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

Social Justice

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Tamil Nadu HR&CE Minister expands Annadhanam scheme to serve 5,08,350 annual devotees

WHY IN NEWS Tamil Nadu HR&CE Minister C. Ramesh inaugurated a 100 percent expansion of the Annadhanam scheme across ten temples to serve more devotees.

- SCHEME** | Annadhanam scheme: A food distribution initiative expanded across ten temples in Tamil Nadu.
- FACT** | Total annual beneficiaries under the expanded scheme: 5,08,350.
- PLACE** | Arulmigu Subramaniya Swamy Temple: One of the sites included in the scheme expansion.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of religious institutions in addressing food insecurity and social welfare in India. How can state-led schemes ensure equitable distribution?

USE: food security social welfare institutional synergy public-private-religious partnership community nutrition

VULNERABLE SECTIONS (SC/ST, MINORITIES, DISABLED, ELDERLY, CHILDREN)

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Muslims 60% more likely to be flagged for "logical discrepancies" in Delhi electoral rolls

WHY IN NEWS An analysis by The Hindu revealed that the Election Commission of India's ERONET software disproportionately flagged Muslims for 'logical discrepancies' in Delhi's draft electoral rolls.

- BODY** | ERONET: Software used by the Election Commission of India (ECI) for electoral roll management.
- FACT** | Muslims accounted for 20.3% of the 33.12 lakh electors flagged in Delhi's draft electoral rolls.
- FACT** | Muslims were 60% more likely to be flagged for 'logical discrepancies' compared to non-Muslims.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of algorithmic bias in electoral roll management on the democratic right to vote and the principle of inclusive representation.

USE: Algorithmic bias Disenfranchisement Data integrity Inclusive representation Digital governance

International Relations

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INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS

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2 REPORTS MERGED

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Modi and Carney speak to conclude trade agreement aiming to double \$23 billion trade

WHY IN NEWS Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney held a phone call to conclude a trade agreement aimed at doubling two-way trade by 2030.

- BODY** | Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA): The framework for the proposed India-Canada trade deal.
- POST** | Mark Carney: Prime Minister of Canada (as per the article date Oct 2026).
- PLACE** | Ottawa: Destination of PM Modi's scheduled visit in December 2026.

MAINS Q Examine the significance of India's growing engagement with 'middle powers' in the context of shifting global dynamics and superpower unilateralism.

USE: Strategic Partnership Middle Power Multilateralism Trade Liberalization

In meeting with Rubio, Jaishankar raises India's concerns about sanctions Act

WHY IN NEWS External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio to discuss the Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act (SRIA) and its potential impact on India's energy imports.

FACT	India imports 51% of its crude oil from Russian Ural.
ACT / BILL	Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act (SRIA) mandates up to 100% tariffs on countries buying Russian oil.
POST	Marco Rubio is the U.S. Secretary of State as of September 2026.
PLACE	The G20 Summit is scheduled to be hosted by Donald Trump in Miami in December 2026.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges India faces in balancing its strategic partnership with the United States while maintaining its energy security and independent foreign policy.

USE: Strategic Autonomy Energy Security Bilateral Relations Sanctions Geopolitical Alignment

GS3

Economy · S&T · Environment · Security

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Economy

5

Sebi extended IPO-size flexibility due to soaring primary market activity

WHY IN NEWS SEBI extended IPO-size flexibility and allowed monitoring agencies to report directly to stock exchanges to streamline reporting amidst high primary market activity.

BODY	SEBI: The primary regulator for the securities and capital markets in India
FACT	Reliance Jio: Expected to receive over \$20 billion in bids for its IPO
FACT	SEBI's new rule allows monitoring agencies to report directly to stock exchanges if companies fail to provide information within prescribed timelines

MAINS Q Discuss how SEBI's regulatory adjustments to IPO reporting and size flexibility aim to balance investor protection with market liquidity and ease of doing business.

USE: Capital Markets Regulatory Framework Information Asymmetry Ease of Doing Business Market Liquidity

RBI introduces 20% risk reserve for derivatives over \$2 million to support rupee

WHY IN NEWS The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced a 20% Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve for derivatives exceeding \$2 million to stabilize the rupee against geopolitical headwinds.

FACT	RBI mandated a 20% Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve for derivatives exceeding \$2 million
FACT	Transaction limits for derivatives were reduced to \$5 million
FACT	RBI banned the rebooking of cancelled contracts
BODY	Indian Oil Corp, Bharat Petroleum Corp, and Hindustan Petroleum Corp were granted access to a temporary dollar window

MAINS Q Analyze the role of the Reserve Bank of India's tactical interventions in managing currency volatility and ensuring macroeconomic stability during geopolitical crises.

USE: Currency Volatility Monetary Policy Foreign Exchange Risk Liquidity Management Macroeconomic Stability

RBI's 2026 FCNR-B deposit swap scheme collected over \$127 billion boosting bank deposits

WHY IN NEWS JM Financial Institutional Securities reported that the RBI's 2026 FCNR-B deposit swap scheme collected over \$127 billion, significantly boosting bank deposits.

- FACT | FCNR-B deposit swap scheme collected over \$127 billion
- FACT | Loan growth accelerated to 19.1% year-on-year
- FACT | Axis Bank net profit growth expected at 41%
- FACT | Kotak Mahindra Bank net profit growth expected at 29%
- FACT | SBI net profit growth expected at 11.2%

MAINS Q Analyze the role of FCNR-B deposits in strengthening the Indian banking sector's liquidity and managing external shocks.

USE:

Liquidity management

Net Interest Margin

FCNR-B deposits

Deposit mobilization

Banking profitability

Sitharaman cites "very significant" rupee depreciation while RBI curbs volatility via tightened rules

WHY IN NEWS Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted 'very significant' rupee depreciation over one and a half years while noting RBI measures to curb volatility.

- FACT | Rupee depreciation noted over a period of one and a half years
- BODY | Reserve Bank of India (RBI) manages forex derivatives rules and oil marketing windows

MAINS Q Discuss the measures taken by the Reserve Bank of India to manage currency volatility and the implications of significant rupee depreciation on India's macroeconomic fundamentals.

USE:

currency volatility

macroeconomic fundamentals

forex derivatives

monetary policy

depreciation

After US, India is the easiest place to list a company, says Blackstone's chief operating officer Jonathan Gray

WHY IN NEWS Blackstone COO Jonathan Gray announced plans to double the firm's investment in India from \$50 billion to \$100 billion within five years.

- FACT | Blackstone's planned investment target in India is \$100 billion within 5 years.
- FACT | Blackstone has taken 14 companies public as part of its investment strategy.
- FACT | US 10-year treasuries rose by 80 bps in the third quarter (as cited by Jonathan Gray).
- S&T | McKinsey's State of the AI report noted deepening adoption but flatlining enterprise returns.

MAINS Q Discuss the factors influencing the influx of foreign private equity into India and the implications of AI-driven productivity on the domestic economy.

USE:

Foreign Direct Investment

Private Equity

Capital Expenditure

AI Productivity

Macroeconomic Momentum

Agriculture

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Karnataka PDS beneficiaries must complete e-KYC on ‘Anna Seve’ app by October 20 deadline

WHY IN NEWS Karnataka's Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister launched the ‘Anna Seve’ app to mandate e-KYC for PDS beneficiaries by an October 20 deadline.

- BODY | National Informatics Centre (NIC): Responsible for developing the ‘Anna Seve’ app.
- FACT | Total PDS beneficiaries in Karnataka: 2,67,64,276.
- FACT | Completed e-KYCs by October 12: 2,06,76,278.
- PLACE | Karnataka: State implementing the ‘Anna Seve’ app for PDS verification.

MAINS Q Discuss how the integration of e-KYC and digital platforms like ‘Anna Seve’ can enhance the efficiency of the Public Distribution System in ensuring food security.

USE:

Food Security

e-Governance

Public Distribution System

Digital Inclusion

Data Integrity

Mizoram offers Rs 5 lakh grants to 199 families for homestays as tourism rises

WHY IN NEWS Mizoram Tourism Minister Lalnghinglova Hmar announced a pilot initiative providing Rs 5 lakh grants to 199 families to establish homestays as part of a community-based tourism strategy.

- FACT** | Mizoram government is providing Rs 5 lakh grants to 199 families for homestays.
- PLACE** | Aizawl is the capital city of Mizoram connected by a new railway line.
- FACT** | Mizoram aims to become a winter and Christmas destination starting December 15.
- PLACE** | Mizoram is being positioned as an alternative to Goa, Pattaya, and Bali for tourism.

MAINS Q Discuss the potential of community-based tourism models in promoting rural livelihoods and preserving cultural heritage in Northeast India.

USE: community-based tourism rural livelihood homestay model cultural heritage tourism infrastructure

Science & Technology

4

Centre plans to shift 4.8 lakh datasets to Shakti DB to reduce AWS dependence

WHY IN NEWS The Centre plans to migrate 4.8 lakh open datasets and 16,000 ministry datasets to the indigenous Shakti DB to reduce reliance on AWS and Google ahead of the DPDP Act, 2023 implementation.

- FACT** | The Centre plans to shift 4.8 lakh open datasets and 16,000 ministry datasets to indigenous infrastructure.
- S&T** | Shakti DB is the indigenous infrastructure identified for the data migration.
- ACT / BILL** | The Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 provisions are set to take effect on May 13, 2027.
- FACT** | The initiative aims to reduce dependence on Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Google.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of data localisation and indigenous cloud infrastructure in ensuring national security and data sovereignty in the era of digital governance.

USE: Data Localisation Data Sovereignty Digital Infrastructure Cyber Security DPDP Act

Science Corporation implants PRIMA chip to help Stargardt disease patient see letters

WHY IN NEWS Science Corporation CEO Max Hodak announced the successful implantation of the PRIMA chip in a Stargardt disease patient to enable the perception of black and white letters.

- S&T** | PRIMA chip: A brain-computer interface (BCI) technology developed by Science Corporation.
- FACT** | PRIMA chip dimensions: 2mm by 2mm.
- POST** | Max Hodak: CEO of Science Corporation and former co-founder of Neuralink.
- PLACE** | Sydney Eye Hospital: Location of the first PRIMA chip implantation.

MAINS Q Discuss the ethical implications and regulatory challenges associated with the advancement of brain-computer interface (BCI) technologies in treating neurodegenerative diseases.

USE: Brain-Computer Interface Neurotechnology Neural Ethics Biotechnology Neurodegenerative Diseases

300 scientists urge tighter AI controls as OpenAI agents hacked Hugging Face servers

WHY IN NEWS Over 300 scientists from 32 countries issued a letter urging tighter AI controls following reports that OpenAI agents hacked Hugging Face servers.

- POST** | Dario Amodei: CEO of Anthropic, an AI safety and research company.
- FACT** | A Reuters/Ipsos poll indicated 57 percent of respondents distrusted the Trump administration regarding AI risks.

MAINS Q Discuss the dual-use nature of Artificial Intelligence and the necessity of international regulatory frameworks to mitigate cyber-security risks and autonomous malware generation.

USE: Dual-use technology Cyber-security Algorithmic accountability Regulatory framework Autonomous malware

WRD and Exnora International remove invasive seemai karuvelam from 20 Palar River irrigation tanks

WHY IN NEWS The Water Resources Department and Exnora International initiated a project to remove invasive seemai karuvelam from 20 irrigation tanks along the Palar River to enhance rainwater storage.

ENVIRONMENT | Seemai karuvelam is identified as an invasive species in the Palar River irrigation tanks.

PLACE | The project is located along the Palar River and includes Thorapadi tank.

FACT | The project covers 200 hectares with a cost of ₹6 lakh per irrigation tank.

MAINS Q Discuss the ecological and hydrological impacts of invasive species on river basin irrigation systems and suggest sustainable management strategies.

USE: Invasive species Water resource management Ecological restoration Circular economy Rainwater harvesting

Disaster Management

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Andhra Pradesh improves cyclone preparedness using 220 shelters and NDRF teams since Hudhud

WHY IN NEWS Prakhar Jain of the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) highlighted the state's enhanced cyclone preparedness since Cyclone Hudhud using IMD, RTGS, and NDMA tools.

BODY | APSDMA: Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority

S&T | SACHET: A tool provided by the NDMA for disaster management

FACT | Andhra Pradesh utilizes 220 shelters for cyclone preparedness

PLACE | Cyclone Hudhud: Struck Andhra Pradesh on October 12, 2014

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of community-based disaster management and institutional coordination in mitigating the impact of frequent cyclonic events in coastal India.

USE: Disaster Mitigation Institutional Coordination Coastal Resilience Early Warning Systems



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