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₹850 crore

The annual revenue goal sought through water usage charges.

CONNECT TO STATIC

J&K Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act, 2010The legislation under which charges were levied. *In the news:* J&K High Court quashes ₹850 crore water usage charges as unconstitutional.

What to know, in 60 seconds each

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ECI revises Special Intensive Revision schedule for six states

Why in news: The Election Commission of India (ECI) revised the Special Intensive Revision schedule for six states, including Maharashtra and Delhi, to accommodate voter claims and roll publication.

REMEMBER

- Election Commission of India (ECI) — responsible for revising electoral roll schedules
- Special Intensive Revision — process to accommodate voter claims and roll publication
- November 13, 2026 — revised deadline for voter claims in Maharashtra

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of periodic electoral roll revisions in ensuring the integrity of the democratic process in India.

USE: Electoral Roll Constitutional Body Democracy

Voter Franchise

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/144400

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J&K High Court quashes ₹850 crore water usage charges as unconstitutional

Why in news: The J&K High Court quashed ₹850 crore water usage charges under the J&K Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act, 2010, ruling them unconstitutional as a tax on electricity generation.

REMEMBER

- J&K High Court: The judicial body that quashed the water usage charges.
- J&K Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act, 2010: The legislation under which charges were levied.
- ₹850 crore: The annual revenue goal sought through water usage charges.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the constitutional limitations on the state's power to levy charges on natural resources and the judiciary's role in ensuring fiscal legality.

USE: Ultra vires Constitutional validity Fiscal federalism

Judicial review

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/144399

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Tamil Nadu sanctions 5 Model Registration Hubs as pilot project

Why in news: The Tamil Nadu government sanctioned the establishment of five Model Registration Hubs (MRH) as a pilot project to streamline registration processes.

REMEMBER

- Tamil Nadu Commercial Taxes and Registration Department
- Chennai North, Chennai Central, Chennai South, Chengalpattu, and Coimbatore
- ₹7.84 crore total sanction for the pilot project

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the establishment of Model Registration Hubs can enhance ease of doing business and improve administrative transparency in state governance.

USE: Ease of Doing Business Public-Private Partnership

Administrative Efficiency

Service Delivery

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/144387

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Tripura inaugurates first tea auction centre at Gurkhabasti

Why in news: Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha inaugurated the state's first tea auction centre at Gurkhabasti to reduce marketing costs and shorten the marketing period for local tea producers.

REMEMBER

- Gurkhabasti, Tripura: Location of the state's first tea auction centre at Pandit Nehru Complex.
- TTDCL (Tripura Tea Development Corporation Limited): Body responsible for managing tea gardens and the auction centre.
- Small tea growers in Tripura account for nearly 30 per cent of the state's total tea production.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how establishing localized auction centres can enhance the socio-economic status of small-scale tea growers in Northeast India.

USE: Value chain Logistics Smallholder farmers

Market integration

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/144360

India and Nepal to coordinate Balendra Shah's first bilateral visit

Why in news: Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and Sudhakar Dalela are traveling to Kathmandu to coordinate Balendra Shah's first bilateral visit to India.

REMEMBER

- Vikram Misri — Serving as the Foreign Secretary of India
- Bhote Koshi River — A river in Nepal involved in flood aftermath discussions
- 4,400 — The number of candidates involved in a new public application process

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of bilateral diplomacy in managing transboundary environmental challenges and disaster management between India and Nepal.

USE: bilateral diplomacy transboundary cooperation
disaster management foreign policy

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/144347

ECI extends Special Intensive Revision timelines for six states

Why in news: The Election Commission of India revised Special Intensive Revision (SIR) timelines for six states after the Supreme Court requested an extension due to 47.56 lakh electors being excluded from Delhi's draft rolls.

REMEMBER

- Election Commission of India (ECI) — responsible for electoral roll revisions
- Form 6 — used for inclusion in electoral rolls
- Form 7 — used for deletion from electoral rolls

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the importance of ensuring the integrity and inclusivity of electoral rolls in maintaining the democratic process of voter participation.

USE: Electoral Roll Special Intensive Revision Form 6
Voter Inclusion

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/144339

Cyclone Arnab turns into deep depression causing floods in Odisha

Why in news: Cyclone Arnab transitioned into a deep depression after making landfall in Andhra Pradesh and the Yanam coast, causing heavy floods in Odisha.

REMEMBER

- Andhra Pradesh and Yanam coast — locations where Cyclone Arnab made landfall
- 25.4 degrees Celsius — temperature recorded at Safdarjung during the cyclone event
- 300 villages — number of villages in Ganjam reported as affected by the cyclone

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges in disaster management and early warning systems for coastal states facing frequent cyclonic disturbances in the Bay of Bengal.

USE: cyclonic activity disaster mitigation
early warning systems coastal vulnerability

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/144346

5 questions, 5 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

- 1 With reference to the Special Intensive Revision schedule revised by the ECI, consider the following statements:
1. The revision schedule includes the states of Maharashtra, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Telangana, and Nagaland.
 2. The deadline for voter claims in Maharashtra was moved to October 26, 2026.
 3. The final roll publication for Delhi is scheduled for November 30, 2026.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 2 Under which legislation were the quashed water usage charges originally levied?

- (a) J&K Natural Resources Management Act (b) J&K Hydro Power Development Act
(c) J&K Water Resources (Regulation and Management) Act, 2010 (d) J&K Electricity Regulatory Commission Act

- 3 What is the premium fee set for the Model Registration Hubs in the Tamil Nadu pilot project?

- (a) ₹10,000 (b) ₹2,000
(c) ₹5,000 (d) ₹7,840

- 4 With reference to tea production in Tripura, consider the following statements:

1. Small tea growers account for nearly 50 per cent of the state's total tea production.
2. Tripura is the fifth state in India to have a tea auction centre.
3. The new auction centre aims to reduce the marketing period by 10 per cent.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

- 5 Which river in Nepal is involved in flood aftermath discussions between India and Nepal?

- (a) Bagmati River (b) Kosi River
(c) Bhote Koshi River (d) Gandaki River

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

GS2 · POLITY & CONSTITUTION

Discuss the significance of periodic electoral roll revisions in ensuring the integrity of the democratic process in India.

USE: Electoral Roll Constitutional Body Democracy Voter Franchise Administrative Efficiency

ANSWERS · 1 (a) 2 (c) 3 (c) 4 (a) 5 (c)



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