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The 5 stories you can't skip**1 Rajnath Singh launches FSS-1 and lays keel for FSS-5 at HSL**

Why it matters: Maritime infrastructure and shipbuilding: a GS3 case study on Aatmanirbharta and blue-water navy capabilities.

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2 Provisional Population Census 2027 data to be available by March or April next year

Why it matters: Chief Principal Census Officer Amit Sharma announced that provisional data for the Population Census 2027 will be available by March or April 2027.

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4 Cabinet approves proposal to set up Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority

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5 World Bank raises India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 7.1 per cent

Why it matters: The World Bank upgraded India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 7.1 per cent from 6.6 per cent in its latest India Development Update.

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NUMBER OF THE DAY

Rs 1,969 crore

Production value recorded by HSL in 2025–26.

CONNECT TO STATIC

42nd Amendment

added the words socialist and secular to the Preamble *In the news: Supreme Court upholds socialist and secular as vital to Preamble philosophy.*

What to know, in 60 seconds each

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Rajnath Singh launches FSS-1 and lays keel for FSS-5 at HSL

Why in news: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the 43,500-tonne FSS-1 and laid the keel for FSS-5 at Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) to enhance the Indian Navy's maritime reach.

REMEMBER

- Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) — Yard producing ships up to 45,000 deadweight tonnes.
- Fleet Support Ship (FSS) — Vessel designed to refuel and resupply warships at sea.
- Rs 1,969 crore — Production value recorded by HSL in 2025–26.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the expansion of domestic shipbuilding infrastructure and the 'Aatmanirbharta' initiative contribute to India's maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.

USE : Aatmanirbharta Maritime Security

Shipbuilding Infrastructure Fleet Support Ships

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/131759

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DRDO flight-tests indigenous HAPS platform reaching 21 km altitude in milestone trial

Why in news: DRDO successfully flight-tested an indigenous High-Altitude Platform (HAPS) reaching 21 km altitude, marking a milestone in India's aerospace capabilities.

REMEMBER

- HAPS: High-Altitude Platform capable of sustained flight at altitudes between 20 km and 30 km.
- ADRDE: Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment, located in Agra.
- DRDO: Defence Research and Development Organisation, the primary R&D organization for aerospace and defence.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the strategic importance of High-Altitude Platforms (HAPS) in enhancing India's surveillance and communication capabilities in contested environments.

USE : Strategic Autonomy Aerospace Engineering

Persistent Surveillance Indigenous Technology

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/131718

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Provisional Population Census 2027 data to be available by March or April next year

Why in news: Chief Principal Census Officer Amit Sharma announced that provisional data for the Population Census 2027 will be available by March or April 2027.

REMEMBER

- Ladakh is the first region to complete the entire Census exercise ahead of the national February 2027 deadline.
- The Census 2027 is the first digital Census in independent India.
- The Census 2027 includes caste enumeration for the first time beyond Scheduled Castes and Tribes.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of transitioning to a digital census and the inclusion of caste enumeration in the 2027 Census for India's socio-economic planning.

USE : Demographic transition Digital governance

Socio-economic indicators Data integrity

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/131729

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Cabinet approves proposal to set up Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority

Why in news: The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of the Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority (ITLA) to oversee multi-modal transport planning and appraise large-scale infrastructure projects.

REMEMBER

- ITLA: Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority
- ITLA appraisal threshold: Projects costing ₹500 crore or more
- ITLA mandate: Oversight of roads, railways, ports, shipping, aviation, waterways, and urban mobility

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the creation of a unified transport authority like ITLA can address the challenges of multi-modal connectivity and infrastructure bottlenecks in India.

USE : Multi-modal connectivity Logistics efficiency

Infrastructure appraisal Data repository

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/131558

World Bank raises India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 7.1 per cent

Why in news: The World Bank upgraded India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 7.1 per cent from 6.6 per cent in its latest India Development Update.

REMEMBER

- World Bank FY27 GDP growth forecast for India: 7.1 per cent
- India's FY26 GDP growth: 7.8 per cent
- Q1 FY27 infrastructure goods growth: 7.2 per cent

MAINS ANGLE *Analyze the factors driving India's sustained GDP growth despite global trade tensions and monsoon deficits.*

USE : GDP growth private consumption
infrastructure investment monsoon deficit

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/131478

RBI expected to raise benchmark repurchase rate to 5.50 per cent

Why in news: The Reserve Bank of India is expected to raise the benchmark repurchase rate to 5.50 per cent to combat inflation nearing 5 per cent and high oil prices.

REMEMBER

- Benchmark repurchase rate — Expected to be raised to 5.50 per cent
- Inflation — Nearing 5 per cent
- Oil prices — Exceeding \$100 a barrel

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the role of the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy tools in managing headline inflation amidst volatile global commodity prices.*

USE : Monetary Policy Repo Rate Inflation Targeting
Liquidity Management

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/131432

Supreme Court upholds socialist and secular as vital to Preamble philosophy

Why in news: A Bench led by CJI Sanjiv Khanna dismissed writ petitions challenging the 42nd Amendment, upholding 'socialist' and 'secular' as integral to the Preamble's philosophy.

REMEMBER

- 42nd Amendment — added the words socialist and secular to the Preamble
- *Minerva Mills v. Union of India* (1980) — Supreme Court case upholding the Preamble changes
- Indian socialism — defined as a commitment to welfare and equality

MAINS ANGLE *Examine the judicial role in safeguarding the basic structure of the Preamble against legislative amendments, with reference to the 42nd Amendment.*

USE : Basic Structure Judicial Review 42nd Amendment
Minerva Mills Case

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/131398

Supreme Court rejects Union plea to stay Great Nicobar Island Project proceedings

Why in news: The Supreme Court rejected the Union government's plea to stay Calcutta High Court proceedings regarding the ₹72,000 crore Great Nicobar Island Project, which faces challenges over its impact on the Forest Rights Act

REMEMBER

- Great Nicobar Island — site of the ₹72,000 crore infrastructure project
- Forest Rights Act, 2006 — legislation whose rights are allegedly threatened by the project
- ₹72,000 crore — estimated cost of the Great Nicobar Island Project

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the conflict between large-scale infrastructure development and the protection of indigenous forest rights under the Forest Rights Act, 2006.*

USE : Strategic infrastructure Forest Rights Act
Ecological sensitivity Judicial review

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/131218

Everything else, one line each

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Zehanpora Buddhist complex: Study warns the 2,000-year-old site could lose 10,122 square metres of area by 2050 due to erosion.

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Hydropower project: DGPC and Adani Power signed a Shareholders Agreement for the 770 MW Chamkharchhu-I project under a BOOT model.

Mountain Guardian 2026: India and UAE armies commenced mountain warfare drills and inter-operability exercises in Uttarakhand.

Anti-ragging guidelines: Kerala mandates dismissal and a three-year admission ban for students convicted of ragging.

Climate diplomacy: India offered ISRO and coastal research expertise to Pacific partners during UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meetings.

Bengaluru police: The Karnataka Cabinet approved reorganising the city police into five commissionerates overseen by a Chief Police Commissioner.

Ganga Water Treaty: The 1996 India-Bangladesh treaty is criticized for lacking climate-resilient clauses and a trilateral approach.

Kerala launches WOMN scheme providing three sanitary napkins per packet for ₹10

Urban ads: Telangana approved guidelines to regulate temporary and hyper-local ads in Core Urban Region (CURE).

Supreme Court strength: Working strength reached 37 after Chief Justice Surya Kant swore in three new judges.

2036 Olympics bid: India is one of seven countries currently bidding to host the 2036 Olympics.

Shipping attacks: MEA condemned attacks in the Black Sea and Strait of Hormuz resulting in deaths and injuries to seafarers.

MEA Visit: S. Jaishankar visits Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Ethiopia to discuss trade, investment and infrastructure.

GS3 · ECONOMY · S&T · ENVIRONMENT · SECURITY

AMCA propulsion: Proposed ₹5,000 crore investment at HAL Koraput in partnership with MIDHANI to bolster aero-engine capabilities.

Nobel Prize: Francis Halzen awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on the IceCube Neutrino Observatory.

Sonowal flags off DLB Patkai carrying 540 metric tons of methanol to Bangladesh

Quantum economy: Karnataka to invest ₹600 crore and establish a single-window interface to build a \$20-billion quantum economy by 2035.

Gulf oil exports: Recovered to over 81 percent of pre-war levels in September despite maritime security incidents.

Water cut: Maharashtra to impose 10% water cut across local bodies from 16 October 2026 due to drought in 265 talukas.

Borewell Suraksha Abhiyan: Karnataka initiative to identify and safely close unsafe open borewells to prevent child fatalities.

INR Kconnect: A new initiative by the Rubber Board to bridge the gap between rubber tappers and plantation owners.

Tourism industrial status: Kerala proposes industrial status for the tourism sector by October 6, 2026, to boost economic growth.

Commuting costs: Urban workers spend ₹1,044 monthly on commuting compared to ₹612 for rural workers.

RAMP Scheme: Union Ministry of MSME initiative to support MSMEs in intellectual property and commercialization.

MAP WORK

Places in news

Great Nicobar Island site of the ₹72,000 crore infrastructure project

Chaubatia, Uttarakhand Site of the Foreign Training Node and Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026

Strait of Hormuz Typically handles 125 large commercial vessels daily.

Bhotekoshi-Trishuli River systems in Nepal affected by the floods.

Desert National Park, Jaisalmer Site for the release of the birds.

5 questions, 5 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 What is the maximum deadweight tonnage capacity of ships that can be built and launched at HSL's upgraded Slipway-4?

- (a) 50,000 tonnes (b) 45,000 tonnes
(c) 30,000 tonnes (d) 60,000 tonnes

2 With reference to the proposed investments for aerospace and defence manufacturing, consider the following statements:

1. HAL plans to invest ₹500 crore for the production of AL-31FP.
2. The second Shakti engine line is targeted for completion by 2030.
3. The proposed investment for AMCA propulsion is ₹5,000 crore.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3 With reference to the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy, consider the following statements:

1. The benchmark repurchase rate is expected to be raised to 5.50 per cent.
2. Oil prices are currently trending below \$50 a barrel.
3. Inflation is currently expected to remain below 3 per cent.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4 With reference to the Preamble and the 42nd Amendment, consider the following statements:

1. The court defined Indian socialism as a commitment to profit and competition.
2. The 42nd Amendment added the words socialist and secular to the Preamble.
3. The Supreme Court upheld the Preamble changes in the Minerva Mills v. Union of India case.

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

5 With reference to the Great Nicobar Island Project, consider the following statements:

1. The project is alleged to pose a threat to the Forest Rights Act, 1998.
2. The Supreme Court rejected the Union's plea to stay Calcutta High Court proceedings.
3. The project has an estimated cost of ₹72,000 crore.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

GS3 • SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Discuss how the expansion of domestic shipbuilding infrastructure and the 'Aatmanirbharta' initiative contribute to India's maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.

USE: Aatmanirbharta Maritime Security Shipbuilding Infrastructure Fleet Support Ships Indian Ocean Region

(c) 5 (d) 4 (a) 3 (b) 2 (b) 1 • ANSWERS



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