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Polity & Constitution

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JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS M

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Karnataka High Court orders state to propose protections after violence against advocates

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka High Court initiated a suo motu PIL to direct the State government to propose protections for advocates following incidents of violence and murders against them.

- **BODY** Karnataka State Bar Council: Body representing the interests of advocates in the state
- **PLACE** Bengaluru: Location of the Advocates' Association and High Court proceedings
- **FACT** Suo motu PIL: A petition initiated by the court on its own motion without a formal petitioner

MAINS Q *Discuss the necessity of robust statutory protections for legal professionals to ensure the independence of the judiciary and the rule of law.*

USE: Rule of Law | Judicial Independence | Statutory Protection | Suo Motu | Public Interest Litigation

CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENTS & BASIC STRUCTURE M

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Assam government to request CBI probe into Sivasagar and Charaideo floods

WHY IN NEWS The Assam government announced a request for a CBI probe into the floods in Sivasagar and Charaideo districts and approved amendments to the Assam Service and Discipline Rule.

- **ACT / BILL** The Uniform Civil Code, Assam, 2026 Bill: Legislation passed to establish a common legal framework in Assam
- **FACT** Sivasagar and Charaideo: Districts in Assam affected by floods under investigation

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of implementing a Uniform Civil Code in a diverse state like Assam while ensuring the protection of minority cultural identities.*

USE: Uniform Civil Code | Administrative Discipline | Federalism | Public Accountability | Legal Framework

Governance

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E-GOVERNANCE & CITIZEN SERVICES P

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MHA plans to reduce visa form fields by 70% to boost tourism

WHY IN NEWS The Union Ministry of Home Affairs announced plans to reduce visa application form fields by 70% across 22 categories to simplify the process and boost tourism.

- **FACT** The Ministry of Home Affairs plans to reduce visa form fields by approximately 70%.
- **FACT** India currently has 22 visa categories.
- **FACT** Foreign tourist arrivals in 2019 were 1.093 crore.
- **FACT** Foreign tourist arrivals in 2025 were 91.5 lakh.
- **FACT** Current e-visa applications can run up to nine pages.

MAINS Q *Discuss how simplifying visa procedures and streamlining administrative hurdles can contribute to India's goal of becoming a global tourism hub.*

USE: Ease of Travel | Tourism Promotion | Administrative Simplification | Visa Liberalization | Digital Governance

EDUCATION POLICY M

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Madras High Court orders Tamil Nadu government to explain 14 universities without Vice-Chancellors

WHY IN NEWS The Madras High Court directed the Tamil Nadu government to explain why 14 state-run universities have operated without Vice-Chancellors or Syndicates for three to four years.

- BODY Madras High Court: The highest judicial authority in the state of Tamil Nadu
- FACT 14 state-run universities in Tamil Nadu were identified as functioning without Vice-Chancellors or Syndicates
- POST Higher Education Secretary: The official impleaded by the court to report on restoration of normalcy

MAINS Q *Discuss the administrative and systemic challenges in the appointment of Vice-Chancellors in state universities and its impact on institutional autonomy and staff welfare.*

USE: Administrative anomaly | Institutional autonomy | Governance deficit | State-run universities | Judicial oversight

EDUCATION POLICY P

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IISc Bangalore slips to 79th as lower employer reputation scores hit 83% of institutions

WHY IN NEWS The QS World University Rankings: Asia 2027 revealed a significant decline in the rankings of premier Indian institutions like IISc Bangalore and various IITs due to lower employer and academic reputation scores.

- REPORT QS World University Rankings: Asia 2027 ranked 1,722 universities and institutions.
- FACT IISc Bangalore slipped from 64th to 79th position in the 2027 rankings.
- FACT IIT Delhi remained the highest-ranked Indian university at 66th position.
- FACT Academic reputation carries a 30% weightage while employer reputation carries a 20% weightage in QS rankings.
- FACT India has 325 institutions included in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2027.

MAINS Q *Analyze the factors affecting the global ranking of Indian higher education institutions and suggest measures to improve their academic and employer reputation scores.*

USE: Higher Education | Global Rankings | Academic Reputation | Employer Perception | Research Impact

EDUCATION POLICY P M

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APSCHE introduces mandatory 360-hour internship for undergraduate students starting November 16, 2026

WHY IN NEWS The Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) announced a mandatory 360-hour internship for undergraduate students to align with the National Education Policy 2020.

- BODY APSCHE: Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education
- FACT Mandatory internship duration: 360 hours
- FACT Internship start date: November 16, 2026
- S&T Target sectors for internships: Artificial Intelligence and solar energy
- FACT Registration platform: Institute-Industry Connect portal

MAINS Q *Discuss how mandatory internship programs and industry-academia linkages can address the skill gap and improve graduate employability in India.*

USE: employability | skill development | industry-academia linkage | vocational training | NEP 2020

International Relations

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INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS P

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US conducts limited strikes on Iranian targets in Strait of Hormuz

WHY IN NEWS The United States conducted limited strikes on Iranian targets in the Strait of Hormuz, targeting entities using surface-to-air missiles.

FACT U.S. strikes targeted Iranian entities using surface-to-air missiles.

POST Donald Trump and JD Vance expressed optimism for a negotiated settlement.

MAINS Q *Analyze the geopolitical implications of military escalations in the Strait of Hormuz on global energy security and maritime trade routes.*

USE: Geopolitics | Maritime Security | Energy Security | Strategic Chokepoints | Escalation

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Bhutan sets Guinness World Record consecrating 108 Buddhist Stupas in nine hours

WHY IN NEWS Bhutan set a Guinness World Record by consecrating 108 Buddhist Stupas (Jangchub Chortens) in nine hours at the Gelephu Mindfulness City to honor King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and signify India-Bhutan ties.

PLACE Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC) is an upcoming urban centre in Bhutan.

FACT Bhutan consecrated 108 Buddhist Stupas (Jangchub Chortens) in a single day.

FACT The consecration took place over a duration of nine hours starting at 3 am.

PLACE Mau Chu River is the river bank where the chanting and consecration occurred.

FACT Jangchub Chorten number 76 was dedicated to PM Narendra Modi.

MAINS Q *Discuss how cultural diplomacy and shared spiritual values serve as pillars for strengthening the bilateral relationship between India and Bhutan.*

USE: Cultural Diplomacy | Bilateral Relations | Soft Power | Spiritual Foundation | Urban Development

GS3

Economy · S&T · Environment · Security

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Economy

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GROWTH, INFLATION & MACRO INDICATORS P M

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Karnataka's drought assistance proposal to Union government sees upward revision by ₹1,818 crore following changes in SDRF norms

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka government requested the Centre to increase drought relief funds by ₹1,814.85 crore following revised Ministry of Home Affairs norms for the State Disaster Response Fund.

FACT Karnataka requested a fund hike of ₹1,814.85 crore for drought relief.

FACT 226 taluks in Karnataka were reported as affected by drought.

FACT Estimated loss due to drought in Karnataka is ₹62,481.88 crore.

BODY State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) norms are governed by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

FACT FRUITS database is proposed for identifying beneficiaries of relief funds.

MAINS Q *Discuss the challenges in the fiscal management of disaster relief funds and the importance of data-driven identification of beneficiaries in drought-prone regions.*

USE: Fiscal Federalism | Disaster Management | Targeted Delivery | Data-driven Governance | Resource Allocation

Tamil Nadu policy mandates 10% BESS capacity for new solar projects from April 2027

WHY IN NEWS The Tamil Nadu government released the Battery Energy Storage Systems Policy 2026, mandating a 10% BESS capacity for new solar projects of 1 MW and above commissioned from April 1, 2027.

FACT Mandatory BESS capacity: At least 10% of installed capacity for new solar/solar-hybrid projects of 1 MW and above.

FACT Policy Target: Deployment of 2.5 GW/10 GWh of battery storage over three years.

FACT Current Renewable Capacity in Tamil Nadu: 29.8 GW (14.5 GW solar, 11.6 GW wind).

FACT Incentive: 100% waiver of transmission and wheeling charges for co-located and standalone BESS.

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in ensuring grid stability and achieving energy security in a high-renewable energy mix state like Tamil Nadu.*

USE: Grid Stability | Renewable Integration | Energy Security | Battery Energy Storage Systems | Intermittency

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