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Polity & Constitution

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ELECTIONS, ECI & ELECTORAL REFORMS

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ECI orders Special Summary Revision in Manipur to enroll first-time voters

WHY IN NEWS The Election Commission of India (ECI) ordered a Special Summary Revision in Manipur to enroll first-time and left-out voters ahead of the March 2027 elections.

CONCEPT	Special Summary Revision — process to enroll first-time and left-out voters in electoral rolls.
DATE	January 1, 2027 — qualifying date for the Special Summary Revision in Manipur.
DATE	January 4, 2027 — scheduled date for publication of final electoral rolls in Manipur.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of periodic electoral roll revisions in ensuring the integrity of the democratic process and the inclusion of marginalized voters.

USE: Electoral Roll Universal Adult Franchise Special Summary Revision Democratic Inclusion Election Administration

PANCHAYATI RAJ & URBAN LOCAL BODIES

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LG Vinai Kumar Saxena announces Sankoo as Ladakh's eighth district

WHY IN NEWS Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena announced the creation of Sankoo as Ladakh's eighth district, carved from Kargil, following demands by local leaders to Amit Shah.

PLACE	Sankoo: Newly formed eighth district of Ladakh carved from Kargil
CONCEPT	Sankoo district comprises four tehsils: Sankoo, GM Pore, TSG, and Taisuru
EVENT	Ladakh's district expansion included five districts and 17 tehsils in April

MAINS Q Discuss the administrative significance of creating new districts in Union Territories like Ladakh for improving grassroots governance and service delivery.

USE: Administrative decentralization Grassroots governance Union Territory Hill Council Service delivery

Social Justice

1

EDUCATION POLICY

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Kerala students to choose graduation timeline under FYUGP by 2027

WHY IN NEWS Students in the FYUGP programme in Keralam must decide by March 2027 whether to graduate after three years or continue for a fourth year.

CONCEPT	FYUGP (Four-Year Undergraduate Programme) allows students to choose between three-year degrees or a four-year path.
CONCEPT	Students requiring 133 credits can choose between Honours or Honours with Research.
BODY	Kerala Public Service Commission, UPSC, and SSC accept three-year degrees under FYUGP.
PERSON	Achuthsankar S. Nair — Vice-chairperson of KSHEC.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) on higher education flexibility and employability in India.

USE: Higher Education Credit System Employability Academic Flexibility Keralam

Pakistan named incoming chair of IMF and World Bank Group Boards for 2027

WHY IN NEWS Pakistan was named the incoming chair of the Boards of Governors of the IMF and World Bank Group for 2027 during the 2026 WBG-IMF Annual Meetings in Bangkok.

PLACE	Bangkok — Venue of the 2026 WBG-IMF Annual Meetings
CONCEPT	Extended Fund Facility (EFF) — USD 7 billion facility for Pakistan
CONCEPT	Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF) — USD 1.4 billion facility for Pakistan

MAINS Q Discuss the role of multilateral financial institutions like the IMF and World Bank in managing the debt distress of developing nations.

USE: Multilateralism Debt Sustainability Structural Adjustment Financial Governance

GS3

Economy · S&T · Environment · Security

3 NOTES

Economy

1

Tamil Nadu fixes weaving wages for Pongal 2027 free distribution scheme

WHY IN NEWS The Tamil Nadu government issued a Government Order fixing weaving wages for the Pongal 2027 free distribution scheme

BODY	Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department — Nodal department for the scheme in Tamil Nadu
FIGURE	₹45.76 per sari and ₹19.04 per dhoti — Fixed weaving wages for Pongal 2027
FIGURE	₹13.66 crore — Budget allocation for the 2026-27 fiscal year
FIGURE	1.77 crore dhotis and 1.77 crore saris — Production targets for free distribution

MAINS Q Discuss the impact of government-mandated wage fixings on the sustainability of the traditional handloom and powerloom sectors in India.

USE: Wage fixation Handloom industry Fiscal allocation Market distortion Livelihood sustainability

Science & Technology

1

BIPM to stop issuing leap seconds by May 2027

WHY IN NEWS BIPM announced it will stop issuing leap seconds to adjust Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) starting May 2027 to avoid risks from a potential negative leap second by 2029.

BODY	BIPM: International Bureau of Weights and Measurements
CONCEPT	UTC: Coordinated Universal Time
CONCEPT	UT1: Universal Time
FIGURE	32 leap seconds added to UTC since 1972 to align atomic clocks with UT1
BODY	NIST: US National Institute of Standards and Technology

MAINS Q Discuss the technical and systemic implications of transitioning away from leap second adjustments in global timekeeping and synchronization systems.

USE: Time Synchronization Atomic Clocks Standardization Systemic Risk Infrastructure

Wildlife biologist identifies habitat fragmentation as primary threat to elephants

WHY IN NEWS Wildlife biologist P.S. Easa identified habitat fragmentation as the primary threat to elephants during a Coexistence Collective conclave in Thiruvananthapuram.

CONCEPT	Habitat fragmentation: Identified as the primary threat to elephants.
PLACE	Thiruvananthapuram: Venue of the Coexistence Collective conclave.
BODY	National Board for Wildlife: Organization whose former member attended the conclave.
CASE	Supreme Court order: Mandates a nationwide survey of elephant corridors for protection.

MAINS Q Discuss how habitat fragmentation impacts elephant conservation and evaluate the role of corridor mapping in mitigating human-wildlife conflict.

USE: Habitat fragmentation Wildlife corridors Human-wildlife coexistence Biodiversity conservation Spatial planning

7 questions, 7 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 What is the value of the Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF) allocated to Pakistan?

- (a) USD 2.5 billion (b) USD 10 billion
(c) USD 1.4 billion (d) USD 5 billion

2 With reference to the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) in Kerala, consider the following statements:

- Students requiring 133 credits can choose between Honours or Honours with Research.
- Students must decide their graduation timeline by March 2028.
- Three-year degrees under the programme qualify for UPSC and Kerala Public Service Commission posts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3 How many leap seconds have been added to Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) since 1972?

- (a) 40 (b) 12
(c) 32 (d) 24

4 Which body's former member attended the Coexistence Collective conclave in Thiruvananthapuram?

- (a) Forest Survey of India (b) Wildlife Trust of India
(c) Central Zoo Authority (d) National Board for Wildlife

5 Which department serves as the nodal body for the Pongal 2027 free distribution scheme in Tamil Nadu?

- (a) Department of Industries and Commerce (b) Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department
(c) Ministry of Textiles (d) Tamil Nadu Tourism Department

6 With reference to the Special Summary Revision in Manipur, consider the following statements:

- The final electoral rolls are scheduled for publication on January 1, 2027.
- The revision is being conducted ahead of the March 2025 elections.
- The qualifying date for the Special Summary Revision in Manipur is January 1, 2027.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

7 With reference to the newly formed Sankoo district in Ladakh, consider the following statements:

- Sankoo is the eighth district of Ladakh carved from Kargil.
- The district will have its own hill council.
- The district comprises five tehsils including Sankoo and GM Pore.

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

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



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