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Practice — 10 MCQs**HOW EACH NOTE READS**

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The 5-page **Brief** has the stories that matter most, plus a quiz. Same day, same notes.

History & Culture

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ART, ARCHITECTURE & CULTURE P

5 Oct · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/130921

Union Minister announces ₹55.74 crore for Arasavalli temple development

WHY IN NEWS Union Minister K. Rammohan Naidu announced a ₹55.74 crore development plan for the Arasavalli Sri Suryanarayana Swamy temple under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme.

SCHEME	Swadesh Darshan 2.0: A central government scheme for developing and promoting tourist destinations.
FIGURE	₹55.74 crore: Amount announced for development at Arasavalli Sri Suryanarayana Swamy temple.
PLACE	Arasavalli Sri Suryanarayana Swamy temple: Site of the proposed development projects.
FIGURE	17 out of 57: Number of destinations sanctioned for funding under the current phase of the scheme.

MAINS Q Discuss how the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme contributes to the preservation of cultural heritage while promoting sustainable tourism in India.

USE: Cultural Tourism Heritage Preservation Infrastructure Development Rural Economy Swadesh Darshan

Polity & Constitution

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ELECTIONS, ECI & ELECTORAL REFORMS

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5 Oct · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/130916](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/130916)

Supreme Court issues notices over 13 crore names deleted from electoral rolls

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court issued notices to the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the Centre following a plea challenging the alleged unilateral deletion of 13 crore names from electoral rolls across 30 States/UTs.

BODY	Election Commission of India (ECI) — tasked with maintaining electoral rolls and ensuring electoral integrity.
FIGURE	13 crore names — the number of names allegedly deleted across 30 States/Union Territories.
CONCEPT	Universal Adult Franchise — the principle of voting rights which relies on accurate electoral rolls.

MAINS Q *Examine the importance of electoral roll integrity in ensuring the principle of Universal Adult Franchise and the role of the ECI in preventing arbitrary deletions.*

USE: Universal Adult Franchise Electoral Integrity Administrative Arbitrariness Judicial Oversight Disenfranchisement

JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS

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5 Oct · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/131204](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/131204)

Centre appoints 3 judges to Supreme Court increasing working strength to 37

WHY IN NEWS The Centre appointed three judges to the Supreme Court, increasing its working strength to 37, following recommendations by the Supreme Court Collegium.

BODY	Supreme Court Collegium — Body responsible for recommending judicial appointments
FIGURE	Supreme Court sanctioned strength — 38
FIGURE	Supreme Court current working strength — 37
PERSON	Justice Sunita Agarwal — Former Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court
PERSON	Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya — Former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court

MAINS Q *Examine the role of the Collegium system in maintaining judicial independence and the challenges of judicial vacancies in India.*

USE: Judicial Appointments Supreme Court Collegium Judicial Vacancies Judicial Independence Sanctioned Strength

JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS

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5 Oct · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/131199](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/131199)

Justice Puthichira Sam Koshy appointed Acting Chief Justice of Telangana High Court

WHY IN NEWS The President of India appointed Justice Puthichira Sam Koshy as Acting Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court following the elevation of Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh to the Supreme Court.

PERSON	Justice Puthichira Sam Koshy — Appointed as Acting Chief Justice of Telangana High Court
PERSON	Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh — Appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court
CONCEPT	Supreme Collegium — Body that recommended the elevation of Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh
BODY	Ministry of Law and Justice — Body responsible for notifying judicial appointments

MAINS Q *Discuss the role of the Supreme Collegium in maintaining the independence of the judiciary while ensuring transparency in the appointment of judges.*

USE: Judicial Independence Supreme Collegium Judicial Appointments Separation of Powers Constitutional Machinery

Supreme Court to hear petition on ward delimitation during Census 2027

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court agreed to hear a petition by Paka Suresh, former Mayor of Kadapa Municipal Corporation, regarding ward delimitation during Census 2027.

CONCEPT	Ward delimitation: Process of redefining electoral boundaries for municipal wards.
ACT	Census Rules 1990: Rule 8(iv) is the specific provision under judicial scrutiny.
PLACE	Kadapa Municipal Corporation: Location of the petitioner's former municipal office.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of ward delimitation in ensuring equitable representation and effective urban governance in Indian municipal corporations.

USE: Ward Delimitation Census Rules 1990 Municipal Governance Judicial Review Urban Representation

Calcutta High Court notes 19,000 voters disenfranchised due to 21-year backlog

WHY IN NEWS The Calcutta High Court highlighted the disenfranchisement of 19,000 voters in Nandigram and Rejinagar due to a 21-year backlog in Appellate Tribunal clearances.

BODY	Election Commission (ECI) tribunals — only 16 out of 19 remain functional currently.
PLACE	Nandigram and Rejinagar — locations where 19,000 voters are disenfranchised.
FIGURE	38.31 lakh — total pending appeals with only 1.26 lakh cleared.
CONCEPT	Disenfranchisement — the loss of the right to vote due to judicial and administrative backlogs.

MAINS Q Discuss the institutional challenges in the electoral grievance redressal mechanism and its impact on the fundamental right to vote.

USE: disenfranchisement electoral grievance judicial backlog universal adult suffrage administrative efficiency

Telangana CEO orders penalties for false statements in voter forms

WHY IN NEWS Telangana Chief Electoral Officer ordered District Election Officers and Collectors to penalize applicants for knowingly making false statements in voter registration forms.

ACT	Representation of People Act, 1950: Provides the legal basis for taking action against false statements.
CONCEPT	Forms 6, 6A, 7, and 8: Used for various voter registration actions including new applications and deletions.
CONCEPT	Rule 20 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960: Specifies the inquiry process before penalizing false statements.

MAINS Q Discuss the measures required to ensure the integrity of electoral rolls in India and the legal mechanisms available to penalize fraudulent voter registrations.

USE: Electoral Integrity Representation of People Act Voter Fraud Administrative Oversight Rule of Law

Constitution Bench to review 2003 Tamil Nadu Assembly resolution on The Hindu editors

WHY IN NEWS A seven-judge Constitution Bench is considering whether to hear the merits of a 2003 Tamil Nadu Assembly resolution to arrest The Hindu editors for criticizing Jayalalithaa, which was withdrawn in 2004.

BODY	Constitution Bench — A seven-judge bench considering the merits of the 2003 resolution.
CONCEPT	Legislative Privilege — Conflict between privileges of houses and fundamental rights of free speech and personal liberty.
ACT	Article 194 — Relates to the privileges, immunities, and procedures of the State Legislature.
ACT	Article 19(1)(a) — Guarantees freedom of speech and expression to all citizens.
ACT	Article 21 — Guarantees the right to life and liberty.

MAINS Q Examine the constitutional conflict between the privileges of the legislature and the fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression in India.

USE: Legislative Privilege Freedom of Speech Constitutionalism Judicial Review Fundamental Rights

Supreme Court to list petition on Delhi Police blocking Jantar Mantar protests

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court indicated it will list a petition alleging that Delhi Police is blocking peaceful protests at Jantar Mantar, which were organized to seek the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

CONCEPT	Article 19: Guarantees fundamental rights including freedom of speech and peaceful assembly.
PERSON	Surya Kant — Chief Justice of India (as of October 2026).
PLACE	Jantar Mantar — Site where protests were allegedly blocked by Delhi Police.

MAINS Q To what extent does the right to peaceful protest at designated sites like Jantar Mantar balance the state's obligation to maintain public order under Article 19?

USE: Fundamental Rights Public Order Judicial Review Right to Protest Constitutionalism

Governance

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Supreme Court dismisses Centre's plea against Great Nicobar project order

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court dismissed the Centre's plea against a Calcutta High Court order upholding Public Interest Litigations (PILs) alleging violations of the Forest Rights Act in the Great Nicobar Island project.

PLACE	Great Nicobar Island — Project site under litigation regarding Forest Rights Act compliance
ACT	Forest Rights Act — Legislation cited in PILs regarding the Great Nicobar project
CONCEPT	Public Interest Litigation — Mechanism used to allege violations of forest rights in the project

MAINS Q Examine the conflict between large-scale infrastructure development and the protection of indigenous forest rights under the Forest Rights Act.

USE: Judicial Review Forest Rights Act Environmental Governance Infrastructure Development Public Interest Litigation

Madras High Court dismisses petition challenging Tamil Nadu's Vettri Payanam scheme

WHY IN NEWS The Madras High Court dismissed a petition by a private bus operator challenging the Tamil Nadu government's 'Vettri Payanam' scheme, which provides free travel for women.

SCHEME	Vettri Payanam — A Tamil Nadu government scheme providing no-fare travel to women.
FIGURE	84.32 lakh women — The number of women who receive no-fare travel daily under the scheme.
FIGURE	12,695 buses — The total number of buses involved in the Vettri Payanam scheme.
PLACE	Erode district — The district where the private bus operator challenging the scheme is based.
BODY	Madras High Court — The judicial body that dismissed the petition challenging the scheme.

MAINS Q Discuss the socio-economic implications of state-sponsored free public transport schemes for women's empowerment and the fiscal challenges of such initiatives.

USE: Women Empowerment Public Transport Fiscal Federalism Social Welfare Judicial Review

Social Justice

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Karnataka reserves 2% of government jobs for athletes across 34 disciplines

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka government announced a gazette notification reserving 2% of government jobs for athletes across 34 disciplines to promote sports and recognize achievements.

CONCEPT	Sports Quota — Reservation of 2% of government jobs for athletes in Karnataka.
FIGURE	34 disciplines — The number of sports categories covered under the new policy.
FIGURE	12 to 50 — The range of weightage marks provided to athletes for these positions.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of institutionalizing sports quotas in public employment to foster a sports-centric culture in India.

USE: Sports Quota Public Employment Incentivization Social Inclusion Policy Framework

Andhra Pradesh to upgrade 1,000 schools to five-star status by 2029

WHY IN NEWS Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh directed officials to upgrade 1,000 schools to five-star status by 2029 and upgrade zero/one-star schools within a year.

SCHEME	Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana — utilized for establishing labs in 7,000 high schools
CONCEPT	Five-star status — a target for 1,000 schools in Andhra Pradesh by 2029
CONCEPT	LEAP schools — 175 schools targeted for development by 2029
CONCEPT	Zero/one-star schools — targeted for upgrade within one year

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of infrastructure-led educational reforms in achieving equitable learning outcomes in rural and urban school systems.

USE: Educational Infrastructure Skill Development Standardization Equitable Education Vocational Training

KSRTC to host vending machines and incinerators at 14 terminals for menstrual needs

WHY IN NEWS Minister for Women and Child Development Bindhu Krishna is set to inaugurate the 'Women on the Move and Menstrual Needs' scheme to provide menstrual products and incinerators at KSRTC terminals.

SCHEME	Women on the Move and Menstrual Needs — provides menstrual products and incinerators at KSRTC terminals.
BODY	HLL — the entity responsible for supplying napkins under the scheme.
FIGURE	₹10 — the price for napkins containing three units supplied by HLL.
CONCEPT	Menstrual Hygiene Management — involves providing products and incinerators at public transport terminals.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of public-private partnerships and state-led initiatives in addressing menstrual hygiene management for women in public transport systems.

USE: Menstrual Hygiene Management Public Infrastructure Gender Sensitivity Affordability Waste Management

Odisha to resume student union elections after 8-year suspension

WHY IN NEWS The Odisha government announced the resumption of student union elections after an eight-year suspension since 2017 to facilitate student representation.

EVENT	Resumption of student union elections in Odisha after an 8-year suspension.
DATE	Election notification scheduled for 7 October 2026.
DATE	Election date set for 15 October 2026.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of student union elections in fostering democratic values and leadership among the youth in higher education institutions.

USE: Democratic decentralization Student representation Campus democracy Leadership development

ICMR study estimates 5,726 annual rabies deaths despite Health Ministry recording only 54

WHY IN NEWS An ICMR study published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases revealed a massive discrepancy between the Health Ministry's recorded rabies deaths (54) and estimated annual deaths (5,726), highlighting surveillance gaps.

BODY	IDSP–IHIP: Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme – Integrated Health Information Platform
BODY	NCDC: National Centre for Disease Control
FACT	ICMR estimated annual rabies deaths: 5,726
FACT	Health Ministry recorded rabies deaths in 2024: 54
POST	Registrar General of India: Records show significant surveillance gaps in rabies reporting

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in establishing a robust disease surveillance mechanism in India and suggest measures to achieve the goal of eliminating dog-mediated human rabies by 2030.

USE: Disease Surveillance Notifiable Diseases Epidemiological Gap Public Health Infrastructure One Health Approach

Odisha to issue guidelines protecting property rights for Persons with Disabilities

WHY IN NEWS Suresh Kumar Vashishth wrote to Arabinda Kumar Padhee requesting the Odisha government to issue guidelines to protect property rights for Persons with Disabilities under the RPwD Act, 2016.

ACT	RPwD Act, 2016 — Primary legislation governing the rights of Persons with Disabilities in India
CONCEPT	Property Rights Protection — Aimed at preventing land deprivation and procedural hurdles for individuals with disabilities

MAINS Q *Examine the legal and procedural hurdles faced by Persons with Disabilities in securing property rights in India and suggest measures to prevent their exploitation.*

USE: Property Rights RPwD Act 2016 Social Inclusion Legal Empowerment Vulnerable Sections

International Relations

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France urges India to use influence to bring Russia to peace talks

WHY IN NEWS French Minister-Delegate Benjamin Haddad urged India to leverage its influence to bring Russia to peace talks during a meeting with S. Jaishankar in Delhi.

PERSON	Benjamin Haddad — French Minister-Delegate for European Affairs
EVENT	India-EU FTA meeting — scheduled for December 16 in Brussels
CONCEPT	Strategic autonomy — India's approach to navigating geopolitical dynamics between US, China, and Russia
BODY	France — preparing a 22nd sanctions package against Russia

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of 'strategic autonomy' for India in navigating the evolving geopolitical dynamics between the US, China, and Russia.*

USE: strategic autonomy middle power multilateralism geopolitical leverage trade diplomacy

Swiss President Guy Parmelin meets PM Modi to discuss TEPA and migration

WHY IN NEWS Swiss President Guy Parmelin visited New Delhi to discuss the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) and cooperation on terror financing and AI.

CONCEPT	TEPA: Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement between India and Switzerland
DATE	October 2025: Date when TEPA is set to enter into force
BODY	FATF: Financial Action Task Force standards discussed for cooperation against terror financing
PLACE	Geneva: Host city for a global AI summit scheduled for 2027

MAINS Q *Examine how bilateral trade agreements like TEPA can bolster India's position in global value chains while addressing security concerns like terror financing.*

USE: bilateral trade economic partnership terror financing regulatory alignment strategic cooperation

Jaishankar advocates for UN reforms and dialogue for Russia-Ukraine conflict

WHY IN NEWS External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar called for UN reforms and a dialogue-based resolution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict during the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave.

PERSON	S. Jaishankar — External Affairs Minister of India
PLACE	Kautilya Economic Conclave — Held in New Delhi
CONCEPT	Global South — India advocated for the interests of this group
EVENT	5th Kautilya Economic Conclave — Held in October 2026

MAINS Q *Examine the necessity of United Nations reforms in addressing contemporary geopolitical conflicts and representing the aspirations of the Global South.*

USE: Global South Multilateralism UN Reform Geopolitical Flux Conflict Resolution

Montana Governor leads delegation to India and Sri Lanka for trade

WHY IN NEWS Montana Governor Greg Gianforte led a 30-person delegation to India and Sri Lanka to discuss expanding trade, education, and research partnerships.

PLACE	India and Sri Lanka — destinations for the Montana trade and research delegation
CONCEPT	Sub-national diplomacy — state-level delegations enhancing bilateral trade and investment ties
CONCEPT	Trade sectors — agriculture, aerospace, biotechnology, quantum, and photonics

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of sub-national state delegations in enhancing India's bilateral trade and investment ties with foreign entities.*

USE: Sub-national diplomacy Trade diversification Professional mobility Bilateral cooperation Investment partnerships

Hegseth announces six reforms including Elon Musk-led Project Meridian at Marine Corps Base Quantico

WHY IN NEWS US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth announced six reforms at Marine Corps Base Quantico, including Project Meridian and an Autonomous Warfare Command

POST	Pete Hegseth: US Secretary of War
FACT	Autonomous Warfare Command target date: October 2027
FACT	Project Meridian end date: January 28, 2027
PLACE	Marine Corps Base Quantico: Location of reform announcement

MAINS Q *Discuss the implications of integrating autonomous warfare systems in bilateral defense cooperation between the United States and India.*

USE: Autonomous Warfare Defense Modernization Strategic Autonomy Technological Integration

Middle East crude exports hit 22.5 million bpd despite IRGC claims

WHY IN NEWS Kpler data revealed Middle East crude exports reached 19.5–22.5 million bpd in late September 2026, contradicting IRGC claims of a waterway closure.

PLACE	Strait of Hormuz — Key maritime chokepoint for Middle Eastern oil exports
CONCEPT	Pre-war Middle East crude export average — 18 million bpd (March 2025 – February 2026)
FIGURE	Kpler recorded exports — 19.5–22.5 million bpd in late September 2026
CONCEPT	IRGC claim — Only 3–4 million bpd moved through the Strait of Hormuz

MAINS Q *Analyze the geopolitical significance of the Strait of Hormuz in global energy security and the implications of maritime disruptions on international trade.*

USE: [Energy Security](#) [Maritime Chokepoints](#) [Geopolitics](#) [Supply Chain Disruption](#) [Hydrocarbon Trade](#)

Economy

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INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS) P M

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Union Cabinet approves ₹1.86 lakh crore Green Energy Corridor Phase-III

WHY IN NEWS The Union Cabinet approved the ₹1.86 lakh crore Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III) to integrate renewable power into the national grid.

SCHEME	Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III) — project to integrate renewable power into the national grid.
FIGURE	₹1.86 lakh crore — total outlay for GEC-III.
FIGURE	₹1.36 lakh crore — earmarked for intra-state transmission.
FIGURE	₹50,000 crore — allocated for 50 GWh Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).
FIGURE	135 GW — target for renewable power evacuation by FY2032–33.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of integrating renewable energy into the national grid and the role of storage systems in achieving India's 2030 energy targets.

USE: Renewable Energy Green Energy Corridor Battery Energy Storage System Viability Gap Funding Grid Integration

EXTERNAL SECTOR, TRADE & FDI P M

5 Oct · BBC · satyadheesh.in/news/130950

India raises toy import tariffs to 70% to curb trade deficit

WHY IN NEWS India increased toy import tariffs from 20% to 70% to curb imports, while the trade deficit with China reached \$112bn.

CONCEPT	Trade Deficit — India's trade deficit with China reached \$112bn in 2026.
FIGURE	Toy Import Tariffs — Increased from 20% to 70% to curb imports.
FIGURE	Toy Imports — Dropped from \$300m in 2020 to \$100m in 2026.
PLACE	BRICS summit — Platform where leaders discussed trade imbalances.

MAINS Q Examine the challenges India faces in reducing industrial dependencies on China despite implementing protective tariff measures.

USE: Trade Deficit Import Substitution Industrial Dependency Tariff Barriers Trade Imbalance

MONETARY POLICY, RBI & BANKING P M

5 Oct · Economic Times · satyadheesh.in/news/130752

RBI Governor signals higher-for-longer interest rates amid capital outflows

WHY IN NEWS RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra delivered a hawkish speech at the Fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave, signaling a 'higher-for-longer' interest rate environment to counter \$4.5 billion in capital outflows and global risks.

CONCEPT	Hawkish stance — signaling a higher-for-longer interest rate environment to counter capital outflows.
FIGURE	Capital outflows — reached \$4.5 billion during the reporting period.
FIGURE	Yield spread — the gap between 10-year benchmark Indian yield and 10-year US treasury yield narrowed to 193 basis points.
FIGURE	Oil prices — noted to be above \$100 a barrel.
FIGURE	US treasury yield — reached a 24-year high.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges faced by emerging economies like India in managing capital outflows and maintaining financial stability amidst tightening global financial conditions.

USE: Hawkish stance Capital outflows Monetary policy Yield spread Financial stability

Study finds majority of non-farm workers in low-productivity informal sectors

WHY IN NEWS Economists Rajeer Jat and Bharat Ramaswami published a study in the Journal of Development Economics highlighting that a majority of non-farm workers remain in low-productivity informal sectors.

- CONCEPT** | Informal industries: sectors where productivity levels are indistinguishable from the agricultural sector.
- BODY** | Reserve Bank of India (RBI): Source of the KLEMS data used in the study.
- FIGURE** | 63% to 75%: Proportion of non-farm workers currently employed in informal industries.

MAINS Q Discuss the structural challenges in transitioning India's informal workforce into high-productivity formal sectors and the role of human capital investment in this transition.

USE: [informal economy](#) [labor productivity](#) [human capital](#) [structural transformation](#) [formalization](#)

SEBI to likely stop using closing auction session for derivatives settlement prices

WHY IN NEWS SEBI is likely to stop using the closing auction session (CAS) to calculate derivatives settlement prices to prevent sharp price swings on expiry days.

- BODY** | SEBI: Securities and Exchange Board of India
- FACT** | Vwap: Volume-weighted average price of the last 30 minutes of trading will be used for derivatives settlement
- FACT** | CAS: Closing Auction Session is used for stocks with linked futures and options contracts
- FACT** | Less liquid cash markets: Closing auction will still be used to determine end-of-day prices

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of adopting volume-weighted average prices over closing auctions for derivatives settlement in ensuring market stability and investor protection.

USE: [market volatility](#) [derivatives settlement](#) [volume-weighted average price](#) [regulatory oversight](#) [price discovery](#)

KSTDC to invest ₹100 crore to upgrade hotels and restaurants

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) announced a ₹100 crore investment to upgrade 24 hotels and two restaurants to 3-star standards to boost tourism revenue.

- BODY** | Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) — state body investing in tourism infrastructure.
- FIGURE** | ₹100 crore — total investment amount for property upgrades.
- CONCEPT** | 3-star standards — the target quality level for upgraded hotels and restaurants.
- PLACE** | Hampi, Jog Falls, Nandi Hills, Madikeri, and KRS — specific tourism hubs targeted for upgrades.

MAINS Q Discuss how infrastructure investment in state-run tourism properties can catalyze regional economic development and promote sustainable tourism in India.

USE: [Infrastructure development](#) [Tourism promotion](#) [Revenue generation](#) [State-led investment](#) [Hospitality standards](#)

Foreign firms invest \$10 billion in Indian hospital chains

WHY IN NEWS Foreign investment firms including Blackstone and KKR have invested \$10 billion in Indian hospital chains, prompting a parliamentary committee warning regarding medical inflation.

FIGURE | \$10 billion — Total foreign investment in Indian hospital chains over five years

FIGURE | \$1.4 billion — KKR's acquisition of Medcover AB

FIGURE | 10,000 — Bed capacity of Medcover AB after KKR acquisition

CONCEPT | Medical inflation — A concern raised by a parliamentary committee regarding large-scale private equity

PERSON | Temasek Holdings — A foreign investment firm involved in the hospital chain investments

MAINS Q Discuss the impact of large-scale foreign private equity investment in India's healthcare sector on medical inflation and accessibility for the common man.

USE: Private Equity Medical Inflation Capital Infusion Healthcare Accessibility Price Regulation

India's foreign exchange reserves decline by USD 18.34 billion in one week

WHY IN NEWS Deepanshu Mohan of O.P. Jindal Global University analyzed a reported USD 18.34 billion decline in India's foreign exchange reserves over a single week.

BODY | Reserve Bank of India (RBI) — the institution responsible for managing India's foreign exchange reserves.

CONCEPT | Macroeconomic insurance — reserves are used to buffer trade deficits and volatile capital flows.

FIGURE | USD 18.34 billion — the amount by which India's foreign exchange reserves declined in one week.

MAINS Q Analyze the role of foreign exchange reserves as a macroeconomic stabilizer for India and suggest measures to reduce vulnerability to external shocks.

USE: Macroeconomic insurance Trade deficit Capital flows External shocks Reserve management

Nifty 50 and Sensex open higher as RBI begins Monetary Policy Committee meeting

WHY IN NEWS The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) commenced its three-day Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting to decide on the repo rate amidst 4.82 per cent CPI inflation.

FACT | Repo Rate: 5.25 per cent as of October 5, 2026

FACT | CPI Inflation: 4.82 per cent

BODY | Monetary Policy Committee (MPC): The body responsible for determining the repo rate in India

FACT | Nifty 50 and BSE Sensex opened at 22,532 and 72,340 respectively on October 5, 2026

MAINS Q Discuss the role of the Monetary Policy Committee in balancing inflation control with economic growth in a volatile global environment.

USE: Monetary Policy Repo Rate CPI Inflation Liquidity Management Capital Markets

India's economy grew nearly 8 per cent but equities struggled to deliver returns

WHY IN NEWS Ajay Kumar Yadav of Wise Finserv noted that India's nearly 8% GDP growth in the April–June 2026 quarter did not translate into expected equity returns due to forward-looking market pricing.

- FIGURE** | Nearly 8 per cent — India's GDP growth in the April–June 2026 quarter
- CONCEPT** | Forward-looking pricing — Stock markets price future earnings rather than current GDP
- CONCEPT** | Market influences — Stock performance is affected by stretched valuations, global bond yields, crude oil prices, and the AI boom
- CONCEPT** | IT exporters — Large IT exporters depend heavily on global clients and are affected by AI economics

MAINS Q Analyze why high GDP growth rates do not always correlate with immediate stock market returns in a developing economy like India.

USE: GDP growth Equity returns Forward-looking pricing Valuation Corporate earnings

Experts predict RBI rate hike as crude oil exceeds \$100

WHY IN NEWS 20 out of 21 experts anticipate an RBI rate hike on October 7 due to crude oil prices exceeding \$100 per barrel and the US Federal Reserve's September hike.

- CONCEPT** | India–US yield differential — narrowing to 189 basis points
- FIGURE** | India GDP growth — reported at 7.8%
- FIGURE** | Crude oil prices — exceeding \$100 per barrel
- BODY** | RBI rate-setting committee — scheduled to meet on October 7 to announce decisions

MAINS Q Discuss the impact of narrowing yield differentials and global crude oil price volatility on the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy framework.

USE: Monetary Policy Yield Differential Inflation Targeting Capital Flows Macroeconomic Stability

GST collections reach ₹12.46 lakh crore as taxable supplies grow 25.8%

WHY IN NEWS Union Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman announced that GST collections reached ₹12.46 lakh crore for the April–September 2026 period, reflecting an 11.6% increase.

- FIGURE** | ₹12.46 lakh crore — Gross GST collections for the period April–September 2026
- FIGURE** | 25.8% — Growth in taxable supplies between October 2025 and July 2026
- FIGURE** | 1.71 crore — Approximate number of GST registrations reached by August
- DATE** | September 22, 2025 — Date when Next-Gen GST rate changes took effect

MAINS Q Analyze the factors contributing to the growth in GST collections and its implications for India's fiscal deficit management.

USE: Fiscal Federalism Tax Base Expansion Indirect Taxation Revenue Mobilization GST Regime

Central teams continue visits to drought-hit areas

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka government submitted memorandums to the Centre seeking ₹7,500 crore in relief as drought-related losses in the state reached an estimated ₹46,000 crore.

PLACE	Drought-hit districts in Karnataka include Yadgir, Raichur, Gerdada, Arakere, Saligrama, Mysuru, Hassan, and Davanagere
FACT	Estimated drought losses in Karnataka reached ₹46,000 crore
FACT	Karnataka sought ₹7,500 crore in relief from the Centre
BODY	Inter-Ministerial Central Teams are responsible for assessing disaster losses in states

MAINS Q Discuss the fiscal challenges faced by states in mitigating climate-induced agricultural losses and the necessity of a robust federal relief framework.

USE: Fiscal Federalism Climate Resilience Agricultural Distress Disaster Management Relief Mechanism

Agriculture

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Karnataka reports ₹46,000 crore loss due to severe drought

WHY IN NEWS Karnataka's Revenue Minister G. Parameshwara reported a ₹46,000 crore loss due to severe drought and requested up to ₹11,000 crore in state aid.

FIGURE	₹46,000 crore — Estimated loss in Karnataka due to severe drought
FIGURE	₹10,000 crore to ₹11,000 crore — Amount of financial aid sought by the state
ACT	Land Reforms Act — Sections 79A and 79B are currently under review
CONCEPT	GST Revenue — Potential impact of drought-related losses on state collections

MAINS Q Discuss the fiscal and agricultural implications of recurring droughts on state economies and the role of federal fiscal transfers in mitigating such losses.

USE: Fiscal Federalism Agricultural Distress GST Revenue Drought Mitigation Land Reform

Karnataka pauses revised land survey fees under Mojini system

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka State Government announced a temporary pause on revised land survey fees under the Mojini system to protect farmers during a severe drought.

CONCEPT	Mojini system: A land survey system in Karnataka where fees were scheduled for revision.
PERSON	G. Parameshwara: Deputy Chief Minister and Revenue Minister of Karnataka.
PLACE	Karnataka: State where the land survey fee pause was implemented.

MAINS Q Discuss how state-led fiscal interventions and fee waivers can serve as effective disaster management tools for protecting agrarian livelihoods during climate-induced droughts.

USE: Agrarian distress Fiscal intervention Climate resilience Disaster management Revenue policy

Kerala to launch Brand Wayanad with Tribal University and Heritage Centre

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala State Government is launching 'Brand Wayanad' to promote responsible tourism and establish a Tribal University and Heritage Knowledge Centre.

PLACE	Wayanad: A district in Kerala where the Brand Wayanad initiative is being launched.
FIGURE	₹50 crore: The investment budget for the Tribal University and Heritage Knowledge Centre.
CONCEPT	Wayanad Robusta Coffee: A GI-tagged product promoted under the initiative.
SCHEME	Wayanad CSR Exchange and E-Waste-Free Drive: Key components of the Brand Wayanad project.

MAINS Q Discuss how the promotion of GI-tagged products and responsible tourism can contribute to the socio-economic development of tribal and rural regions in India.

USE: Responsible Tourism GI Tagging Socio-economic Development Tribal Welfare Value Addition

UNFCCC warns of link between extreme heat and premature births

WHY IN NEWS UNFCCC Executive Secretary Simon Stiell warned of the link between extreme heat and adverse pregnancy outcomes, including premature births and underweight babies, ahead of COP31.

CONCEPT	Extreme heat link: 1 degree Celsius rise in heat exposure increases odds of preterm birth.
REPORT	Wellcome survey: 73% of maternal healthcare professionals saw heat-related complications.
REPORT	Wellcome survey: 76% of maternal healthcare professionals saw newborn health issues.
PLACE	COP31: Scheduled to be held in Turkey.
BODY	UNFCCC: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

MAINS Q Discuss how climate-driven extreme heat poses a systemic threat to maternal and neonatal health, and suggest measures to build climate-resilient healthcare systems.

USE: Climate Change Maternal Health Extreme Heat COP31 Public Health

Wayanad township to complete 149 houses for landslide survivors by October 31

WHY IN NEWS Agriculture Minister T. Siddique announced the completion of 149 houses in the second phase of the Wayanad township by October 31 for Mundakkai-Chooralmala landslide survivors.

PLACE	Wayanad township — located at Elstone Estate, Kalpetta
FIGURE	₹2 lakh — financial assistance provided to 370 families
FIGURE	₹15-crore — tender for a skill park to be initiated for survivors
CONCEPT	District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) — body to conduct the lot draw for house allotment

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of integrated rehabilitation models, combining housing, skill development, and infrastructure, in disaster-resilient planning for landslide-affected regions.

USE: Disaster Management Rehabilitation Skill Development Resilient Infrastructure Livelihood Restoration

UP releases four new sugarcane varieties to boost production yields

WHY IN NEWS The Uttar Pradesh government released four new sugarcane varieties, including CoS.23232, to enhance state production yields.

BODY	Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research (IISR) — collaborated on variety development
FIGURE	CoS.23232 yield — 95.56 tons/hectare
CONCEPT	Phasing out — six older sugarcane varieties to be phased out over two years

MAINS Q Discuss how the development of high-yielding crop varieties can contribute to doubling farmers' income and ensuring food security in India.

USE: [Agricultural productivity](#) [R&D collaboration](#) [Crop diversification](#) [Yield optimization](#) [Sustainable farming](#)

Science & Technology

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Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann, and Georg Nagel awarded Nobel Prize for optogenetics

WHY IN NEWS Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann, and Georg Nagel were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their pioneering work in optogenetics.

CONCEPT	Optogenetics: A technique using light to control neurons by expressing light-sensitive proteins.
CONCEPT	Channelrhodopsin: An algal protein used in optogenetics to control neural circuits.
CONCEPT	Retinitis pigmentosa: A condition being treated in clinical trials using optogenetic methods to restore sight.
FIGURE	Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2026: Awarded to Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann, and Georg Nagel.

MAINS Q Discuss the potential of optogenetics in revolutionizing neurological treatments and the ethical considerations surrounding neural circuit manipulation.

USE: [Optogenetics](#) [Channelrhodopsin](#) [Neural Circuits](#) [Retinitis Pigmentosa](#) [Biotechnology](#)

India plans Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission for 2027

WHY IN NEWS India plans its Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission for 2027 as the world observes World Space Week.

CONCEPT	Karman line — the boundary of space generally used by international bodies at 100km above Earth
ACT	Outer Space Treaty — entered into force on October 10, 1967, establishing space as a peaceful domain
EVENT	Sputnik 1 — the first satellite to orbit Earth, launched by the Soviet Union
PERSON	Yuri Gagarin — first human in space, completed one orbit on Vostok 1 on April 12, 1961
FIGURE	Space travelers — at least 746 people from 52 countries have traveled to space

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the Outer Space Treaty in ensuring the peaceful use of outer space and the challenges of establishing a legal boundary for space.

USE: [Space Governance](#) [Outer Space Treaty](#) [Human Spaceflight](#) [Sputnik](#) [Karman Line](#)

Telangana High Court directs ECI to seek instructions on AI data-matching platform

WHY IN NEWS Telangana High Court directed the Election Commission of India to seek instructions on a writ petition alleging that an AI-based data-matching platform for Special Intensive Revision undermines the Constitution.

BODY	Election Commission of India (ECI) — responsible for Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls
CONCEPT	AI-based data-matching platform — used to address discrepancies in electoral rolls dating back to 2002
PLACE	Telangana High Court — the forum where the writ petition was filed

MAINS Q Discuss the constitutional implications and risks of integrating Artificial Intelligence in electoral processes like voter list revisions.

USE: [Algorithmic Accountability](#) [Data Integrity](#) [Constitutional Validity](#) [Electoral Transparency](#)

Masayoshi Son warns of superintelligence risks as AI targets 20% of global GDP

WHY IN NEWS Masayoshi Son of SoftBank Group Corp. warned of safety risks from exponential AI growth and urged international cooperation against 'super dangerous' superintelligence.

PERSON	Masayoshi Son — Associated with SoftBank Group Corp.
FIGURE	20% — Projected share of global GDP by AI by 2040
EVENT	17-country US-led initiative — Announced to accelerate AI research while excluding China
PLACE	Kyoto — Venue of the Science and Technology in Society forum

MAINS Q Discuss the geopolitical and safety implications of rapid AI advancement and the necessity of international regulatory frameworks to mitigate risks of superintelligence.

USE: [Superintelligence](#) [AI Governance](#) [Geopolitical Bifurcation](#) [Technological Sovereignty](#) [Risk Mitigation](#)

Oregon State University researchers develop BVR-19 for cheaper green hydrogen

WHY IN NEWS Researchers at Oregon State University developed BVR-19, a metal-organic framework photocatalyst that uses sulfur bonds to produce green hydrogen from water without expensive metal catalysts.

CONCEPT	BVR-19: A metal-organic framework (MOF) photocatalyst that forms spontaneously in aqueous solutions at room temperature.
CONCEPT	Sulfur bonds: Utilized in BVR-19 to eliminate the need for expensive metal catalysts in hydrogen production.
FIGURE	Methane-steam reforming cost: \$1.50 per kilogram.
FIGURE	Green hydrogen cost: Approximately \$5 per kilogram.

MAINS Q Discuss the technological and economic hurdles in transitioning from grey hydrogen to green hydrogen and the role of material science in achieving cost parity.

USE: [Green Hydrogen](#) [Photocatalysis](#) [Metal-Organic Frameworks](#) [Decarbonization](#) [Energy Transition](#)

High wet-bulb temperature in Chennai identified as lethal to human survival

WHY IN NEWS The report highlights that a wet-bulb temperature of 32–35°C in Chennai can be lethal due to high humidity preventing sweat evaporation.

CONCEPT	Wet-bulb temperature — a measurement where high humidity prevents sweat evaporation, causing internal heat accumulation.
FIGURE	32–35°C — the identified lethal threshold for human survival in high humidity conditions.
FIGURE	70% absolute humidity and 60% relative humidity — conditions recorded in Chennai at 32°C.

MAINS Q Discuss the physiological and climatic implications of rising wet-bulb temperatures in coastal Indian cities and suggest urban heat mitigation strategies.

USE: wet-bulb temperature relative humidity climate crisis heatwaves thermal stress

ESA Juice spacecraft performs gravity assist over Indian Ocean

WHY IN NEWS ESA's Juice spacecraft performed a gravity assist maneuver over the Indian Ocean to increase its velocity and trajectory for its mission to Jupiter.

MISSION	Juice (Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer) — a spacecraft mission by the European Space Agency (ESA) to explore Jupiter.
CONCEPT	Gravity assist (gravity slingshot) — uses a planet's gravitational pull to change a spacecraft's speed and direction without consuming fuel.
FIGURE	3.5 km/s — the speed increase achieved during the gravity assist maneuver over the Indian Ocean.
FIGURE	8,640 km — the altitude of the spacecraft's closest approach above the Indian Ocean.
DATE	2031 and 2034 — the scheduled years for Juice to orbit Jupiter and Ganymede respectively.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of gravity assist maneuvers in deep-space exploration and how they optimize fuel efficiency for interplanetary missions.

USE: Gravity Assist Space Exploration Orbital Mechanics Juice Mission Propellant Conservation

Environment & Ecology

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India-born cheetah KJP21 gives birth to five cubs in Kuno National Park

WHY IN NEWS Chief Minister Mohan Yadav announced that an India-born cheetah (KJP21) gave birth to five cubs in Kuno National Park, marking a milestone for Project Cheetah.

CONCEPT	Project Cheetah — an in-situ conservation initiative to restore apex predators
FIGURE	60 — total cheetah population in India as of October 2026
FIGURE	41 — number of cheetahs born on Indian soil out of the total population
PERSON	KJP21 — the third female cheetah born in India

MAINS Q Examine the ecological and genetic implications of the cheetah reintroduction program in India, focusing on the challenges of establishing a self-sustaining population.

USE: Project Cheetah In-situ conservation Genetic lineage Apex predator Biodiversity restoration

Unscientific desilting of Ooty lake leads to bird population drop

WHY IN NEWS Conservationists reported that unscientific desilting of Ooty lake in Nilgiris led to a bird population drop from 600 in 2023 to 270 in 2025 despite a ₹7.51 crore expenditure.

- FIGURE** | ₹7.51 crore — amount spent on desilting 24 hectares and sewage treatment plant modernization
- CONCEPT** | Eutrophication — indicated by rampant water hyacinth growth due to nutrient pollution
- FIGURE** | Bird population — dropped from over 600 in 2023 to 270 in 2025

MAINS Q Examine how unscientific ecological interventions can exacerbate environmental degradation and impact local biodiversity. Suggest measures for sustainable lake management.

USE: Eutrophication Biodiversity loss Ecological restoration Nutrient-pollution Sustainable management

MoEFCC and Rajasthan Forest Department release Great Indian Bustards in Jaisalmer

WHY IN NEWS The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Rajasthan Forest Department released two male Great Indian Bustards in Sam, Desert National Park, Jaisalmer.

- PLACE** | Sam, Desert National Park, Jaisalmer — Site of the Great Indian Bustard release.
- CONCEPT** | Habitat loss, power lines, and climate change — Primary threats to bird populations identified in a study.
- CONCEPT** | In-situ conservation — Strategy used for the protection of the Great Indian Bustard.

MAINS Q Discuss the ecological challenges faced by critically endangered avian species in India and evaluate the effectiveness of habitat conservation strategies.

USE: Habitat fragmentation Biodiversity conservation In-situ conservation Climate resilience Avian ecology

High-rise buildings and asphalt cause terrestrial stalling and intensify urban heat

WHY IN NEWS Researchers from IIHS Bengaluru and the University of Alabama in Huntsville highlighted how high-rise buildings and asphalt cause 'terrestrial stalling' and intensify urban heat.

- CONCEPT** | Terrestrial stalling — reduction of wind speeds near the 10 m surface level due to urban infrastructure
- CONCEPT** | Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) — a tool suggested to create city ventilation maps
- PLACE** | Chennai and Mumbai — cities identified as requiring ventilation mapping

MAINS Q Discuss how rapid urbanisation and infrastructure development contribute to the 'urban heat island' effect and suggest technological interventions to mitigate terrestrial stalling.

USE: Urban Heat Island Terrestrial Stalling Computational Fluid Dynamics Urban Ventilation Thermal Mass

Parambikulam Tiger Reserve honors rediscovery of extinct plant species

WHY IN NEWS The Parambikulam Tiger Reserve inaugurated a photography exhibition to honor the rediscovery of *Haplothismia exannulata*, a plant species declared extinct in the 1990s.

- CONCEPT** | Haplothismia exannulata — A plant species first collected in 1851, declared extinct in the 1990s, and rediscovered 26 years ago.
- PLACE** | Parambikulam Tiger Reserve — Location of the 'Haplothismia' photography exhibition.
- PERSON** | N. Sasidharan and P. Sujanalal — Individuals who rediscovered the plant species.

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of botanical biodiversity and the role of tiger reserves in conserving endangered flora and fauna in India.

USE: Biodiversity conservation Species rediscovery Ecological significance In-situ conservation Botanical heritage

Supreme Court orders Delhi Police to establish 24-hour monitoring cells

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court ordered the Delhi Police to establish 24-hour monitoring cells and intensify patrolling near schools and illegal eateries following a gangrape at Astha Kunj Park.

BODY | Supreme Court — Mandated 24-hour monitoring cells for surveillance near schools and illegal eateries.

CONCEPT | Judicial Oversight — Role of the judiciary in addressing urban policing gaps and ensuring safety of vulnerable groups.

PLACE | National Capital Territory of Delhi — Location where patrolling deficiencies were acknowledged.

MAINS Q *Examine the role of judicial oversight in addressing gaps in urban policing and ensuring the safety of vulnerable groups in metropolitan areas.*

USE: [Judicial Oversight](#) [Public Safety](#) [Urban Policing](#) [Law Enforcement](#) [Surveillance](#)

10 questions, 10 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 What is the target capacity for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) under the Green Energy Corridor Phase-III?

- (a) 100 GWh (b) 75 GWh
(c) 25 GWh (d) 50 GWh

2 With reference to the Great Nicobar project, consider the following statements:

1. The project is under litigation regarding compliance with the Forest Rights Act.
2. The Calcutta High Court dismissed the Public Interest Litigations (PILs) regarding the project.
3. The Supreme Court upheld the Centre's plea against the Calcutta High Court order.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3 Which protein is used in optogenetics to control neural circuits with light?

- (a) Myoglobin (b) Keratin
(c) Hemoglobin (d) Channelrhodopsin

4 With reference to the cheetah reintroduction program in India, consider the following statements:

1. Kuno National Park is located in the Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh.
2. The total cheetah population in India reached 60 as of October 2026.
3. Exactly 50 out of the 60 cheetahs in India were born on Indian soil.

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

5 With reference to the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and diplomatic relations, consider the following statements:

1. The India-EU FTA meeting is scheduled to take place in Brussels.
2. Benjamin Haddad is the French Minister-Delegate for European Affairs.
3. France is preparing a 20th sanctions package against Russia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6 With reference to the India-Switzerland bilateral cooperation, consider the following statements:

1. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) standards were discussed to facilitate cooperation against terror financing.
2. The Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) is scheduled to enter into force in October 2025.
3. The global AI summit is scheduled to be held in New Delhi in 2027.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

7 With reference to India's trade and import policies, consider the following statements:

1. India's toy imports rose to \$300m in 2026 following the tariff hike.
2. The trade deficit with China reached \$112bn in 2026.
3. India increased the import tariff on toys from 20% to 70%.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

8 With reference to the electoral roll deletions mentioned in the news, consider the following statements:

1. The plea challenges the unilateral deletion of 13 crore names from the rolls.
2. The Supreme Court issued notices to the Election Commission of India and the Centre.
3. The alleged deletions occurred across 40 States and Union Territories.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

9 Which international agreement entered into force on October 10, 1967, to establish space as a peaceful domain?

- (a) Outer Space Treaty (b) Geneva Space Protocol
(c) Antarctic Treaty (d) Moon Agreement

10 With reference to the RBI's stance on capital outflows and yields, consider the following statements:

1. Capital outflows reached \$4.5 billion as reported in the context of the RBI's hawkish stance.
2. The gap between the 10-year benchmark Indian yield and the 10-year US treasury yield is 273 basis points.
3. Oil prices were noted to be below \$50 a barrel during the speech.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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