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Social Justice

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India ranks 100th in Global Hunger Index 2026 with serious score

WHY IN NEWS The Global Hunger Index 2026 ranked India 100th among 122 countries with a 'serious' score of 24.1, highlighting persistent malnutrition despite long-term improvements.

INDEX	Global Hunger Index (GHI) — measures undernourishment, child stunting, child wasting, and under-five mortality.
FIGURE	India's GHI score — 24.1 in 2026, reflecting a 'serious' status.
FIGURE	Child stunting — fell to 29.3 per cent in 2026 from 50 per cent in 2000.
FIGURE	Child wasting — rose to 19 per cent in 2026 from 15 per cent in 2012.
FIGURE	Undernourishment — fell to 9.8 per cent in 2026 from 18.4 per cent in 2000.

MAINS Q Critically analyze the persistent challenges in addressing child wasting and stunting in India despite significant improvements in undernourishment and mortality rates.

USE: Global Hunger Index Child Stunting Child Wasting Undernourishment Food Insecurity

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Kerala Cabinet raises CMDRF family income limit to ₹3 lakh

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala Cabinet, led by CM V.D. Satheesan, increased the family income eligibility limit for the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF) to expand the scope of state-led social safety nets.

CONCEPT	Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF) — state-led social safety net for distress relief.
FIGURE	₹3 lakh — the new family income limit for CMDRF eligibility.
FIGURE	₹5 lakh — the revised sanction limit at the Chief Minister level.
FIGURE	₹25,000 — the sanction limit set for district collectors.
BODY	Kerala State IT Mission — body responsible for the Draft Kerala State Data Policy 2026.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of state-led distress relief funds in mitigating socio-economic vulnerabilities in India's developing states.

USE: Social safety nets Fiscal federalism Distress relief Income eligibility State-led welfare

International Relations

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INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS

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DGMA bans Indian seafarers for Malaysian vessels due to fatal accidents

WHY IN NEWS The Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA) banned the recruitment of Indian seafarers for specific Malaysian vessels following a series of fatal accidents.

BODY	DGMA: Directorate General of Maritime Administration
ACT	Merchant Shipping Act, 2025: Section 301 invoked for recruitment bans
FIGURE	₹1 crore insurance: Required per seafarer for vessels without P&I coverage
PLACE	Sarawak Region: Area in Malaysia where the recruitment ban applies

MAINS Q Examine the challenges in ensuring the safety of Indian seafarers working on international vessels and suggest measures to strengthen maritime safety protocols.

USE: Maritime Safety Regulatory Compliance Seafarer Welfare Bilateral Protocols Risk Mitigation

Economy

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INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT & MSMEs P

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Telangana to develop 200-acre drone park and new drone policy

WHY IN NEWS The Telangana government announced the development of a 200-acre drone park and a new drone policy to bolster the state's industrial ecosystem.

PLACE	Bharat Future City — Venue for the Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026 in Hyderabad
FIGURE	200-acre — Size of the proposed drone park in Telangana
CONCEPT	Drone Policy — New policy to be established by the Telangana government
BODY	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) — Partnering with Telangana government for the Chennai Roadshow

MAINS Q Discuss how specialized industrial parks and state-specific drone policies can catalyze the growth of the aerospace and electronics manufacturing sectors in India.

USE: Industrial Ecosystem Drone Policy Manufacturing Hub Investment Promotion Aerospace Electronics

Agriculture

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MSP, PROCUREMENT, PDS & FOOD SECURITY P

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Tamil Nadu reduces prices of parboiled rice and tur dal to combat inflation

WHY IN NEWS The Tamil Nadu government announced a price reduction for parboiled rice and tur dal to combat food inflation caused by supply shortages and trader-driven price hikes.

CONCEPT	Price stabilization: measures to mitigate food inflation caused by supply shortages and trader-driven hikes.
BODY	Amudham departmental stores: Stores run by the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation.
FIGURE	Parboiled rice price: Reduced from ₹60 per kg to ₹30 per kg.
FIGURE	Tur dal price: Set at ₹130 per kg.
PLACE	Tamil Nadu: State implementing the price stabilization measure.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of state-led price stabilization measures in mitigating the impact of food inflation on rural and urban populations.

USE: food inflation price stabilization civil supplies cooperative stores supply chain management

Science & Technology

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DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY P

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Rajnath Singh to inaugurate ₹19,000-crore maritime assets at Hindustan Shipyard Limited

WHY IN NEWS Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to inaugurate maritime assets and a new ship construction contract at Hindustan Shipyard Limited in Visakhapatnam.

PERSON	Rajnath Singh — Union Minister of Defence
FIGURE	₹19,000-crore — Contract value for the construction of five 45,000-tonne ships
DATE	2027 — Scheduled commencement of ship deliveries
PLACE	Visakhapatnam — Location of Hindustan Shipyard Limited

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of expanding domestic shipbuilding infrastructure in achieving India's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' goals in the maritime and defence sectors.

USE: Atmanirbhar Bharat Maritime Security Defence Procurement Shipbuilding Infrastructure Strategic Autonomy

6 questions, 6 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 What is the percentage of child wasting in India as recorded in the Global Hunger Index 2026?

- (a) 28 per cent (b) 22 per cent
(c) 19 per cent (d) 25 per cent

2 What is the scheduled commencement year for the delivery of the five 45,000–tonne ships?

- (a) 2028 (b) 2030
(c) 2025 (d) 2027

3 With reference to the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF) in Kerala, consider the following statements:

1. The sanction limit at the Chief Minister level is ₹5 lakh.
2. The sanction limit for district collectors is set at ₹50,000.
3. The family income eligibility limit for the fund has been increased to ₹3 lakh.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4 With reference to the drone park and investment summit in Telangana, consider the following statements:

1. The Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026 is scheduled to be held in December 2025.
2. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is partnering with the state government for the Chennai Roadshow.
3. The proposed drone park in Telangana is planned to span 200 acres.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5 With reference to the DGMA's recent maritime safety measures, consider the following statements:

1. The DGMA invoked Section 301 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 to ban recruitment.
2. RPSL agencies must provide ₹50 lakh insurance per seafarer for vessels without P&I coverage.
3. The recruitment ban applies specifically to vessels operating in the Sarawak Region.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6 Which body operates the Amudham departmental stores in Tamil Nadu?

- (a) Food Processing Corporation of India (b) Tamil Nadu Agriculture Board
(c) National Cooperative Marketing Federation (d) Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation

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



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