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Supreme Court urges Union government to find spacious alternative to Jantar Mantar for protests

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court urged the Union government to identify a spacious alternative to Jantar Mantar for protests following petitions challenging restrictions on youth protests demanding Gyanesh Kumar's resignation.

PLACE | Jantar Mantar: A designated site in Delhi for public protests.

POST | Surya Kant: Chief Justice of India as of October 2026.

PLACE | Ramlila Maidan, Burari ground, and CBD ground: Designated protest venues by Delhi Police.

MAINS Q Discuss the constitutional balance between the right to peaceful protest and the state's obligation to maintain public order and urban functionality.

USE: Right to Assembly Public Order Constitutional Balance Urban Governance Judicial Oversight

ELECTIONS, ECI & ELECTORAL REFORMS

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2 REPORTS MERGED

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Supreme Court clarifies it did not adjudicate new Form 6 for voter registration

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court clarified that it has not yet examined or adjudicated the new Form 6 for voter registration, contradicting claims by the Election Commission of India (ECI) regarding a May 2026 judgment.

BODY | ECI: The Election Commission of India is the body responsible for voter registration and conducting elections.

FACT | Form 6: The specific form used for voter registration in India.

POST | CJI Surya Kant: Served as the Chief Justice of India during the October 2026 proceedings.

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of judicial oversight in ensuring the integrity of the electoral process and the role of the Election Commission in maintaining voter registration accuracy.

USE: Judicial Oversight Electoral Integrity Election Commission Voter Registration Rule of Law

JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS

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Supreme Court must not be a site for protests, CJI Surya Kant states

WHY IN NEWS Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and a three-judge Bench stated that the Supreme Court must not be a site for protests following a crackdown on October 10, 2026.

POST | Surya Kant: Chief Justice of India as of October 2026

BODY | SCBA: Supreme Court Bar Association

MAINS Q Discuss the balance between the right to protest and the need to maintain the sanctity and security of judicial institutions in a democracy.

USE: Judicial Independence Public Order Right to Protest Rule of Law Institutional Sanctity

Prakash Rajpurohit appointed Deputy Election Commissioner as Sanjay Kumar is repatriated from ECI

WHY IN NEWS Prakash Rajpurohit (IAS 2010 batch) was appointed as Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC) following the repatriation of Sanjay Kumar amid allegations of procedural violations regarding file routing.

BODY	Election Commission of India (ECI) is a constitutional body.
SCHEME	Central Staffing Scheme (CSS) is used by the DoPT to appoint AIS and Group A officers to Union Ministries and constitutional bodies.
FACT	The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approves appointments under the CSS, but has delegated powers for Deputy Secretary/Director rank officers.
POST	Prakash Rajpurohit is an IAS officer of the 2010 batch.

MAINS Q Examine the role of the Central Staffing Scheme in ensuring administrative efficiency and accountability within constitutional bodies like the Election Commission of India.

USE: Central Staffing Scheme Election Commission of India All India Services Administrative Accountability DoPT

AERO reports officials pressured staff to clear pending hearings

WHY IN NEWS An Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) reported that officials pressured staff to clear 7,82,304 pending hearings by the October 12 deadline.

BODY	Election Commission of India (ECI) — the body overseeing the electoral process.
FIGURE	7,82,304 — number of pending hearings reported by the AERO.
FIGURE	43.43 lakh — total notices involved in the document collection process.
FIGURE	39,169 — number of notices that remained undelivered.

MAINS Q Examine the challenges in maintaining the integrity of electoral roll updates and the implications of procedural shortcuts on democratic representation.

USE: Electoral Roll Administrative Integrity Procedural Transparency Democratic Representation

Social Justice

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CoverSure CEO warns policyholders to check OPD limits for mental illness coverage

WHY IN NEWS CoverSure CEO Saurabh VijayVergia warned policyholders to scrutinize OPD limits and session caps for mental illness coverage under the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017.

ACT	Mental Healthcare Act, 2017: Mandates insurance coverage for mental illness equivalent to physical illness
CONCEPT	OPD limits: Routine outpatient therapy may be subject to specific session caps or provider eligibility
FIGURE	Rs 72,000: Example of annual recurring costs for sessions at Rs 1,500 each

MAINS Q Examine the challenges in ensuring comprehensive insurance coverage for mental health services despite the mandates of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017.

USE: Mental Healthcare Act 2017 Outpatient Department (OPD) Insurance Coverage Mental Health Policy Financial Accessibility

US Department of Labour suspends Infosys, TCS, Wipro, and HCL over alleged H-1B abuse

WHY IN NEWS The US Department of Labour suspended Infosys, TCS, Wipro, and HCL from the Permanent Labour Certification Program over alleged H-1B visa abuses.

- FACT** | Infosys, TCS, Wipro, and HCL: The four Indian IT firms suspended from the Permanent Labour Certification Program.
- POST** | JD Vance: US political figure who characterized H-1B beneficiaries as 'indentured servants'.
- BODY** | NASSCOM: The industry body that urged local growth in response to the suspension.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of tightening H-1B visa regulations on India's IT services export model and the growing friction in India-US trade relations.

USE: Trade friction Labor mobility Outsourcing model Bilateral relations Visa regulations

Macron confers Légion d'Honneur on Bharti Enterprises founder Sunil Bharti Mittal

WHY IN NEWS French President Emmanuel Macron conferred the Chevalier de l'Ordre national de la Légion d'Honneur on Bharti Enterprises founder Sunil Bharti Mittal for his achievements in telecommunications.

- POST** | Sunil Bharti Mittal: Founder of Bharti Enterprises
- BODY** | Légion d'Honneur: French order of merit
- FACT** | Mittal received the Padma Bhushan in 2007
- FACT** | Mittal received the KBE in 2024
- PLACE** | Ambassade de France, New Delhi: Venue for the award ceremony on October 28, 2026

MAINS Q Discuss how corporate leadership and private sector achievements contribute to strengthening bilateral economic ties between India and France.

USE: Economic Diplomacy Bilateral Ties Corporate Leadership Soft Power Telecommunications

Relatives urge S Jaishankar to verify death of Telangana man killed near Russia-Ukraine frontline

WHY IN NEWS Relatives of four Telangana men urged Foreign Minister S Jaishankar to verify the death of Mohammed Afzal Khan, who was allegedly misled into joining the Russian Army near the Ukraine frontline.

- FACT** | Mohammed Afzal Khan, 43, was from Banswada in Telangana's Kamareddy district.
- FACT** | The Foreign Ministry reported in August that 227 Indians were involved in recruitment into the Russian military.
- PLACE** | The incident involves the Russia-Ukraine frontline.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges faced by the Indian government in protecting its citizens from forced recruitment into foreign conflicts and the diplomatic hurdles in repatriating their remains.

USE: Consular Protection Human Trafficking Forced Recruitment Diplomatic Intervention Repatriation

India condemns drone attack on Nicaragua-flagged tanker in Strait of Hormuz

WHY IN NEWS India condemned drone attacks on the Nicaragua-flagged tanker MT Petro Dolphin in the Strait of Hormuz, where two Indian crew members remain missing.

PLACE	Sohar Anchorage — location in Oman where the MT Petro Dolphin was hit
PLACE	Strait of Hormuz — critical maritime passage for commercial shipping
CONCEPT	Maritime Security — concerns regarding energy security and trade routes
BODY	MT Petro Dolphin — a Nicaragua-flagged tanker

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of maritime security threats in the Strait of Hormuz on India's energy security and maritime trade routes.

USE: Maritime Security Energy Security Chokepoint Diplomacy Non-state Actors Maritime Trade

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Economy

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Indian Navy aims to build 230 surface combatants and submarines by 2037

WHY IN NEWS The Indian Navy has set a target to build 230 surface combatants and submarines by 2037, necessitating a shift toward indigenous marine propulsion systems to achieve Atmanirbharta.

FACT	Target: 230 surface combatants and submarines to be built by 2037
S&T	Kaveri Marine Gas Turbine: A key indigenous propulsion system for the Indian Navy
BODY	DRDO: Proposed to lead R&D for Kaveri Marine Gas Turbine and IEP systems

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in achieving self-reliance in high-end marine propulsion systems and the role of public-private partnerships in strengthening India's naval infrastructure.

USE: Atmanirbharta Indigenous manufacturing Marine propulsion Public-private partnership Defence infrastructure

RBI introduces measures to stabilize rupee against dollar

WHY IN NEWS The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced measures to stabilize the Indian rupee as it fell near 96.96 against the dollar despite \$140 billion raised via special deposit schemes.

CONCEPT	Exchange Rate Volatility — Rupee fell near 96.96 against the dollar despite \$140 billion raised via special deposit schemes.
CONCEPT	Currency Hedging — Proposed measures may increase hedging costs by 80–150 basis points.
BODY	Oil marketing companies — Now permitted to buy dollars directly from the Reserve Bank of India.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of the Reserve Bank of India in managing exchange rate volatility and the implications of curbing speculative activity on corporate hedging costs.

USE: Exchange Rate Volatility Monetary Policy Speculative Activity Currency Hedging Forex Intervention

Andhra Pradesh signs ₹6,200 crore investment agreements for Godavari region projects

WHY IN NEWS The Andhra Pradesh government signed ₹6,200 crore investment agreements for industrial projects in the Godavari region during the 31st CII Partnership Summit.

FACT	Total investment value for Godavari region projects: ₹6,200 crore
FACT	Nexon-Geochem magnet plant investment: ₹1,250 crore
PLACE	Godavari region, Andhra Pradesh
BODY	CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) Partnership Summit

MAINS Q Discuss how regional industrial corridors and targeted investment agreements can catalyze decentralized economic growth in India's coastal and riverine regions.

USE: Industrial Corridor Capital Infusion Regional Development Investment Climate Infrastructure Synergy

India's richest 10% earn \$10 daily, less than poorest 10% in four nations

WHY IN NEWS The World Bank's 2026 Poverty and Inequality Platform revealed that India's richest 10% earn a daily wage of \$10, which is lower than the daily earnings of the poorest 10% in the US, Canada, Germany, and Australia.

FACT	India's richest 10% earn \$10 daily according to the 2026 Poverty and Inequality Platform.
FACT	The poorest 10% in Canada earn \$31 daily.
FACT	The poorest 10% in Germany and Australia both earn \$28 daily.
FACT	The poorest 10% in the United States earn \$25 daily.

MAINS Q Discuss the structural issues contributing to stagnant income growth in India's upper-income brackets compared to developed economies and suggest measures to enhance national productivity.

USE: Income Inequality Productivity Structural Transformation Human Capital Economic Prosperity

Telangana to reconsider ₹8,500 monthly pass fees for Hyderabad Metro and TGSRTC services

WHY IN NEWS Transport Minister Ponnampallabharathi announced that the Telangana government will reconsider the ₹8,500 monthly pass fees for Hyderabad Metro and TGSRTC services following public complaints.

FACT	Hyderabad Metro and TGSRTC monthly pass fee: ₹8,500
FACT	Hyderabad Metro and TGSRTC daily pass fee: ₹400

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of integrated multi-modal transport systems in enhancing urban mobility and economic productivity in rapidly growing Indian cities.

USE: Multi-modal transport Urban mobility Public infrastructure Last-mile connectivity Integrated transport

RBI opens special dollar window for Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum

WHY IN NEWS The RBI opened a special dollar window for Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum, and Hindustan Petroleum to manage currency requirements amidst high overseas yields and hedging costs.

BODY	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) — manages the special dollar window for currency requirements.
CONCEPT	Special dollar window — established to address high overseas yields and hedging costs for specific PSUs.
FIGURE	8% EBLR plus 200–300 basis points — bank lending rates mentioned in the context.

MAINS Q Analyze the role of the Reserve Bank of India in managing currency liquidity and credit availability for energy-intensive public sector undertakings in a high-yield global environment.

USE: Currency management Liquidity provision External borrowing Monetary policy Public Sector Undertakings

Mutual fund equity holdings hit record 11.7% as FPI assets fall below 14%

WHY IN NEWS NSDL data revealed a record shift in Indian equity ownership as mutual fund holdings hit 11.7% while FPI assets fell below 14% due to retail flow deluges and foreign selling.

- FIGURE | 11.7% — Record mutual fund equity holdings in September 2026
- FIGURE | ₹55.14 lakh crore — Mutual fund equity assets in September 2026
- FIGURE | 21% — Record DII holdings in Nifty 500 companies in Q1FY27
- FIGURE | Below 14% — FPI ownership in Indian equities in September 2026

MAINS Q Analyze the implications of the increasing share of domestic institutional investors over foreign portfolio investors in the Indian capital markets.

USE: Domestic Institutional Investors Foreign Portfolio Investors Retail Flow Capital Market Ownership Market Share

Agriculture

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Indian Army signs 5-year MoU with FCI to use infrastructure for Bharat Rice

WHY IN NEWS The Indian Army signed a 5-year MoU with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to utilize its warehousing and logistics infrastructure for the 'Bharat Rice' initiative.

- BODY | FCI: Food Corporation of India, responsible for managing and distributing food grains.
- BODY | NAFED: National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India, tasked with supplying rice for the initiative.
- FACT | Bharat Rice will be supplied in 10-kg and 30-kg bags for easier transportation in difficult terrain.
- FACT | The MoU between the Indian Army and FCI is valid for a period of five years.

MAINS Q Discuss how strengthening military logistics and integrating agricultural supply chains can enhance India's operational readiness in high-altitude and remote terrains.

USE: Logistics Operational Readiness Jai Jawan Jai Kisan Supply Chain Resilience Infrastructure Synergy

KPA and UPASI oppose Western Ghats Ecologically Sensitive Area notification covering 56,825.7 sq km

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka Planters' Association (KPA) and United Planters' Association of South India (UPASI) opposed the Ministry of Environment

- FACT | The draft Western Ghats Ecologically Sensitive Area notification covers 56,825.7 sq km.
- FACT | Karnataka produces 71% of India's coffee.
- FACT | Karnataka produced 63,387 tonnes of pepper and 949 tonnes of cardamom in 2025-26.
- BODY | Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) is the body proposing the notification.

MAINS Q Discuss the conflict between biodiversity conservation and agricultural livelihoods in ecologically sensitive zones like the Western Ghats.

USE: Ecologically Sensitive Area Biodiversity Conservation Sustainable Agriculture Livelihood Security Environmental Governance

India intensifies campaigns against invasive species as Tamil Nadu court identifies *P. juliflora* threat

WHY IN NEWS A Tamil Nadu court identified *Prosopis juliflora* as a threat across 32 districts, prompting India to intensify campaigns against invasive alien species.

ENVIRONMENT | *Prosopis juliflora*, *Lantana camara*, and *Senna spectabilis* are identified as invasive alien species in India.

PLACE | A Tamil Nadu court identified *P. juliflora* as a threat across 32 districts.

MAINS Q Discuss how invasive alien species disrupt local biodiversity and evaluate the systemic drivers behind their proliferation in Indian ecosystems.

USE: Invasive alien species Biodiversity conservation Ecological restoration Colonial forestry Systemic disruption

Kerala State Biodiversity Board submits plan to mitigate 32 invasive alien species

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala State Biodiversity Board submitted a seven-point plan to the state government to mitigate the impact of 32 invasive alien species on water bodies.

BODY | Kerala State Biodiversity Board — body responsible for submitting the mitigation plan for invasive species.

CONCEPT | Invasive alien species — 32 species including 4 plants and 28 fish like Mozambique tilapia affecting Kerala's water bodies.

FIGURE | Impacted water bodies — 44 rivers, 18 reservoirs, and two lakes in Kerala are affected by these species.

MAINS Q Discuss the ecological and economic implications of invasive alien species on India's freshwater ecosystems and suggest measures for their mitigation.

USE: Invasive alien species Biodiversity conservation Freshwater ecosystems Ecological integrity Mitigation strategy

Internal Security

Indian Navy inducts INS Mangrol, third anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft off Mumbai

WHY IN NEWS The Indian Navy inducted INS Mangrol, its third anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft, to enhance maritime security off Mumbai.

BODY | Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) is the shipbuilding entity that constructed INS Mangrol.

S&T | INS Mangrol is equipped with Abhay sonar and Mareech systems for anti-submarine warfare.

FACT | INS Mangrol features over 80% indigenous content.

PLACE | The vessel was inducted off the coast of Mumbai.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of indigenous shipbuilding and the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative in strengthening India's maritime security and naval capabilities.

USE: Maritime Security Indigenous Content Anti-Submarine Warfare Atmanirbhar Bharat Naval Modernization

7 questions, 7 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 Which entities are now permitted to buy dollars directly from the Reserve Bank of India?

- (a) Retail banks (b) Oil marketing companies
(c) State-owned logistics firms (d) Export houses

2 With reference to the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, consider the following statements:

1. The Act mandates that insurers treat mental illness similarly to physical illness.
2. An example of recurring costs for sessions at Rs 1,500 each is Rs 72,000 annually.
3. Routine outpatient therapy (OPD) is exempt from all session caps and provider eligibility limits.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3 In which country is the Sohar Anchorage, the site of the drone attack on the MT Petro Dolphin, located?

- (a) Qatar (b) UAE
(c) Iran (d) Oman

4 With reference to the electoral roll update process reported by the AERO, consider the following statements:

1. The ECI instructed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to collect documents during the process.
2. A total of 39,169 notices were successfully delivered to recipients.
3. The process involved a total of 43.43 lakh notices.

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

5 With reference to the invasive alien species in Kerala's water bodies, consider the following statements:

1. Mozambique tilapia is identified as one of the invasive fish species in the state.
2. The Kerala State Biodiversity Board submitted a seven-point plan to mitigate these species.
3. The plan identifies a total of 50 invasive alien species affecting the state's water bodies.

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

6 Which specific lending rate benchmark is mentioned in the context of the bank lending rates?

- (a) Repo Rate (b) MSF
(c) MCLR (d) EBLR

7 What was the record percentage of DII holdings in Nifty 500 companies reached in Q1FY27?

- (a) 15% (b) 25%
(c) 21% (d) 30%

ANSWERS · 1 (b) 2 (b) 3 (d) 4 (c) 5 (c) 6 (d) 7 (c)



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