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

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History & Culture

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HERITAGE SITES, UNESCO & GI TAGS

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8 Oct · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/132410

Supreme Court reprimands MCD and ASI for failing to clear Zamrudpur heritage encroachments

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court reprimanded the MCD and ASI for failing to clear encroachments at Zamrudpur heritage sites and summoned officials from multiple agencies to ensure inter-departmental coordination.

BODY | ASI: Archaeological Survey of India

BODY | MCD: Municipal Corporation of Delhi

BODY | NDMC: New Delhi Municipal Council

MAINS Q Discuss the institutional challenges in preserving heritage sites in urban areas and the role of judicial oversight in ensuring inter-departmental accountability.

USE: Heritage Conservation

Inter-departmental Coordination

Judicial Activism

Urban Encroachment

Administrative Accountability

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8 Oct · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/132649

Supreme Court asks amicus curiae to examine if DGP rules violate Prakash Singh judgment

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court directed amicus curiae Raju Ramachandran to examine whether state rules for DGP appointments violate the 2006 Prakash Singh judgment following a complaint regarding Tadasha Mishra's appointment.

POST | Raju Ramachandran: Appointed as amicus curiae by the Supreme Court to examine DGP appointment rules.

FACT | Prakash Singh judgment: A 2006 Supreme Court ruling governing the appointment process of State Police chiefs.

MAINS Q Examine the significance of the Prakash Singh judgment in ensuring the autonomy of state police forces and the necessity of a transparent appointment process for Director Generals of Police.

USE: Judicial Review Police Autonomy Administrative Law Rule of Law Executive Overreach

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8 Oct · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/132984

Telangana deletes nearly 70 lakh voters during Special Intensive Revision

WHY IN NEWS The Chief Electoral Officer of Telangana reported the permanent deletion of nearly 70 lakh voters during the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls.

PERSON | C. Sudarshan Reddy — Chief Electoral Officer of Telangana

FIGURE | 73,39,235 — Number of names deleted from the electoral rolls

PLACE | Hyderabad district — Recorded the highest number of inclusion applications with 1,98,331 filings

CONCEPT | Special Intensive Revision — Process used to update and clean electoral rolls

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of periodic electoral roll revisions in ensuring the integrity of the democratic process and the challenges in managing large-scale voter deletions.

USE: electoral roll Special Intensive Revision voter disenfranchisement demographic shift electoral integrity

JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS

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8 Oct · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/132934

Supreme Court judges call for re-evaluating commutation of death sentences

WHY IN NEWS Supreme Court judges remarked that the judiciary's 'forgiving nature' in commuting death sentences to life imprisonment must be re-evaluated in light of rising crime rates.

CONCEPT | Commutation — the reduction of a death sentence to a lesser punishment such as life imprisonment

CONCEPT | Rarest of rare — a doctrine used to determine capital punishment by balancing current societal crime levels

PERSON | Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice Sheel Nagu — Supreme Court judges who observed the need to re-evaluate commutation logic

MAINS Q Critically examine the evolution of the 'rarest of rare' doctrine in India and discuss the judicial challenges in balancing retributive justice with rehabilitative goals.

USE: rarest of rare capital punishment judicial activism commutation retributive justice

Maharashtra SEC sets up special voter camps to address ECI SIR process discrepancies

WHY IN NEWS The Maharashtra State Election Commission (SEC) established special voter registration camps to address alleged discrepancies in the Election Commission of India (ECI) SIR process.

BODY	Maharashtra State Election Commission (SEC) — Organised special voter registration camps and verifications.
PERSON	Booth Level Officers (BLOs) — Responsible for field-level voter registration and house-to-house verifications.
CONCEPT	ECI SIR process — The process for which the SEC addressed alleged discrepancies.

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of robust voter registration mechanisms in ensuring the integrity of the electoral process in India.

USE: electoral integrity voter registration administrative transparency democratic participation

Supreme Court declares 2003 resolution to arrest The Hindu editors infructuous

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court disposed of a reference regarding a 2003 Tamil Nadu Assembly resolution to arrest editors of The Hindu for criticizing Jayalalithaa, declaring the matter infructuous.

CONCEPT	Infructuous — a legal matter that has become redundant or ineffective.
CONCEPT	Freedom of Speech — a fundamental right protected under the Constitution.

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

USE: Freedom of Speech Legislative Privileges Constitutionalism Judicial Review Infructuous

Supreme Court orders fresh elections in 50 Punjab municipal wards

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court ordered fresh elections in 50 municipal wards in Punjab within six weeks after accepting a commission report on widespread obstruction during the December 21, 2024, polls.

PLACE	Patiala and Moga — districts in Punjab where re-elections were mandated
FIGURE	50 municipal wards — total number of wards ordered for fresh elections
REPORT	Nirmaljit Kaur's commission report — document detailing widespread electoral obstructions
PERSON	Chief Justice Surya Kant — presided over the bench issuing the order

MAINS Q Examine the importance of ensuring free and fair local body elections in strengthening grassroots democracy and urban governance in India.

USE: grassroots democracy electoral integrity judicial oversight urban governance municipal administration

I&B Ministry reconstitutes Press Council of India with 13 new members

WHY IN NEWS The Information and Broadcasting Ministry reconstituted the Press Council of India (PCI) by adding 13 new members to the body.

BODY	Press Council of India (PCI) — a statutory body under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
PERSON	Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (ret'd) — the current head of the reconstituted PCI
CONCEPT	PCI Composition — includes MPs, newspaper owners, experts from Bar Council, UGC, Sahitya Akademi, editors, and journalists

MAINS Q Discuss the role of the Press Council of India in ensuring press freedom and maintaining journalistic ethics in a vibrant democracy.

USE: Press Freedom Journalistic Ethics Statutory Body Media Regulation Public Accountability

ECI launches special drive to enroll first-time voters in Tamil Nadu and other states

WHY IN NEWS The Election Commission of India (ECI) announced a special drive until October 9 to enroll young and first-time eligible voters in Tamil Nadu and other states where the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is complete.

PERSON	Archana Patnaik — Chief Electoral Officer overseeing the voter enrollment drive
CONCEPT	Special Intensive Revision (SIR) — Process completed in Tamil Nadu and other states prior to enrollment
BODY	District Election Officers (DEOs) — Responsible for publicizing the voter enrollment drive
BODY	Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) — Tasked with monitoring the progress of the enrollment drive

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of ensuring inclusive voter registration for first-time voters in strengthening the democratic fabric of India.

USE: Universal Adult Franchise Electoral Literacy Constitutional Mandate Demographic Inclusion Administrative Oversight

Governance

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Tamil Nadu mandates paperless registration for settlement and partition deeds

WHY IN NEWS The Tamil Nadu government issued a Government Order (G.O.) mandating paperless registration for specific property deeds starting November 2 to enhance transparency.

SCHEME	STAR 3.0: The system under which Tamil Nadu is implementing paperless registration.
CONCEPT	Paperless registration: Documents are sent digitally to the Sub-Registrar before physical identification.
DATE	November 2: The start date for mandatory paperless registration for specific property deeds.

MAINS Q Discuss how the transition to paperless land registration systems can mitigate corruption and improve administrative transparency in Indian states.

USE: Transparency Digital Governance Administrative Reform E-Governance Public Service Delivery

Social Justice

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Union government caps trade margins at 30% for non-scheduled cancer drugs

WHY IN NEWS The Union government decided to cap trade margins at 30% for non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs to reduce out-of-pocket costs, which currently reach 75%.

CONCEPT	Trade margin cap: 30% of the maximum retail price for non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs.
FIGURE	Projected annual savings: ₹2,500 crore from reduced out-of-pocket costs.
BODY	National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority: Body responsible for identifying mark-ups in drug pricing.
BODY	Directorate General of Health Services: Body overseeing the expert committee for drug list finalization.

MAINS Q Discuss the measures required to reduce out-of-pocket expenditures in healthcare and the role of price capping in ensuring the accessibility of life-saving drugs.

USE: Out-of-pocket expenditure Price capping Pharmaceutical regulation Affordability Public health policy

MoE trains 72 lakh teachers to use PRASHAST tool for 21 disability conditions

WHY IN NEWS The Ministry of Education (MoE) trained 72 lakh teachers across 60,000 schools to utilize the PRASHAST digital tool for identifying 21 disability conditions.

CONCEPT	PRASHAST: A digital tool used to identify 21 disability conditions.
ACT	RPwD Act, 2016: Defines the 21 disability conditions identified by the tool.
SCHEME	PM DAKSH: Integrated with PRASHAST to support scholarship and data integration.
ACT	RTE Act 2009: The primary legislative framework supported by this initiative.

MAINS Q How does the integration of digital identification tools like PRASHAST enhance the inclusive education framework for children with disabilities in India?

USE: Inclusive Education Digital Governance Disability Rights Data Integration Social Inclusion

BBBP programme improved birth outcomes, adding about 15 girls per 1,000 births

WHY IN NEWS A report titled 'Policy Interventions and the Sex Ratio at Birth: Evidence from India' revealed that the Beti Bachao

FACT	BBBP dashboard recorded a rise in sex ratio at birth from 919 (2015–16) to around 930.
FACT	The report found a 3.7 to 5.3 percentage point rise for second children after a girl.
PLACE	Goa, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, and Kerala recorded the highest sex ratios at birth.
SCHEME	Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) is a large-scale social and behavioural intervention to address gender imbalance at birth.

MAINS Q Examine how large-scale social and behavioural interventions like BBBP can effectively address the deep-seated cultural drivers of son preference in India.

USE: Sex Ratio at Birth Son Preference Behavioral Intervention Gender Imbalance Social Engineering

Supreme Court directs Union government to form committee on legally enforceable pharmaceutical marketing code

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court directed the Union government to form an expert committee to make the Uniform Code for Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP), 2024, legally enforceable following a petition by the FMRAI.

BODY	FMRAI: Federation of Medical and Sales Representatives' Associations of India
FACT	UCPMP: Uniform Code for Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices, 2024
POST	Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta: Bench of the Supreme Court

MAINS Q Discuss the necessity of a legally enforceable marketing code for the pharmaceutical industry to ensure ethical practices and public health safety in India.

USE: Ethical marketing Regulatory framework Public health safety Judicial activism Pharmaceutical industry

Kerala to launch Learn Happily campaign for school mental health

WHY IN NEWS Kerala Health Minister K. Muraleedharan announced the 'Learn Happily' campaign to provide counseling for academic pressure and substance abuse in government schools.

SCHEME	Learn Happily (Santhoshathode Padikkam) — A Kerala state campaign for mental health in schools
CONCEPT	Inter-departmental collaboration — Joint initiative between Kerala Health and Education departments
BODY	Director of Health Services and Director of Medical Education — Oversee district-level implementation

MAINS Q Discuss the role of inter-departmental collaboration in addressing the rising mental health challenges and substance abuse among students in India.

USE: inter-departmental collaboration mental health substance abuse academic pressure preventive healthcare

Kerala allocates over ₹600 crore to clear Karunya health scheme pending claims

WHY IN NEWS Kerala Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan announced an allocation of over ₹600 crore to clear pending claims under the Karunya health schemes to restore their normal functioning.

SCHEME	Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi (KASP) — A Kerala state health scheme for medical assistance.
SCHEME	Karunya Benevolent Fund (KBF) — A Kerala state health scheme for providing medical aid.
FIGURE	₹307.10 crore — Specific allocation for Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi (KASP).
FIGURE	₹293.62 crore — Specific allocation for Karunya Benevolent Fund (KBF).

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of state-funded health insurance schemes in achieving Universal Health Coverage in India and the challenges of maintaining fiscal sustainability.

USE: Universal Health Coverage Fiscal Federalism Public Health Infrastructure Social Safety Nets Healthcare Financing

Kerala appoints University Finance Commission to study state universities

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala government appointed a University Finance Commission to evaluate the financial sustainability of state universities and explore Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models.

CONCEPT	Public-Private Partnership (PPP) — model being explored to enhance higher education infrastructure.
BODY	University Finance Commission — appointed by Kerala Higher Education department to evaluate university finances.
CONCEPT	Kerala Knowledge Valley and Research Park — specific projects under evaluation by the commission.
PERSON	B.A. Prakash — Chairperson of the University Finance Commission.
PERSON	Sameer Kishan — Member Secretary of the commission.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges of maintaining financial sustainability in state universities and evaluate the potential of PPP models in enhancing higher education infrastructure in India.

USE: Fiscal Sustainability Public-Private Partnership Higher Education Governance Knowledge Economy Budgetary Allocation

Kerala issues 10,000 title deeds to SC, ST and fishing communities in Attappady

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala Revenue Department announced the issuance of over 10,000 title deeds to SC, ST, and fishing communities in Attappady to resolve long-standing land ownership issues.

PLACE	Attappady — a region in the Palakkad district of Kerala
FIGURE	10,000+ — number of title deeds issued to SC, ST, and fishing communities
FIGURE	51,000 — number of land-use conversions cleared by Kerala Revenue Department
FIGURE	70,000 — number of digital survey complaints cleared

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of land title regularisation in ensuring the socio-economic security of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in forest-adjacent regions.

USE: Land Tenure Social Justice Digital Survey Vulnerable Sections Revenue Administration

Finance Ministry mandates bank-wise data on SC beneficiaries for Mudra and Stand Up India

WHY IN NEWS The Finance Ministry issued an advisory mandating SLBCs/UTLBCs to report bank-wise data on SC beneficiaries for Mudra, Stand Up India, and PM SVANidhi schemes to the NCSC.

CONCEPT	Financial Inclusion: Enhancing credit flow and accessibility for marginalized communities.
SCHEME	Mudra Yojana, Stand Up India, and PM SVANidhi: Targeted schemes for data reporting.
BODY	NCSC: National Commission for Scheduled Castes, the recipient of the mandated data.
BODY	SLBCs/UTLBCs: Bodies responsible for reporting bank-wise data to the Finance Ministry.

MAINS Q How does data-driven monitoring of credit flow to marginalized communities enhance the efficacy of financial inclusion schemes in India?

USE: Financial Inclusion Data-driven Governance Social Justice Credit Accessibility Institutional Oversight

Madras High Court dismisses Kanzeon Trust appeal over FCRA misrepresentation

WHY IN NEWS The Madras High Court dismissed an appeal by Kanzeon Public Charitable Trust after it was found to have misrepresented its religious Zen Buddhist activities as non-religious to obtain FCRA registration.

ACT	Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 2010: Regulates foreign funding to protect India's secular fabric.
CONCEPT	Proselytization: Organizations engaged in religious conversion are ineligible for FCRA registration.
PLACE	Kodaikanal: Location of the Zen Meditation Centre associated with the Kanzeon Public Charitable Trust.
BODY	Madras High Court: Ruled that religious organizations can get FCRA registration if they do not harm secularism.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act in safeguarding India's secular fabric against activities that promote religious conversion.

USE: FCRA Secularism Proselytization Judicial Review Religious Freedom

Tamil Nadu amends Thaimaaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam to include children of out-of-state mothers

WHY IN NEWS The Tamil Nadu government amended the Thaimaaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam guidelines to include children of out-of-state mothers whose parents reside permanently in Tamil Nadu.

SCHEME	Thaimaaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam: A Tamil Nadu state scheme providing one-gram gold rings to babies born in government hospitals
FACT	The scheme was officially launched by Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on September 28
BODY	Health and Family Welfare Department: The department responsible for issuing the scheme's retrospective amendment

MAINS Q Discuss how targeted welfare schemes like the Thaimaaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam contribute to maternal and child health outcomes in India.

USE: Social welfare Maternal health Inclusionary policy Retrospective amendment Public health infrastructure

Odisha forms Justice Pramath Patnaik-led commission to study SEBC representation

WHY IN NEWS The Odisha government constituted a commission led by Justice Pramath Patnaik to study the representation of socially and educationally backward classes (SEBCs) in local self-government institutions.

PERSON	Justice Pramath Patnaik — Chairperson of the commission to study SEBC representation in Odisha
FIGURE	1.95 crore — OBC population estimate by the previous Biju Janata Dal government in Odisha
PLACE	Odisha — State government forming the commission for local self-government institutions

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of ensuring proportional representation for socially and educationally backward classes in local self-government institutions to achieve inclusive governance.

USE: proportional representation social justice inclusive governance political backwardness local self-government

International Relations

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Houthi seize Mocha port, threatening Bab al-Mandeb strait security

WHY IN NEWS The assassination of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and the Houthi seizure of Mocha have escalated maritime security risks in the Bab al-Mandeb strait.

PLACE	Mocha: A port city seized by Houthis in September.
PLACE	Bab al-Mandeb: A strategic strait threatened by Houthi activities.
CONCEPT	Security pact: Signed in August by Saudi Arabia, Turkiye, and Pakistan.
BODY	Royal United Services Institute: Organization associated with analysis on US influence.

MAINS Q Analyze the implications of maritime insecurity in the Bab al-Mandeb strait on global trade routes and regional geopolitical stability.

USE: maritime security geopolitical realignment supply chain disruption strategic chokepoints regional security pacts

Saudi Arabia expresses interest in Vadhavan port and Maritime Development Fund

WHY IN NEWS Saudi Arabia expressed interest in investing in the Vadhavan port project and the Maritime Development Fund during the Sagarmathan: The Great Oceans Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi.

- EVENT** | Sagarmathan: The Great Oceans Dialogue 2026 — held in New Delhi to discuss maritime development.
- CONCEPT** | Maritime Development Fund — a fund targeted for maritime infrastructure investment.
- PLACE** | Galathea Bay — a maritime project site of interest to Saudi Arabian investors.
- CONCEPT** | Vadhavan project — a port project attracting interest from Saudi Arabian investors.

MAINS Q Discuss how maritime infrastructure investments from Gulf nations can bolster India's 'Sagarmala' objectives and enhance its position in the Indian Ocean Region.

USE: Maritime Infrastructure Foreign Direct Investment Blue Economy Strategic Partnership Logistics Connectivity

Russia reportedly rejects India's comprehensive ceasefire proposal to protect global energy and shipping

WHY IN NEWS Russia reportedly rejected India's comprehensive ceasefire proposal aimed at protecting global energy and shipping infrastructure during the Ukraine conflict.

- FACT** | India's ceasefire proposal specifically aims to protect infrastructure, grain, and merchant ships.
- POST** | Andrii Sybiha is the official who characterized India's plan as the most comprehensive.
- FACT** | Donald Trump's envoys met Vladimir Putin on September 5 for a trilateral meeting.

MAINS Q Analyze India's role as a mediator in the Ukraine conflict and the challenges of balancing strategic autonomy with global energy security.

USE: Strategic Autonomy Energy Security Multilateralism Geopolitical Mediation Maritime Security

India accuses Pakistan of state support for terrorism at UN General Assembly Sixth Committee

WHY IN NEWS India's Permanent Mission to the UN accused Pakistan of state-sponsored terrorism and 'doublespeak' during the UN General Assembly Sixth Committee's session on eliminating international terrorism.

- BODY** | UN General Assembly Sixth Committee: The committee responsible for the agenda of the UN's Security Council.
- FACT** | Pakistan announced a seven million rupee bounty on Masood Azhar.
- POST** | Raghoo Puri: First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India to the UN.
- FACT** | Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM): A terrorist organization whose leader, Masood Azhar, is UN-listed.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in international cooperation against state-sponsored terrorism and the role of multilateral forums in holding sponsoring states accountable.

USE: State-sponsored terrorism Doublespeak Multilateralism Counter-terrorism Diplomatic accountability

WMO predicts El Nino to become one of the strongest since 1950

WHY IN NEWS The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) announced that El Nino is expected to intensify before peaking in December 2026, potentially becoming one of the strongest since 1950.

BODY	World Meteorological Organization (WMO) — international body that reported the El Nino forecast.
CONCEPT	El Nino — a climate phenomenon expected to be one of the strongest since 1950.
FIGURE	3.7°C — the forecasted sea surface temperature above normal for Oct–Nov–Dec 2026.

MAINS Q Discuss how extreme climatic phenomena like El Nino exacerbate the impacts of anthropogenic climate change on global food security and disaster management.

USE: Climate VariabilityAnthropogenic Climate ChangeMeteorological PhenomenaGlobal Food SecurityDisaster Risk Reduction

Jaishankar meets Niale Kaba to strengthen India-Cote d'Ivoire ties

WHY IN NEWS External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Cote d'Ivoire's Niale Kaba in Abidjan to discuss strengthening bilateral ties in trade, infrastructure, agriculture, and healthcare.

PLACE	Abidjan — Location where India and Cote d'Ivoire discussed bilateral ties.
CONCEPT	International Big Cat Alliance — India received the Instrument of Acceptance for this alliance.
PLACE	Accra — Location where the Instrument of Acceptance for the International Big Cat Alliance was received.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of India's expanding diplomatic and economic engagement with African nations in the context of its 'Global South' leadership.

USE: Bilateral relationsSouth-South CooperationInfrastructure investmentConservation diplomacyTrade diversification

India secures release of 139 Indians recruited by Russian Army

WHY IN NEWS The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) reported the release of 139 out of 259 Indian nationals recruited by the Russian Army and sought updates on 69 others.

FIGURE	139 out of 259 Indians recruited by the Russian Army have been released
FIGURE	51 Indian nationals died while serving on the frontlines of the Ukraine conflict
FIGURE	India monitors over 30,000 students and 70,000 nationals residing in Russia
PERSON	Randhir Jaiswal — Spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs

MAINS Q Discuss the diplomatic challenges India faces in protecting its citizens and managing its diaspora in conflict zones and volatile geopolitical environments.

USE: Consular ProtectionDiplomatic EngagementDiaspora ManagementConflict ZoneBilateral Relations

Economy

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FISCAL POLICY, BUDGET & TAXATION (GST)

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GST Council scraps arrest powers and raises prosecution threshold to ₹5 crore

WHY IN NEWS The GST Council approved scrapping arrest powers for GST officers and raising the prosecution threshold from ₹1 crore to ₹5 crore to ease enforcement.

- CONCEPT | Prosecution threshold — increased from ₹1 crore to ₹5 crore
- CONCEPT | General penalties — reduced from ₹25,000 to ₹10,000
- BODY | Committee of Officers — formed to study input tax credit protections within three months

MAINS Q Discuss how the shift from punitive enforcement to threshold-based prosecution in GST aims to balance tax compliance with ease of doing business.

USE: Ease of Doing Business Fiscal Federalism Tax Compliance Administrative Discretion Input Tax Credit

FISCAL POLICY, BUDGET & TAXATION (GST)

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16th Finance Commission recommends urbanization premium for large urban bodies

WHY IN NEWS The 16th Finance Commission recommended a one-time urbanization premium grant for urban local bodies with populations exceeding one lakh to incentivize revenue growth and audited transparency.

- CONCEPT | Urbanization premium — one-time grant for urban local bodies with populations exceeding one lakh.
- CONCEPT | Qualification criteria — publication of audited figures and 5% revenue growth.
- CONCEPT | State eligibility — states must have disbursed at least 20% of previous grants.
- CONCEPT | Grant focus — cleanliness and water for the period 2026-27 to 2030-31.
- PLACE | Kerala — no city from this state was selected for waste water management.

MAINS Q Discuss how fiscal devolution and performance-linked grants can address the infrastructure and sanitation deficit in India's rapidly urbanizing landscape.

USE: Fiscal Devolution Urban Local Bodies Performance-linked Incentives Revenue Growth Urbanization

MONETARY POLICY, RBI & BANKING

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RBI removes Paytm Payments Bank from Second Schedule after winding order

WHY IN NEWS The RBI removed Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934, following a Delhi High Court order to wind up the bank after its license was cancelled for non-compliance.

- ACT | Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 — governs the inclusion of banking entities in the Second Schedule
- CONCEPT | Second Schedule — a list of banking entities managed by the RBI as the regulatory body
- EVENT | License Cancellation — PPBL license was cancelled in April 2026 due to non-compliance and detrimental affairs
- PLACE | Delhi High Court — issued the winding up order for Paytm Payments Bank Ltd

MAINS Q Examine the regulatory challenges faced by fintech entities in India and the role of the RBI in ensuring compliance with banking norms.

USE: Regulatory Compliance Fintech Oversight Monetary Stability Banking License Systemic Risk

RBI raises repo rate to 5.50% to adopt calibrated tightening stance

WHY IN NEWS The RBI raised the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.50% in its first hike since 2023 to adopt a calibrated tightening stance despite a weakening rupee.

- CONCEPT** | Repo Rate — The rate at which the RBI lends money to commercial banks, hiked to 5.50%.
- FIGURE** | USD/INR — Approached its all-time low, within 20bps of the record.
- FIGURE** | Brent crude — Prices held above \$100 during the policy shift.
- FIGURE** | 10-year Treasury yield — Hit 5.36% amidst the tightening stance.

MAINS Q Analyze the challenges faced by the RBI in managing currency depreciation and inflation while maintaining a calibrated monetary tightening stance.

USE: [Repo Rate](#) [Monetary Policy](#) [Currency Depreciation](#) [Inflation Targeting](#) [Externalities](#)

US administration suspends Indian IT firms from PERM programme

WHY IN NEWS US administration suspended several Indian IT firms, including Infosys and Wipro, from the PERM programme following allegations of abuse and fraud.

- CONCEPT** | PERM programme — A process used by employers to sponsor eligible foreign workers for employment-based permanent residency in the US.
- FIGURE** | TCS net profit — Rs 13,884 crore for the September quarter with a 15% year-on-year rise.
- FIGURE** | TCS AI revenue — Annualized at \$3.1 billion, crossing 10% of its overall revenue.
- FIGURE** | TCS contract value — Total contract value of \$9.6 billion for the September quarter.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of tightening US immigration policies on the operational model and growth trajectory of the Indian IT services sector.

USE: [Capital Markets](#) [Outsourcing](#) [Immigration Policy](#) [Foreign Direct Investment](#) [Labor Certification](#)

Andhra Pradesh wins Leadership State award for renewable energy investment

WHY IN NEWS Andhra Pradesh was honored with the Leadership State in Renewable Energy Investment Mobilisation Award for mobilizing ₹4 lakh crore in renewable energy projects since June 2024.

- CONCEPT** | Leadership State in Renewable Energy Investment Mobilisation Award — recognizes state investment in green projects.
- FIGURE** | ₹4 lakh crore — amount mobilized by Andhra Pradesh for renewable energy projects since June 2024.
- FIGURE** | 26.45 GW solar, 5.86 GW wind, and 19.95 GW pumped storage hydro — capacity of recognized projects.
- PLACE** | Windergy India 2026 — event held in Chennai where the award was presented.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of state-led investment mobilization in achieving India's ambitious renewable energy targets and the significance of pumped storage hydro in grid stability.

USE: [Renewable Energy](#) [Investment Mobilisation](#) [Pumped Storage Hydro](#) [Green Energy Capacity](#) [Decarbonisation](#)

Union Minister announces ₹993.64 crore project to upgrade NH10

WHY IN NEWS Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced a ₹993.64 crore project to upgrade NH10 from Rangpo to Ranipool to counter landslides and land sinking caused by the Teesta River.

FIGURE	₹993.64 crore — Total project cost for upgrading NH10
PLACE	NH10 — Route connecting Rangpo to Ranipool
PLACE	Teesta River — Source of landslides and land sinking in the region
CONCEPT	Infrastructure components — Two-lane highway, paved shoulders, tunnels, and viaducts

MAINS Q Discuss the engineering and environmental challenges in developing resilient infrastructure in Himalayan regions prone to seismic activity and river-induced landslides.

USE: Climate-resilient infrastructure Geological hazards Disaster-mitigation Himalayan ecology Logistics connectivity

Andhra Pradesh announces Japan-style cluster model for 714 projects

WHY IN NEWS Andhra Pradesh Industries and Commerce Minister T.G. Bharath announced a Japan-style cluster development model to facilitate 714 projects aiming to generate 19.3 lakh jobs.

CONCEPT	Japan-style cluster model: A development model aimed at facilitating industrial projects and job creation.
FIGURE	₹22.6 lakh crore: Total value of the pipeline of 714 projects in Andhra Pradesh.
FIGURE	19.3 lakh: Target number of jobs to be generated by the project pipeline.
PLACE	CII Regional Summit: The venue where the cluster model and groundbreaking ceremonies were announced.

MAINS Q Discuss how industrial cluster models can catalyze regional economic development and employment generation in India's emerging industrial hubs.

USE: Agglomeration economies Industrial clusters Employment generation Investment pipeline Regional development

RBI draft norms propose restricting NBFCs to term loans only

WHY IN NEWS RBI official Malhotra stated the regulator is studying stakeholder feedback on draft norms issued August 6, which propose restricting NBFCs to term loans only to prevent the unauthorized offering of revolving credit.

CONCEPT	Revolving credit — credit products that NBFCs are proposed to be restricted from offering.
CONCEPT	Term loans — the only type of loan NBFCs would be permitted to offer under the draft norms.
FIGURE	Rs 2 lakh crore — the estimated value of credit products potentially impacted by the draft norms.
FIGURE	37% — the current robust level of bank credit to NBFCs.
CONCEPT	MSME Financing — a sector potentially constrained by the proposed restrictions on revolving credit.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of NBFCs in providing credit to MSMEs and evaluate the implications of tightening regulatory norms on revolving credit for financial inclusion.

USE: NBFC Revolving Credit Term Loans MSME Financing Systemic Risk

RBI reserves fall to \$734.6 billion after four consecutive weeks of decline

WHY IN NEWS The RBI reported a four-week consecutive decline in foreign exchange reserves to \$734.6 billion as the rupee weakened against the dollar despite intervention measures.

- FIGURE** | RBI reserves: \$734.6 billion as of the week ended October 2
- FIGURE** | Rupee exchange rate: 96.8450 per dollar as of the week ended October 2
- FIGURE** | Rupee all-time low: 96.96
- CONCEPT** | Foreign exchange swaps: selling dollars in the spot market with a contract to buy them back at a future date

MAINS Q Analyze the factors influencing the volatility of the Indian Rupee and the role of the RBI's intervention mechanisms in maintaining exchange rate stability.

USE: Foreign Exchange Reserves Monetary Policy Currency Depreciation Foreign Exchange Swaps Capital Outflow

Agriculture

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Andhra Pradesh declares early kharif 2026 drought in 388 mandals

WHY IN NEWS The Andhra Pradesh government declared an early kharif 2026 drought in 388 mandals due to a 53.4% rainfall deficit and El Niño conditions.

- BODY** | State Drought Committee — responsible for assessing drought proposals
- CONCEPT** | El Niño — climate condition contributing to the rainfall deficit
- REPORT** | Manual for Drought Management, 2016 — Government of India guidelines used for assessment
- FIGURE** | 53.4% rainfall deficit — recorded 197.6 mm against a normal of 424.3 mm

MAINS Q Discuss the institutional framework for drought management in India and the role of climate variability like El Niño in affecting agricultural productivity.

USE: El Niño rainfall deficit drought management monsoon variability agricultural resilience

DDA begins in-situ rehabilitation for 45 JJ clusters in Delhi

WHY IN NEWS The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) initiated in-situ rehabilitation for 45 JJ clusters to accommodate over one lakh people under the Master Plan for Delhi 2047.

- BODY** | Delhi Development Authority (DDA): Primary agency for land use and development in Delhi.
- CONCEPT** | In-situ rehabilitation: Rehabilitating 21,229 households across 135.74 acres in 45 JJ clusters.
- BODY** | National Land Monetisation Corporation: Entity involved in the bidding process for feasibility reports.
- CONCEPT** | Master Plan for Delhi 2047: The framework under which the rehabilitation project is being executed.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges and policy requirements for effective in-situ rehabilitation of JJ clusters in rapidly urbanizing metropolitan cities like Delhi.

USE: In-situ rehabilitation Urban planning JJ clusters Land monetization Master Plan

MP CM releases two cheetahs in Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve

WHY IN NEWS Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav released two cheetahs in the Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve and distributed ₹20 crore to villagers for homestay grants.

PLACE	Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve — Covers 2,339 sq km across Sagar, Damoh, and Narsinghpur districts
CONCEPT	Homestay grants — Villagers receive ₹2–3 lakh from a fund of ₹80 crore collected from sanctuaries
EVENT	Cheetah release — Two cheetahs named Vyom and Neera were released on October 7, 2026

MAINS Q Discuss the role of community-based conservation models and eco-tourism in ensuring the survival of apex predators like the cheetah in India.

USE: Community-led conservation Eco-tourism Apex predator management Livelihood diversification Wildlife habitat restoration

Science & Technology

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MeitY to train 10 million youth in AI via AIKOSH roadmap

WHY IN NEWS MeitY announced a roadmap to train 10 million Indian youth in AI and a consultation paper to address AI-related harms like deepfakes and psychological disorders.

BODY	MeitY — Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
CONCEPT	AIKOSH — The roadmap linked to the AI initiative for youth
FIGURE	10 million — Target number of Indian youth to be brought into the AI space
CONCEPT	Deepfakes and psychological disorders — AI-related harms addressed in the consultation paper

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of large-scale AI literacy programs in India and the regulatory challenges posed by deepfakes and AI-driven psychological harms.

USE: Digital Literacy AI Governance Deepfakes Skill Development Technological Ethics

India aims to double 5G user base to one billion by 2030

WHY IN NEWS Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announced India's target to double its 5G user base to one billion by 2030 and called for a global framework with the GSMA to curb cyber frauds and deepfakes.

CONCEPT	5G user base target: 1 billion by 2030
CONCEPT	Bharat 6G Alliance: 90 institutions involved with 7,700 patents
BODY	GSMA: Global body called upon to create a framework against cyber frauds and deepfakes
BODY	ITU: Accepted India's proposal to host the Plenipotentiary Conference in 2030
FIGURE	Broadband customers: Grew from 60 million to over 1.1 billion since 2017

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of India's leadership in 6G technology and the necessity of a global framework to mitigate the risks of deepfakes and cyber fraud.

USE: Digital Infrastructure Cybersecurity Deepfakes 6G Technology Telecommunications

India ranks 10th on AI Readiness Index as country attracts US\$4.1 billion investment

WHY IN NEWS The World Bank released a report ranking India 10th among emerging markets on the AI Readiness Index, highlighting a gap between high investment and low individual tool adoption.

- REPORT** | World Bank's AI Readiness Index ranks India 10th among emerging markets with a score of 23.8
- FACT** | India attracted US\$4.1 billion in private AI investment in 2025
- FACT** | AI-related job postings in India rose from 2.2% in November 2022 to 6% by April 2025
- FACT** | Only 4% of Indian internet users reported using ChatGPT in April 2025

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges and opportunities for India in bridging the gap between high AI investment and low individual adoption among the population.

USE: [AI Readiness](#) [Digital Divide](#) [Skill Gap](#) [Private Investment](#) [Emerging Markets](#)

Telecom Department clarifies Starlink and Jio Satcom await security clearances

WHY IN NEWS Elon Musk alleged that Starlink spent five years complying with Indian laws without receiving a license, while the Telecom Department clarified that Starlink, Jio Satcom

- BODY** | Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) — responsible for providing security clearances for satellite services.
- CONCEPT** | Security Clearance — the primary regulatory requirement currently pending for Starlink, Jio Satcom, and Eutelsat OneWeb.

MAINS Q Discuss the regulatory challenges and security considerations involved in the deployment of low-earth orbit (LEO) satellite internet services in India.

USE: [Security Clearance](#) [Satellite Internet](#) [Data Sovereignty](#) [Regulatory Framework](#) [Telecommunications Policy](#)

Kerala launches project to map ecological risks across 14 districts

WHY IN NEWS Environment Minister Sunny Joseph launched the 'Comprehensive Red List Assessment of Ecosystems in Keralam' project to map ecological risks across all 14 districts.

- CONCEPT** | IUCN Red List of Ecosystems (RLE) — The framework used to assess and map ecological risks.
- BODY** | Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB) — The funding body for the ecosystem risk mapping project.
- BODY** | Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI) — The executing agency for the Red List Assessment.
- MISSION** | 100 Days programme — The initiative under which the project is being conducted.

MAINS Q Discuss how standardized ecological risk assessment frameworks like the IUCN Red List can aid in biodiversity conservation and climate resilience planning in ecologically sensitive states.

USE: [Biodiversity Conservation](#) [Ecosystem Risk Assessment](#) [IUCN Red List](#) [Ecological Mapping](#) [Climate Resilience](#)

WHO warns mercury in skin-lightening products poses health risks during Hyderabad discussion

WHY IN NEWS The World Health Organisation (WHO) held a discussion in Hyderabad where experts warned that mercury in skin-lightening products poses significant health risks.

- BODY** | WHO: World Health Organisation
- PLACE** | Goethe-Zentrum: Venue for the discussion in Hyderabad
- FACT** | Mercury: Identified as a hazardous component in skin-lightening products

MAINS Q Discuss the intersection of societal beauty standards and public health, specifically regarding the unregulated sale of hazardous chemicals in cosmetic products.

USE: [Public Health](#) [Colorism](#) [Regulatory Oversight](#) [Heavy Metal Toxicity](#) [Societal Norms](#)

Henri Kagan and Kensō Soai win 2026 Nobel Prize for solving chemical asymmetry

WHY IN NEWS Henri Kagan and Kensō Soai were awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for solving nature's chemical asymmetry, enabling the production of pharmaceuticals without harmful side effects.

CONCEPT	Homochirality: The phenomenon where living organisms contain almost exclusively one of the two forms of chiral molecules.
CONCEPT	Enantiomers: Mirror-image forms of chiral molecules with similar physical properties but different biological behaviors.
CONCEPT	Nonlinear effect: A chemical phenomenon discovered by Henri Kagan in the 1980s related to chemical asymmetry.
CONCEPT	Chiral catalyst: A substance used by Willy Marckwald to produce a greater amount of one enantiomer variant.

MAINS Q Discuss how the mastery of chemical asymmetry and homochirality enhances the safety and efficacy of pharmaceutical manufacturing.

USE: Homochirality Enantiomers Chemical Asymmetry Pharmaceutical Synthesis Catalysis

India expands 5G infrastructure with over 5.5 lakh base stations

WHY IN NEWS Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the expansion of 5G infrastructure at the 10th India Mobile Congress, noting that India now has over 5.5 lakh base stations with speeds 10 times higher than in 2022.

FIGURE	5.5 lakh — Number of base stations in India with speeds 10 times higher than 2022 levels
EVENT	India Mobile Congress — Organized by the Department of Telecommunications and the Cellular Operators Association of India
DATE	2022 — Year India launched its 5G services

MAINS Q Discuss how the rapid expansion of 5G infrastructure acts as a catalyst for enhancing e-governance and digital inclusion in India.

USE: Digital Infrastructure e-Governance Telecommunications 5G Expansion Digital Inclusion

Francis Halzen awarded Nobel Prize in Physics for IceCube Neutrino research

WHY IN NEWS Francis Halzen was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for research conducted at the IceCube Neutrino Observatory regarding high-energy neutrinos.

CONCEPT	Neutrinos — Subatomic particles with no electric charge that do not interact easily with matter
PLACE	IceCube Neutrino Observatory — Located at the South Pole to detect high-energy neutrinos
FIGURE	5,160 sensors — Deployed within 1 cubic kilometer of ice at the observatory
CONCEPT	TXS 0506+056 — A source of high-energy neutrinos studied by the IceCube team

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of neutrino astronomy in understanding cosmic phenomena and the technological requirements for detecting high-energy subatomic particles.

USE: Neutrino Astronomy IceCube Observatory Subatomic Particles High-energy Physics South Pole Research

MoEFCC grants environmental and CRZ clearance for Shree Jagannath International Airport

WHY IN NEWS The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change granted environmental and Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance for the greenfield Shree Jagannath International Airport in Puri District.

- BODY** | Zoological Survey of India — conducting bird hazard studies near Chilka Lake for the project.
- CONCEPT** | Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) — regulatory framework for environmental clearance in coastal areas.
- FIGURE** | 4.6 million — expected annual passenger capacity of the airport.
- BODY** | Expert Appraisal Committee — provided recommendations for the environmental and CRZ clearance.

MAINS Q Discuss the environmental challenges and regulatory frameworks involved in developing greenfield airport infrastructure in ecologically sensitive coastal zones of India.

USE: Coastal Regulation Zone Greenfield Project Environmental Clearance Biodiversity Conservation Infrastructure Development

Karolinska Institute awards 2026 Nobel Prize in Medicine for optogenetics

WHY IN NEWS The Karolinska Institute awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Medicine to Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann, and Georg Nagel for their pioneering work on optogenetics to toggle nerve cells using light.

- CONCEPT** | Optogenetics: A technique allowing the control of nerve cells via light.
- PERSON** | Karl Deisseroth: Researcher who utilized optogenetics in 2005 to study brain functions.
- CONCEPT** | Chlamydomonas: A genus of green algae studied by Peter Hegemann.
- CONCEPT** | Channelrhodopsin-1 and Channelrhodopsin-2: Genes verified by Georg Nagel for optogenetic research.

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

USE: Optogenetics Neuroscience Biotechnology Neural Manipulation Gene Verification

Environment & Ecology

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Asiatic lion population grows to 891 in 2025

WHY IN NEWS The Government of India highlighted the growth of the Asiatic lion population from 674 in 2020 to 891 in 2025 during Wildlife Week.

- FIGURE** | Asiatic lion population: 891 in 2025 (up from 674 in 2020)
- REPORT** | IUCN: 1,012 out of 7,516 assessed species are currently threatened
- SCHEME** | Project Nilgiri Tahr and Phoenix Species Project are active conservation efforts
- PLACE** | Great Indian Bustard chick was spotted in Kutch

MAINS Q Evaluate the effectiveness of species-specific conservation projects in ensuring the recovery of endangered fauna in India.

USE: Biodiversity conservation Species recovery In-situ conservation Wildlife management IUCN status

Plantations and climate change reduced Western Ghats native habitats to one-third

WHY IN NEWS A review in Nature Reviews Biodiversity highlights that plantations, infrastructure, and climate change have reduced native habitats in the Western Ghats to just one-third of their original extent.

PLACE	Western Ghats: A biodiversity hotspot in India significantly impacted by plantation expansion.
FACT	Coffee plantation area: 3,000 sq km.
FACT	Tea plantation area: 1,134 sq km.
FACT	Rubber plantation area: 5,000 sq km.
FACT	Cashew expansion: 53,500 ha.

MAINS Q Discuss the ecological consequences of large-scale plantation expansion on biodiversity hotspots like the Western Ghats and suggest measures for sustainable land-use management.

USE: Biodiversity Hotspots Habitat Fragmentation Monoculture Ecological Integrity Sustainable Land-Use

Ladakh launches India's first high-altitude wildlife safari

WHY IN NEWS The Ladakh administration flagged off India's first high-altitude wildlife safari in Rumbak, Shang, and Uley to link conservation with local livelihoods.

PLACE	Rumbak, Shang, and Uley — locations in Ladakh where the high-altitude wildlife safari was flagged off
FIGURE	477 of 718 — estimated number of snow leopards held in Ladakh
CONCEPT	Community-led conservation — project aims to employ local residents as drivers and guides

MAINS Q Discuss how community-led wildlife tourism can balance ecological conservation with the socio-economic development of mountain communities in high-altitude regions like Ladakh.

USE: Community-led conservation Sustainable tourism Livelihood diversification Biodiversity protection Ecotourism

Internal Security

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Air Chief Marshal AP Singh calls for two new IAF squadrons annually

WHY IN NEWS Air Chief Marshal AP Singh highlighted the IAF's declining combat mass, stating a need for two new squadrons annually and the acquisition of 330 Collaborative Combat Aircraft to counter PAF and PLAAF capabilities.

FIGURE	30 — Current number of fighter squadrons operated by the IAF
FIGURE	42 — Government-sanctioned strength of fighter squadrons for the IAF
CONCEPT	Collaborative Combat Aircraft — Proposed acquisition of 330 units at \$25 million each
FIGURE	180 — Order quantity for Tejas Mk1A

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in maintaining qualitative and quantitative superiority in India's air defense against rapidly advancing stealth and sixth-generation technologies.

USE: Combat Mass Collaborative Combat Aircraft Stealth Technology Defense Procurement Qualitative Edge

10 questions, 10 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

- 1 What is the reduced amount for general penalties under the new GST Council guidelines?

☐ a ₹5,000
 ☐ b ₹20,000
 ☐ c ₹15,000
 ☐ d ₹10,000
- 2 Which body is responsible for identifying mark-ups in drug pricing as per the note?

☐ a Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
 ☐ b Drug Controller General of India
 ☐ c National Health Authority
 ☐ d National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority
- 3 Which ministry is responsible for launching the AIKOSH roadmap to train Indian youth in AI?

☐ a Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 ☐ b Ministry of Science and Technology
 ☐ c Ministry of Education
 ☐ d Ministry of Skill Development
- 4 Which act defines the 21 disability conditions identified by the PRASHAST tool?

☐ a Disability Rights Act, 1995
 ☐ b Right to Education Act, 2009
 ☐ c RPwD Act, 2016
 ☐ d National Education Policy, 2020
- 5 What is the minimum revenue growth required for urban local bodies to qualify for the urbanization premium?

☐ a 5%
 ☐ b 15%
 ☐ c 10%
 ☐ d 2%
- 6 Which global body was called upon by India to create a framework to curb cyber frauds and deepfakes?

☐ a GSMA
 ☐ b UNCTAD
 ☐ c IEEE
 ☐ d W3C
- 7 Which of the following countries signed a security pact in August to address regional security?

☐ a Iraq
 ☐ b Egypt
 ☐ c Iran
 ☐ d Pakistan
- 8 With reference to wildlife conservation in India, consider the following statements:
 1. The IUCN reported that 1,012 out of 7,516 assessed species are currently threatened.
 2. The Asiatic lion population was recorded at 900 in 2020.
 3. The Asiatic lion population reached 891 in 2025.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

☐ a 1 only
 ☐ b 2 only
 ☐ c 1 and 2 only
 ☐ d 1 and 3 only
- 9 Which act governs the inclusion of banking entities in the Second Schedule managed by the RBI?

☐ a Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
 ☐ b Banking Regulation Act, 1949
 ☐ c Payment Systems Act, 2000
 ☐ d Financial Services Act, 1991
- 10 What was the level of the 10-year Treasury yield at the time of the repo rate hike?

☐ a 5.36%
 ☐ b 7.10%
 ☐ c 4.50%
 ☐ d 6.25%

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



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