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10 requests

the cap on individual voter deletion requests during claims and objections periods.

CONNECT TO STATIC

Representation of the People Act, 1950

provides the legal framework for voter list maintenance and actions under Section 31. *In the news:* ECI caps voter deletion requests to 10 after Karnataka bulk filing controversy.

What to know, in 60 seconds each

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Trump administration announces sanctions to dismantle ICC after Netanyahu, Gallant arrest warrants

Why in news: The Trump administration announced sanctions against the International Criminal Court (ICC) to dismantle the body following its issuance of arrest warrants for Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant.

REMEMBER

- ICC: International Criminal Court
- Marco Rubio: US Secretary of State
- Francesca Albanese: Associated with ICC

MAINS ANGLE *Examine the implications of unilateral sanctions on international judicial bodies like the ICC for the global rule of law and multilateral cooperation.*

USE: multilateralism sovereignty judicial independence
sanctions

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/134000

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REMEMBER

- RBI bond sale amount: ₹250 billion (\$2.58 billion)
- Bond maturity range: Fiscal 2030 to fiscal 2035
- New CRR requirement: 99% of daily balances

MAINS ANGLE *Analyze how the Reserve Bank of India utilizes liquidity management tools like bond sales and CRR adjustments to achieve monetary stability.*

USE: Liquidity Management Cash Reserve Ratio
Monetary Policy Open Market Operations

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133832

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ECI caps voter deletion requests to 10 after Karnataka bulk filing controversy

Why in news: The Election Commission of India capped individual voter deletion requests to prevent bulk filing of Form 7 applications following a controversy in Karnataka.

REMEMBER

- Representation of the People Act, 1950 — provides the legal framework for voter list maintenance and actions under Section 31.
- Form 7 — the specific application form used for the deletion of a name from the electoral roll.
- 10 requests — the cap on individual voter deletion requests during claims and objections periods.

MAINS ANGLE *Examine the measures taken by the Election Commission of India to ensure the integrity of the electoral roll against fraudulent deletions.*

USE: electoral integrity voter disenfranchisement
procedural safeguards Representation of the People Act

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133624

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India delivers Right of Reply at UN General Assembly against nuclear blackmail

Why in news: Anmol Sher Singh Bedi of India's Permanent Mission to the Conference on Disarmament delivered a Right of Reply at the UN General Assembly First Committee.

REMEMBER

- Anmol Sher Singh Bedi — Representative of the Permanent Mission of India to the Conference on Disarmament
- UN General Assembly First Committee — The committee responsible for disarmament and regulation of armaments
- Operation Sindoor — Conducted in May 2025 as a response to an April 22, 2025 attack

MAINS ANGLE *Examine India's strategy of using multilateral forums like the UN to counter cross-border terrorism and nuclear coercion from neighboring states.*

USE: Nuclear blackmail Cross-border terrorism
Multilateral diplomacy Strategic autonomy

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133758

MP High Court strikes down law increasing OBC reservation from 14% to 27%

Why in news: The Madhya Pradesh High Court struck down the Madhya Pradesh Public Service (Reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) Amendment Act, 2019

REMEMBER

- Madhya Pradesh High Court: Judicial body that ruled the 2019 Amendment Act unconstitutional.
- OBC reservation increase: The contested amendment sought to raise the quota from 14% to 27%.
- Unreserved quota: The court ordered filling 13% of held posts with unreserved candidates.

MAINS ANGLE Critically examine the constitutional validity of state-level amendments to reservation quotas and their impact on the principle of equality of opportunity.

USE : Constitutional Validity Affirmative Action

Judicial Review Equality of Opportunity

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133635

TGSPDCL urges rooftop solar installation with maximum ₹78,000 subsidy under PM Surya Ghar Yojana

Why in news: TGSPDCL is promoting rooftop solar installations under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, offering a maximum subsidy of ₹78,000 for 3 kWp systems.

REMEMBER

- PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana: Central scheme providing subsidies for rooftop solar installations.
- Maximum subsidy of ₹78,000 provided for a 3 kWp rooftop solar system.
- Telangana government approved 4,066 MW for 20.33 lakh households on November 15, 2025.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how decentralized solar energy systems can alleviate the electricity deficit in rural India while promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

USE : Decentralized energy Renewable energy transition

Energy security Subsidized infrastructure

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/134091

UDF government considers desalination plants along Keralam coast to address water shortages

Why in news: The UDF government of Kerala is considering the establishment of desalination plants along the Keralam coast to mitigate water shortages.

REMEMBER

- National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT): Body involved in discussions regarding the proposed desalination plant.
- Proposed plant capacity: 10 mld (million litres per day).
- Proposed plant cost: ₹215 crore.

MAINS ANGLE Examine the feasibility and environmental implications of desalination as a long-term solution to water scarcity in coastal regions of India.

USE : Desalination Water Scarcity Coastal Management

Resource Sustainability

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/134101

Rajnath Singh calls for self-reliance in Tejas, Dhruv and Akash at Tarang Shakti 2026

Why in news: Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called for self-reliance in indigenous platforms like Tejas and Akash during the Tarang Shakti 2026 air exercise.

REMEMBER

- Tejas, Dhruv, Rudra, Prachand, Light Utility Helicopter, and Akash are identified as key indigenous platforms for self-reliance.
- Tarang Shakti 2026 was conducted at Jodhpur Air Force Station.
- The exercise included 32 observer nations.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of indigenous defense manufacturing and 'speed of sensing' in enhancing India's strategic autonomy and military capabilities.

USE : Atmanirbhar Bharat Strategic Autonomy

Defense Indigenization Aerospace Technology

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/134011

Everything else, one line each

GS1 · HISTORY · SOCIETY · GEOGRAPHY

Mizoram aims to be first state to complete Census 2027

GS2 · POLITY · GOVERNANCE · SOCIAL JUSTICE · IR

124 former officials defend ECI against vote-rigging allegations in Supreme Court case

55 per cent of juvenile cases across 18 states and 2 UTs pending

Karnataka urges Centre to extend price-control measures to cardiac and kidney medicines

Dr. Koyyala Ruth John Paul became India's first transgender person to complete a postgraduate

Green Card suspension: Trump administration suspended eight firms including Infosys, TCS, and Microsoft from the Green Card programme.

Loneliness among 'empty-nest' parents in Karnataka, Haryana and Punjab linked to psychological distress

India-Ethiopia cooperation: India has supported over 220 projects and 70,000 students in Ethiopia, focusing on AI, space, and India Stack.

Gruha Lakshmi scheme: Banks ordered to stop auto-debiting ₹2,000 monthly installments to settle loans or interest without consent.

Delhi Metro: Supreme Court ruled against complete prohibition during protests to balance public safety with commuter rights.

Writ of Mandamus: PIL filed in Bombay High Court seeking to compel Maharashtra government to fill vacancies in 14 bodies.

GS3 · ECONOMY · S&T · ENVIRONMENT · SECURITY

Forex derivatives: RBI prohibits rebooking of cancelled rupee-linked contracts and lowers hedging threshold to \$5 million.

US government suspends Infosys, TCS, Wipro and HCLTech from PERM programme

Wayanad aims to become India's first e-waste-free model district by November 1, 2026

Anti-cybercrime initiatives use AI to scam scammers with lifelike bots

Maharashtra FDA to trace milk to tagged animals within six months to a year

OpenAI and Anthropic executives privately discuss responses to potential catastrophic AI incidents

Oil imports: India imported 5.26 million barrels of oil per day in September amid Brent crude prices exceeding \$100.

Reliance IPO: Reliance and Jio are preparing a Rs 10.3 lakh crore IPO, potentially India's largest-ever listing.

Market volatility: Nifty 50 and Nifty 500 declined in September 2026 due to rising crude oil prices and FII selling.

El Nino and Maharashtra drought could reduce 2026 sucrose content, WMO warns

Railways Act: Passengers face a ₹1,000 fine or imprisonment for playing audio on speaker mode to curb public nuisance.

Bamboo plantation: Manipur Forest Department to plant bamboo on 255 hectares of land cleared for poppy cultivation.

Form 7 applications: Karnataka saw a surge of 19,376 applications in four days amid allegations of bulk deletions.

1 With reference to RBI's new regulations on forex derivatives, consider the following statements:

1. Authorised Dealers are permitted to rebook cancelled rupee-linked forex derivative contracts.
2. The threshold for hedging without establishing underlying exposure has been reduced to \$5 million equivalent.
3. A 10% cash Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve is required for transactions exceeding \$2 million equivalent.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2 With reference to the Election Commission of India's measures for electoral roll maintenance, consider the following statements:

1. Form 7 is the application used for the deletion of a name from the electoral roll.
2. The ECI capped individual voter deletion requests at 10 during continuous updation.
3. The ECI has capped individual voter deletion requests at 15 during claims and objections periods.

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 UN General Assembly First Committee, consider the following statements:

1. The committee is responsible for the regulation of armaments and disarmament.
2. India cited Operation Sindoor as a response to an attack in May 2025.
3. The statement was delivered by the Representative of the Permanent Mission of India to the Conference on Disarmament.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4 What was the specific percentage of held posts to be filled by unreserved candidates as ordered by the court?

- ☐ a 50%
 ☐ b 14%
- ☐ c 13%
 ☐ d 27%

5 How many countries does India currently reach for its oil procurement?

- (a) 35 (b) 41
(c) 62 (d) 50

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

GS2 • INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Examine the implications of unilateral sanctions on international judicial bodies like the ICC for the global rule of law and multilateral cooperation.

USE: multilateralism sovereignty judicial independence sanctions international law

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



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