Tribunals Commission

WHY IN NEWS The Union Law Ministry published rules for the National Tribunals Commission to oversee 16 tribunals following the passage of the Tribunals Reforms Bill in August.

BODY	National Tribunals Commission — Body established to oversee 16 tribunals to ensure independence and transparency.
PLACE	Delhi — Headquarters of the National Tribunals Commission.
FIGURE	₹2.5 lakh — Monthly remuneration for the chairperson of the Commission.
FIGURE	₹2.25 lakh — Monthly remuneration for members of the Commission.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the National Tribunals Commission in ensuring the independence of judicial bodies and reducing the pendency of cases in Indian tribunals.

USE: [Judicial Independence](#) [Tribunal Reforms](#) [Administrative Oversight](#) [Transparency](#) [Judicial Pendency](#)

CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENTS & BASIC STRUCTURE

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3 Oct · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/130156](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/130156)

Andhra Pradesh challenges High Court order on 34% BC reservation in local bodies

WHY IN NEWS The Andhra Pradesh government filed a Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court challenging a High Court order that upheld 34% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in local bodies.

ACT	AP Panchayat Raj Act of 1994 — State legislation governing local body administration in Andhra Pradesh
FIGURE	34% reservation — The specific quota for Backward Classes (BCs) in local bodies being contested
PLACE	Andhra Pradesh — State challenging the High Court order in the Supreme Court

MAINS Q Examine the constitutional validity of state-specific reservation policies in local bodies and the role of empirical data in judicial review of such policies.

USE: [Reservation Policy](#) [Judicial Review](#) [Panchayat Raj](#) [Backward Classes](#) [Special Leave Petition](#)

PANCHAYATI RAJ & URBAN LOCAL BODIES

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3 Oct · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/130115](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/130115)

Rajasthan State Election Commission announces 4-phase elections for 14,403 Gram Panchayats

WHY IN NEWS The Rajasthan State Election Commission announced a 4-phase election schedule for 14,403 Gram Panchayats, 457 Panchayat Samitis, and 41 Zila Parishads.

FACT	Total voters in Rajasthan for the election: 4,03,07,308 (2,08,87,351 men, 1,94,19,789 women, and 168 third-gender)
FACT	Number of Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samitis, and Zila Parishads involved: 14,403, 457, and 41 respectively
BODY	Rajasthan State Election Commission is the body responsible for conducting local body elections
FACT	Number of polling stations established: 45,384

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the three-tier Panchayati Raj system in ensuring grassroots democracy and decentralized governance in India.

USE: [Panchayati Raj](#) [Decentralized Governance](#) [Grassroots Democracy](#) [State Election Commission](#) [Local Body Elections](#)

The Ministry of Education approved five Centres of Excellence for Classical Assamese, Bengali, Pali

WHY IN NEWS The Ministry of Education approved five Centres of Excellence to strengthen the research, digitisation, and preservation of Classical Assamese, Bengali, Pali, Marathi, and Prakrit.

BODY	Tezpur University, Visva Bharati University, Central University of Odisha, Central University of Gujarat, and Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute are the designated centres.
FACT	The initiative covers five specific languages: Classical Assamese, Bengali, Pali, Marathi, and Prakrit.
POST	The initiative was praised by Mohan Charan Majhi.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of establishing Centres of Excellence in preserving and digitising India's linguistic heritage in the era of rapid technological advancement.

USE: Linguistic heritage Digitisation Cultural preservation Research infrastructure Classical languages

Social Justice

Karnataka announces welfare board for auto-rickshaw drivers and battery subsidies

WHY IN NEWS Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka announced a welfare board for auto-rickshaw drivers to support 20 lakh families and introduced a subsidy for battery-operated vehicles.

SCHEME	Rajiv Yuva Vikasam programme — allocated ₹200 crore for welfare initiatives
CONCEPT	Welfare Board — established to address issues for 20 lakh auto-rickshaw driver families
FIGURE	₹1.5 lakh subsidy — provided for battery-operated vehicles
FIGURE	₹14 per kilometre — the increased fare for auto-rickshaws

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of establishing dedicated welfare boards for gig workers and transport operators in ensuring social security and promoting green mobility.

USE: Social Security Gig Economy Green Mobility Subsidies Welfare Board

Kerala launches Panchami Gramam project for SC housing and infrastructure

WHY IN NEWS The SC/ST and Backward Welfare Minister inaugurated the Panchami Gramam project to provide up to ₹40 lakh for infrastructure and housing in settlements with fewer than 15 Scheduled Caste families.

SCHEME	Panchami Gramam project: Provides up to ₹40 lakh for infrastructure and housing in small settlements.
CONCEPT	100-day action programme: The framework under which the Panchami Gramam project operates.
PLACE	Munikkunnu and Kakkattuparamba: Locations serving as pilot projects for the initiative.
FIGURE	Fewer than 15 families: The eligibility criteria for Scheduled Caste settlements to receive funding.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of targeted infrastructure development in small-scale settlements for the socio-economic upliftment of Scheduled Caste communities.

USE: socio-economic upliftment targeted intervention infrastructure development Scheduled Castes welfare schemes

India records 91,783 new leprosy cases in 2025-26 exceeding NLEP target

WHY IN NEWS The Union Health Ministry reported that India recorded 91,783 new leprosy cases in 2025-26, significantly exceeding the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) target for child cases.

CONCEPT	NLEP: National Leprosy Eradication Programme is the primary initiative for leprosy control in India.
FIGURE	3,832: Number of new leprosy cases among children recorded in 2025-26.
FIGURE	2,000: The annual NLEP target for new child leprosy cases.
CONCEPT	Transmission Interruption: A district is considered to have interrupted transmission after zero new indigenous child cases for five consecutive years.
CONCEPT	WHO Indicator: New cases among children below 15 years are considered an indicator of recent transmission.

MAINS Q Critically analyze the challenges in achieving the National Strategic Plan for Leprosy 2023-27 despite existing eradication programs.

USE: Epidemiological surveillance Delayed diagnosis Transmission interruption Public health infrastructure National Strategic Plan

Revanth Reddy directs state departments to create online safety framework for children

WHY IN NEWS A. Revanth Reddy directed state departments to create an online safety framework for children in collaboration with the High Court and State Legal Services Authority (SLSA).

PERSON	A. Revanth Reddy — Directed the creation of the online safety framework for children.
CONCEPT	Online safety framework — Aims to establish safety protocols and legal support for children.
BODY	State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) — Collaborating body for the safety framework.
PLACE	Hyderabad — Location of the conference where the framework was discussed.
DATE	October 3, 2026 — Date of the directive and conference.

MAINS Q Discuss the necessity of a robust legal and technological framework to ensure the online safety of children in India.

USE: Online safety Child protection Legal support Digital framework Institutional synergy

International Relations

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Admiral Samuel J. Paparo to visit India to deepen U.S.-India defence partnership

WHY IN NEWS Admiral Samuel J. Paparo, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, is visiting India to advance the U.S.-India major defence partnership and military-to-military cooperation.

PERSON	Admiral Samuel J. Paparo — Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command
CONCEPT	Key focus areas — digital transformation, regional strategic stability, energy resilience, and maritime security
DATE	Visit duration — October 3, 2026, to October 8, 2026

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the U.S.-India major defence partnership in ensuring maritime security and regional stability in the Indian Ocean region.

USE: maritime security strategic stability defence partnership military-to-military cooperation regional security architecture

India examines Bangladesh extradition request for ousted ex-PM Sheikh Hasina

WHY IN NEWS The Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh stated that India is legally examining Dhaka's extradition request for ousted ex-Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina following her August 2024 removal.

PERSON | Tarique Rahman — Leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party demanding Hasina's return
CONCEPT | Extradition — Legal process being examined by India regarding the request from Dhaka

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of extradition treaties and diplomatic protocols on bilateral relations between India and Bangladesh in the context of political transitions.

USE: Extradition treaty Political asylum Bilateral relations Sovereign immunity Neighborhood First

India rescues five nationals from Kuwait-flagged tanker in Strait of Hormuz

WHY IN NEWS The Embassy of India in Oman reported the rescue of five Indian nationals from the Kuwait-flagged tanker MT Kazimah III after it was struck by a projectile in the Strait of Hormuz.

PLACE | Strait of Hormuz — a critical maritime passage in the Persian Gulf
FIGURE | Over 4,500 Indian seafarers — currently operating in the Persian Gulf area as of September 2026
BODY | MT Kazimah III — a Kuwait-flagged crude oil tanker
PLACE | Lomé — a port city in Togo

MAINS Q Examine the significance of the Strait of Hormuz for global energy security and the challenges faced by Indian seafarers in volatile maritime corridors.

USE: Maritime Security Strait of Hormuz Seafarer Safety Energy Security Bilateral Cooperation

Economy

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INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS)

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2 REPORTS MERGED

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Railway Ministry increases Vande Bharat speed limit on USBRL project

WHY IN NEWS The Railway Ministry increased the speed limit for Vande Bharat Express on the Katra-Banihal section of the USBRL project to 100 kmph.

CONCEPT	USBRL project — includes the Chenab Bridge and Anji Khad Railway Bridge
FIGURE	100 kmph — the new speed limit for Vande Bharat Express on the Katra-Banihal section
FIGURE	111 km — the length of the Katra-Banihal section
FIGURE	75 kmph — the previous speed limit for the section

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the USBRL project in enhancing regional connectivity and the logistical challenges of constructing railway infrastructure in high-altitude terrains.

USE: Infrastructure development Regional connectivity Logistics High-altitude engineering Railway modernization

INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS)

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KSRTC to install 100 Advanced Driver Assistance Systems in buses by October 2027

WHY IN NEWS KSRTC announced plans to install 100 Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) in buses across 17 divisions to monitor road hazards and driver fatigue.

S&T	ADAS: Uses cameras, sensors, GPS/NavIC, and 4G LTE to monitor road hazards and driver fatigue.
FACT	KSRTC to install 100 ADAS units across 17 divisions by October 2027.
FACT	BMTC to conduct a pilot project for 50 buses.
PLACE	KSRTC: Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation.

MAINS Q Discuss how the integration of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) and IoT-based monitoring can enhance public transport safety and operational efficiency in urban India.

USE: Public Safety IoT Integration Smart Mobility Operational Efficiency Real-time Monitoring

INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS)

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3 Oct · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/130143

India's power shortage reached 544 MU in September

WHY IN NEWS The Grid Controller of India reported that India's power shortage surged to 544 MU in September, the highest monthly deficit of the year, as actual demand outpaced projections.

FIGURE	544 MU — The highest monthly power deficit recorded in India during the year in September.
FIGURE	248 GW — The peak power demand recorded in September.
FIGURE	3.3% — The amount by which actual demand exceeded projections from April–August FY27.
BODY	Grid-India and Central Electricity Authority (CEA) — The bodies providing power data.

MAINS Q Analyze the challenges of balancing rapid industrial growth with power infrastructure demands in India. Suggest measures to bridge the gap between projected and actual power requirements.

USE: Power deficit Grid management Infrastructure planning Peak demand Energy security

RBI Governor warns of cryptocurrency risks to monetary sovereignty

WHY IN NEWS RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra warned of cryptocurrency risks to India's monetary sovereignty while expressing support for distributed ledger technology and tokenisation.

- CONCEPT** | Distributed ledger technology and tokenisation — technologies supported by the RBI
- CONCEPT** | Bond yields — hardening yields linked to increased spending on artificial intelligence

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of decentralized cryptocurrencies on a nation's monetary sovereignty and the role of the central bank in regulating digital assets.

USE: [monetary sovereignty](#) [distributed ledger technology](#) [tokenisation](#) [bond yields](#) [fiscal policy](#)

India maintained high growth through strong macroeconomic fundamentals despite global uncertainty, says P.K. Mishra

WHY IN NEWS Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, P.K. Mishra, highlighted India's ability to maintain high growth through macroeconomic fundamentals and supply chain diversification at the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave.

- POST** | P.K. Mishra: Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
- FACT** | 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave: Venue for economic growth discussion
- FACT** | Key sectors for shock reduction: electronics, pharma, and semiconductors

MAINS Q Analyze how diversifying supply chains and expanding Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) contribute to India's macroeconomic resilience against global uncertainties.

USE: [macroeconomic fundamentals](#) [supply chain diversification](#) [Free Trade Agreements](#) [manufacturing capability](#) [economic resilience](#)

Alcohol remains outside GST causing wide price disparity across states

WHY IN NEWS The wide price disparity of Tamerlane whisky across states (Rs 1,300 in Haryana to Rs 3,425 in Karnataka) highlights the impact of alcohol remaining outside the GST framework.

- CONCEPT** | Alcohol for human consumption is currently excluded from the Goods and Services Tax (GST) framework in India.
- FIGURE** | Goa excise revenue in 2024-25: nearly Rs 947.9 crore.
- CONCEPT** | Price breakdown of a Rs 2,000 whisky bottle includes Excise duty (Rs 425), Import fee (Rs 150), VAT/Surcharge (Rs 570), and Retail margin (Rs 150).

MAINS Q Discuss the fiscal implications and federal challenges of keeping alcohol outside the GST framework in India.

USE: [Fiscal Federalism](#) [GST](#) [Excise Duty](#) [Tax Harmonization](#) [State Autonomy](#)

Sebi seeks public comments on CAS and derivative settlement proposals

WHY IN NEWS Sebi sought public comments by October 3 on proposals to review the Closing Auction System (CAS), market timings, and derivative settlement methodology.

BODY	Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) — the regulator seeking comments on market settlement.
CONCEPT	Closing Auction System (CAS) — an auction-based process to determine closing prices in the equity cash segment.
CONCEPT	Electronic bidding platform — introduced by Sebi for primary issuances to promote exchange-traded systems in the bond market.
CONCEPT	Derivative settlement — Sebi is reviewing methodology for index and stock derivatives.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the Closing Auction System (CAS) in ensuring price discovery and market integrity in the Indian equity and derivative markets.

USE: Price Discovery Market Integrity Derivative Settlement Capital Market Regulation Auction Mechanism

FPIs sell \$27.8 billion in Indian equities as 8 companies lose half market cap

WHY IN NEWS Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) sold \$27.8 billion in Indian equities in the first nine months of 2026, significantly higher than the previous year's sell-off.

FIGURE	FPI sell-off in first nine months of 2026: \$27.8 billion
FIGURE	FPI sell-off in first nine months of 2025: \$18.9 billion
CONCEPT	Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) volatility and capital flight

MAINS Q Analyze the factors influencing Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) volatility in Indian equity markets and suggest measures to enhance investor confidence.

USE: Foreign Portfolio Investment Market Capitalization Corporate Governance Capital Flight Regulatory Compliance

US bond yields hit highest levels since 2002 as Indian equities post 8-week losses

WHY IN NEWS US ten-year and 30-year government bond yields reached their highest levels since 2002, contributing to an eight-week losing streak for Indian equities.

FACT	US ten-year government bond yield reached 5.34% in October 2026
FACT	US 30-year government bond yield reached 5.69% in October 2026

MAINS Q Analyze the impact of rising US bond yields on emerging market equity valuations and the role of AI-driven capital expenditure in stabilizing market sentiment.

USE: Bond Yields Capital Markets Emerging Markets AI Capex Monetary Policy

Karnataka seeks ₹7,142.64 crore from NDRF for drought relief

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka government requested ₹7,142.64 crore from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to address drought-induced crop losses and drinking water issues.

BODY | National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) — The source of requested drought relief funds.

BODY | Inter-Ministerial Central Team — The body to which the state submitted relief memorandums.

FIGURE | ₹46,324.50 crore — Total losses reported across 177 taluks during the 2026 kharif season.

MAINS Q Discuss the institutional mechanisms for disaster relief in India and the challenges in quantifying and compensating agricultural losses during drought cycles.

USE: Disaster Management Fiscal Federalism Agricultural Resilience NDRF Kharif Season

Science & Technology

India orders Apple to remove Bitchat from App Store under Section 69A

WHY IN NEWS The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ordered Apple to remove Bitchat from its App Store under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act.

BODY | Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) — Nodal ministry for IT regulations in India.

ACT | Section 69A of the Information Technology Act — Provision used to order the removal of Bitchat.

FIGURE | 85% — Percentage of Bitchat downloads accounted for by India between July 17 and July 23.

MAINS Q Discuss the balance between state security measures under Section 69A and the fundamental right to freedom of speech and privacy in the digital age.

USE: Digital Sovereignty Platform Liability Right to Privacy Content Regulation Cybersecurity

IAF faces squadron depletion due to Tejas Mk-1A production delays

WHY IN NEWS Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh highlighted that delays in the Tejas Mk-1A production by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) are hindering the Indian Air Force's ability to replenish depleting fighter squadrons.

PERSON | Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh — Current Chief of the Indian Air Force

FIGURE | IAF squadron count — Reduction from 42 to 29

FIGURE | Tejas Mk-1A deals — ₹48,000 crore for 83 jets and ₹62,370 crore for 97 jets

MISSION | MRFA target — Finalize deal with France for 114 Rafale jets in the current financial year

MAINS Q Analyze the challenges in indigenous aircraft manufacturing and the strategic implications of squadron depletion on India's air superiority.

USE: indigenous manufacturing defense procurement strategic autonomy squadron depletion aerospace industry

Andhra Pradesh to launch quantum computing in Amaravati by 2027

WHY IN NEWS Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu announced the commencement of quantum computing operations in Amaravati by February 3, 2027, in collaboration with IBM, TCS, and L&T.

- CONCEPT** | Q-Shiva: A mini quantum test lab comprising five quantum computers inaugurated in Amaravati.
- FIGURE** | ₹500 crore venture fund established by Andhra Pradesh government for deep-tech startup promotion.
- CONCEPT** | Sovereign AI Stack: Infrastructure aimed at achieving India's goal of becoming a global knowledge hub.
- FIGURE** | State aims to produce 50 lakh AI professionals to contribute to the national target of 1 crore.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of developing a 'Sovereign AI Stack' and quantum computing infrastructure in achieving India's goal of becoming a global knowledge hub.

USE: Quantum Computing Sovereign AI Stack Deep-tech Knowledge Hub Human Capital

Kerala renames IT department to include AI and Future Technologies

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala State Government renamed its Electronics & Information Technology department to include Artificial Intelligence and Future Technologies to align with the Governor's 2026 policy address.

- PLACE** | Kerala — State Government renamed the IT department on October 03, 2026
- CONCEPT** | Artificial Intelligence and Future Technologies — included in the new department name
- MISSION** | Semicon Keralam — an initiative under the renamed department
- BODY** | Kerala State Digital Technology Mission and The Future Corporation — part of the new mandate

MAINS Q Discuss how the integration of AI and deep-tech ventures into state-level governance can catalyze regional economic development and digital infrastructure in India.

USE: Deep-tech Digital Infrastructure Semiconductor Ecosystem Governance Reform AI Integration

IGI researchers discover VIPR viral system using AI to screen proteins

WHY IN NEWS Researchers at the Innovative Genomics Institute (IGI) discovered the VIPR viral system using AI-assisted structural analysis to screen 2.3 million proteins.

- CONCEPT** | VIPR: A viral system that forms a triplex to silence genes.
- CONCEPT** | Class 1 CRISPR: Ancient systems whose origins may be explained by the VIPR discovery.
- BODY** | Innovative Genomics Institute (IGI): Research body founded by Jennifer Doudna.
- FIGURE** | 2.3 million: The number of protein structures screened using AI-assisted analysis.

MAINS Q Discuss how AI-driven structural analysis is accelerating the discovery of novel gene-editing mechanisms and their implications for synthetic biology.

USE: Gene editing Synthetic biology AI-assisted discovery CRISPR origins Protein structural analysis

Andhra Pradesh to launch 3D Concrete Printing pilot for rural homes

WHY IN NEWS Andhra Pradesh is launching a national-level pilot project to construct rural homes using 3D Concrete Printing (3DCP) under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) scheme.

SCHEME	PMAY-G: Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin is the central scheme for rural housing.
CONCEPT	3D Concrete Printing (3DCP): Uses construction-scale additive manufacturing to extrude cementitious materials based on Building Information Modelling (BIM) designs.
FIGURE	₹13.93 crore: Total outlay for the 3DCP pilot project in Andhra Pradesh.
EVENT	India's first 3D-printed single-storey house was unveiled in 2021 by IIT Madras and startup Tvasta.

MAINS Q Discuss how the integration of 3D Concrete Printing and additive manufacturing can revolutionize rural infrastructure development and housing delivery in India.

USE: Additive Manufacturing 3D Concrete Printing PMAY-G Building Information Modelling Rural Infrastructure

Space seeds grew slower but remained viable after 6-month International Space Station mission

WHY IN NEWS Researchers revealed that rocket seeds and other seeds kept in the International Space Station (ISS) for six months remained viable despite slower growth rates.

S&T	ESA: European Space Agency
FACT	2kg of rocket seeds were transported to the ISS in 2015
BODY	Royal Horticultural Society and UK Space Agency collaborated on the school-based experiment

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of space-based botanical research in ensuring long-term human sustainability and food security during interplanetary missions.

USE: microgravity extraterrestrial agriculture seed viability space exploration biotechnology

Air Marshal reviews LCA AF Mk-II and AMCA programs in Bengaluru

WHY IN NEWS Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann, AOC-in-C of the Southern Air Command, reviewed the LCA AF Mk-II and AMCA programs at ADA and HAL in Bengaluru to address delays in the LCA Tejas Mk1A delivery.

BODY	Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) — involved in LCA AF Mk-II and AMCA programs
BODY	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) — involved in LCA AF Mk-II and AMCA programs
FIGURE	₹48,000 crore — value of the procurement deal for 83 LCA Tejas Mk1A jets
CONCEPT	AMCA — Advanced Medium Capability Aircraft program

MAINS Q Analyze the challenges in the indigenous development and timely delivery of advanced fighter aircraft programs like LCA Tejas and AMCA in India.

USE: Indigenization Defense Procurement Aatmanirbhar Bharat Strategic Autonomy Aerospace Engineering

Paani Earth Foundation maps 89 villages in Karnataka after Kasturirangan report rejection

WHY IN NEWS Paani Earth Foundation mapped 89 villages in Karnataka following the state legislature's rejection of the K. Kasturirangan Committee report regarding the Western Ghats Ecologically Sensitive Area.

PLACE	Kodagu and Udipi: Districts in Karnataka where 89 villages were mapped for ecological analysis.
CONCEPT	Ecologically Sensitive Area: Region where a draft notification bans mining but allows agriculture and property ownership.
REPORT	Kasturirangan Committee report: A report regarding the Western Ghats Ecologically Sensitive Area.

MAINS Q Discuss the conflict between ecological conservation and local livelihoods in the Western Ghats, highlighting the challenges of implementing the Kasturirangan Committee recommendations.

USE: [Ecologically Sensitive Area](#) [Biodiversity Conservation](#) [Legislative Oversight](#) [Sustainable Development](#) [Land Use Policy](#)

NTCA releases tigress T138 into Buxa Tiger Reserve

WHY IN NEWS The National Tiger Conservation Authority and Wildlife Institute of India released tigress T138 from Bihar's Valmiki Tiger Reserve into West Bengal's Buxa Tiger Reserve to establish a self-sustaining tiger population.

FIGURE	Buxa Tiger Reserve area — 760.87 sq km
BODY	National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) — oversees tiger conservation in India

MAINS Q Discuss the ecological and logistical challenges involved in establishing self-sustaining tiger populations through the phased reintroduction of individuals into fragmented habitats.

USE: [phased reintroduction](#) [self-sustaining population](#) [habitat fragmentation](#) [wildlife conservation](#) [ecological corridors](#)

Supreme Court to ban cellphones in Bandhavgarh tiger reserve by early 2026

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court ruled to ban cellphones in the Bandhavgarh tiger reserve by early 2026 to ensure responsible tourism and wildlife protection.

FIGURE	1536 square kilometres — the area covered by Bandhavgarh tiger reserve
FIGURE	164 tigers — the number of tigers housed in the reserve as of the 2026 reporting period
DATE	1993 — the year Bandhavgarh tiger reserve was established

MAINS Q Discuss the conflict between tourism development and wildlife conservation in tiger reserves. How can regulatory measures like mobile bans balance these competing interests?

USE: [Responsible Tourism](#) [Wildlife Conservation](#) [Habitat Integrity](#) [Regulatory Framework](#) [Biodiversity Protection](#)

BORDER MANAGEMENT

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India identifies 28 geographical features on SoI map following PLA movements

WHY IN NEWS The Government of India identified 28 geographical features on the official Survey of India (SoI) map following PLA troop movements along the LAC since April 2020.

BODY | Survey of India (SoI) — The official body responsible for mapping and geographical features in India.

PLACE | Ladakh — The Union Territory where the 28 geographical features were identified.

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of accurate cartographic mapping in maintaining territorial integrity and managing border disputes in the context of the LAC.*

USE: territorial integrity cartographic sovereignty LAC border management geospatial data

10 questions, 10 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 With reference to the removal of Bitchat from Indian app stores, consider the following statements:

1. India accounted for 95% of Bitchat downloads between July 17 and July 23.
2. The order was issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
3. The app was removed from the App Store and Google Play following user protests.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2 With reference to the visit of Admiral Samuel J. Paparo to India, consider the following statements:

1. Admiral Samuel J. Paparo is the Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command.
2. The visit is scheduled to take place in the year 2025.
3. The visit focuses on maritime security and regional strategic stability.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3 Where is the headquarters of the National Tribunals Commission located?

- ☐ a Delhi ☐ b Mumbai
☐ c Hyderabad ☐ d Bengaluru

4 With reference to the geographical features identified on the Survey of India (Sol) map, consider the following statements:

1. The identification was conducted in consultation with the administration of Ladakh.
2. The list includes a total of 15 peaks and mountains.
3. A total of 28 geographical features were identified on the official map.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5 Who is the leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party demanding the return of the ousted ex-Prime Minister?

- ☐ a Tarique Rahman ☐ b Arafat Ali
☐ c Ziaur Rahman ☐ d Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

6 What is the current number of fighter squadrons in the Indian Air Force as mentioned in the report?

- ☐ a 29 ☐ b 42
☐ c 38 ☐ d 35

7 With reference to the maritime situation in the Persian Gulf, consider the following statements:

1. Over 4,500 Indian seafarers are currently operating in the Persian Gulf area.
2. The Strait of Hormuz is a maritime passage located in the Arabian Sea.
3. The MT Kazimah III is a tanker sailing under the Indian flag.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8 What is the length of the Katra–Banihal section of the USBRL project?

- (a) 111 km (b) 150 km
(c) 85 km (d) 200 km

9 What is the name of the mini quantum test lab comprising five quantum computers inaugurated in Amaravati?

- (a) Quantum-Hub (b) Bharat-Q
(c) Indra-Lab (d) Q-Shiva

10 Which districts in Karnataka were involved in the village mapping by the Paani Earth Foundation?

- (a) Chikkamagaluru and Shimoga (b) Mysuru and Hassan
(c) Kodagu and Udupi (d) Belagavi and Gulbarga

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



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