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HOW EACH NOTE READS

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

GS2

Polity · Governance · Social Justice · IR

6 NOTES

Polity & Constitution

1

PARLIAMENT & STATE LEGISLATURES P

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Monsoon session remains unprorogued for 88 days breaking previous record

WHY IN NEWS The Monsoon session of Parliament remained unprorogued for 88 days, breaking the previous record of 87 days set in 2008

- FIGURE | 88 days: The record duration for an unprorogued Monsoon session.
- FIGURE | 543 seats: The current strength of the Lok Sabha.
- SCHEME | Women's Reservation Bill: Proposes increasing Lok Sabha strength to a maximum of 850 seats.

MAINS Q *Discuss the constitutional implications of expanding the Lok Sabha's membership and its impact on the efficacy of the Women's Reservation Bill.*

USE: unprorogued | constitutional amendment | Women's Reservation Bill | legislative procedure | Lok Sabha expansion

Social Justice

2

HEALTH POLICY & PUBLIC HEALTH P M

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Department of Pharmaceuticals caps prices for 1,364 anti-cancer formulations

WHY IN NEWS The Department of Pharmaceuticals implemented revised Maximum Retail Prices (MRP) for 1,364 anti-cancer formulations to reduce consumer costs.

- BODY | National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority — Body responsible for capping trade margins on drugs.
- CONCEPT | Maximum Retail Price (MRP) — The price cap implemented for 1,364 anti-cancer formulations.
- FIGURE | ₹3,540.38 crore — Projected annual consumer savings from revised price caps.
- FIGURE | 1,364 — Number of anti-cancer formulations with revised MRP.

MAINS Q *Discuss the balance between ensuring the affordability of life-saving drugs and maintaining the viability of the pharmaceutical manufacturing sector in India.*

USE: Maximum Retail Price | Affordability | Pharmaceutical Regulation | Public Health Policy | Price Control

EDUCATION POLICY M

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APSCHE proposes restructuring 28 state universities into specialized regional knowledge hubs

WHY IN NEWS The Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) proposed restructuring 28 state universities into specialized regional knowledge hubs to align academic output with regional economic priorities.

- BODY | APSCHE: Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education
- FACT | The proposal covers the restructuring of 28 state universities
- FACT | The framework focuses on three pillars: employability, research, and entrepreneurship

MAINS Q *Discuss how restructuring state universities into specialized regional knowledge hubs can bridge the gap between academic curricula and regional economic requirements in India.*

USE: Regional Knowledge Hubs | Employability | Academic Framework | Economic Alignment | Research Specialization

POLICIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES AFFECTING INDIA M

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Trump to discuss denuclearisation with Xi and Putin at APEC summit

WHY IN NEWS US President Donald Trump announced his intention to meet Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin at the APEC summit in Shenzhen to discuss denuclearisation and ending the war in Iran.

- PLACE | Shenzhen — Host city for the APEC leaders' summit in November 2026
- CONCEPT | Trilateral arms control framework — Proposed three-way talks focusing on denuclearisation
- EVENT | APEC leaders' summit — Scheduled for November 18-19

MAINS Q *Analyze the implications of a trilateral security framework between the US, Russia, and China on the global nuclear non-proliferation regime.*

USE: denuclearisation | trilateral diplomacy | non-proliferation | geopolitical realignment | multilateralism

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INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS P

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IMO records 25 seafarer deaths in Strait of Hormuz including 16 Indians

WHY IN NEWS The International Maritime Organization recorded at least 25 seafarer deaths, including 16 Indian nationals, due to reported incidents in the Strait of Hormuz following the start of the US-Israeli war on Iran.

- BODY | International Maritime Organization (IMO) — recorded 129 incidents including explosions and fires on commercial vessels.
- CONCEPT | Maritime insecurity — impacts global energy supply chains and India's maritime trade interests.
- FIGURE | 25 seafarer deaths — at least 16 of whom are Indian nationals.

MAINS Q *Discuss the implications of maritime insecurity in the Strait of Hormuz on global energy supply chains and India's maritime trade interests.*

USE: maritime security | chokepoint | supply chain resilience | blue economy | geopolitical risk

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INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS P

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Indian Embassy evacuates 19 seafarers stranded in Hodeidah and Sana'a amid renewed conflict

WHY IN NEWS The Indian Embassy in Yemen evacuated 19 Indian seafarers stranded in Hodeidah and Sana'a following renewed conflict between Saudi Arabia and Yemen's Houthis.

- PLACE | Hodeidah and Sana'a are locations in Yemen where Indian seafarers were stranded.
- FACT | Nineteen Indian seafarers were evacuated from Yemen on November 8, 2026.
- FACT | Fourteen Indians were previously involved in a separate incident aboard a yacht near the coast.

MAINS Q *Discuss the challenges India faces in ensuring the safety of its maritime workforce in conflict-ridden zones and the role of diplomatic missions in crisis management.*

USE: Crisis Management | Maritime Safety | Diplomatic Intervention | Conflict Zone | Seafarer Welfare

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GS3

Economy · S&T · Environment · Security

8 NOTES

Economy

2

MONETARY POLICY, RBI & BANKING P

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Bank of Baroda agricultural NPAs rise 11.6% to ₹9,128 crore

WHY IN NEWS BMI Research reported that agricultural non-performing assets (NPAs) remain a stress point in the Indian banking system due to a weak southwest monsoon.

- CONCEPT | SMA-2 classification: Accounts with repayments overdue by more than 60 days and up to 90 days
- FIGURE | Gross NPA ratio for agricultural loans: 5.1% in Q2 2026
- FIGURE | System-wide gross NPA ratio: 1.8% in Q2 2026
- FIGURE | Gross NPA ratio for industry/services: 1.5% in Q2 2026
- FIGURE | Gross NPA ratio for retail: 1% in Q2 2026

MAINS Q *Analyze the structural challenges in managing agricultural NPAs in India and suggest measures to mitigate the impact of climate-induced stresses on farm credit.*

USE: Non-Performing Assets | Farm Credit | Monsoon Variability | SMA-2 | Credit Risk

MONETARY POLICY, RBI & BANKING P

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RBI hedging facility excludes FCNR(B) deposits forcing banks to bear currency risks

WHY IN NEWS Kotak Securities analyst Anindya Banerjee highlighted that banks must bear currency risks on interest payments to non-resident depositors as the RBI hedging facility excludes FCNR(B) deposits.

- CONCEPT | FCNR(B) deposits: Excluded from the RBI hedging facility, requiring banks to manage currency risks independently.
- FIGURE | 20% foreign exchange risk reserve: A new requirement increasing costs for banks to manage dollar liabilities.
- CONCEPT | Forward contracts: Banks are required to buy dollars forward to manage currency risks on interest payments.

MAINS Q *Discuss the implications of increased currency risk management costs on the stability of the Indian banking sector and the cost of non-resident deposits.*

USE: Currency Risk | FCNR(B) Deposits | Forward Contracts | Hedging Facility | Monetary Policy

Agriculture

1

CROPPING PATTERNS & IRRIGATION P

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Maharashtra relaxes borewell drilling restrictions until December 15

WHY IN NEWS Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis announced a temporary relaxation of borewell drilling and deepening restrictions until December 15 to assist farmers in preserving trees during drought conditions.

- DATE | December 15 — Deadline for the temporary relaxation of borewell drilling and deepening
- SCHEME | Jal Jeevan Mission — Project for which Zilla Parishads are directed to prioritize funding
- CONCEPT | Groundwater management — Balancing agricultural irrigation with ecological conservation in drought-prone regions

MAINS Q *Discuss the conflict between groundwater extraction for agricultural irrigation and ecological conservation in drought-prone regions of India.*

USE: Groundwater management | Drought mitigation | Sustainable irrigation | Regulatory relaxation | Water governance

NUCLEAR & NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGY P 4 REPORTS MERGED 9 Nov · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/149800 · Report a mistake

CAQM invokes Stage III GRAP as Delhi AQI hits 404

WHY IN NEWS The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) reported Delhi's AQI hitting 404 on November 9, 2026, leading the CAQM to invoke Stage III GRAP restrictions.

- CONCEPT GRAP — Graded Response Action Plan invoked to mitigate seasonal air pollution.
- BODY CAQM — Commission for Air Quality Management responsible for invoking GRAP restrictions.
- BODY CPCB — Central Pollution Control Board reported the AQI levels.
- FIGURE 441 — The AQI recorded at Burari Crossing.

MAINS Q *Critically analyze the effectiveness of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in mitigating seasonal air pollution in the National Capital Region.*

USE: Air Quality Index | Graded Response Action Plan | Atmospheric pollution | Meteorological factors | Environmental governance

BIOTECHNOLOGY & HEALTH RESEARCH P M 9 Nov · Times of India · satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/149798 · Report a mistake

Belgian-led study shows 77.2% improvement in personalised bacteriophage therapy

WHY IN NEWS A Belgian-led research consortium reported that 77.2% of patients showed improvement using personalised bacteriophage therapy

- CONCEPT Bacteriophage therapy: Uses viruses (bacteriophages) to target and kill antibiotic-resistant bacteria.
- FIGURE 77.2% improvement rate reported in patients using personalised bacteriophage therapy.
- BODY German Society for Infectious Diseases: Led the international team to develop the first coordinated clinical guidelines.
- REPORT Nature Medicine: Published the first coordinated clinical guidelines containing over 60 recommendations.

MAINS Q *Discuss the potential of bacteriophage therapy as a viable solution to the global crisis of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).*

USE: Antimicrobial Resistance | Bacteriophage Therapy | Personalised Medicine | Clinical Guidelines | Infectious Diseases

IT, AI, SEMICONDUCTORS & COMPUTING P 9 Nov · Times of India · satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/149731 · Report a mistake

Stanford researchers develop photonic chip to untangle light with 98% fidelity

WHY IN NEWS Stanford University researchers developed a fingernail-sized photonic chip capable of untangling mixed light into individual coherence modes with over 98% fidelity.

- CONCEPT Photonic chip: A device designed to manipulate light (photons) for data processing or imaging.
- CONCEPT Coherence modes: Specific states of light that the chip is designed to separate.
- FIGURE 98% fidelity: The level of accuracy achieved in untangling mixed light.
- CONCEPT Interferometry: The technology used alongside algorithms to physically untangle partially coherent light.

MAINS Q *Discuss how advancements in photonic computing and high-fidelity light manipulation can revolutionize high-resolution imaging and deep-space observation technologies.*

USE: Photonic chip | Coherence modes | High-fidelity imaging | Interferometry | Optical computing

POLLUTION (AIR, WATER, PLASTIC) P M

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Punjab records sharpest single-day spike in paddy stubble-burning fires

WHY IN NEWS Punjab recorded its sharpest single-day spike of 1,152 paddy stubble-burning fires on November 8, 2026, prompting the Commission for Air Quality Management to intensify enforcement.

- BODY — Commission for Air Quality Management — responsible for monitoring and enforcement against stubble burning
- FIGURE — 1,152 fires — the sharpest single-day spike recorded in Punjab on November 8, 2026
- FIGURE — 4,459 fires — the seasonal total of paddy stubble-burning fires in Punjab by November 8, 2026
- FIGURE — 884 FIRs and ₹62 lakh fines — enforcement actions taken against stubble burning

MAINS Q *Critically analyze the institutional and logistical hurdles in curbing paddy stubble burning in Punjab despite existing enforcement mechanisms and fines.*

USE: Air Quality Management | Stubble Burning | Environmental Enforcement | In-situ Management | Pollution Mitigation

POLLUTION (AIR, WATER, PLASTIC) P

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Delhi PM2.5 levels surge 50 times above WHO limits

WHY IN NEWS Delhi's PM2.5 levels surged to over 50 times the WHO limits on November 8, 2026, following firecracker use past the Supreme Court deadline.

- CONCEPT — PM2.5 — Particulate matter levels reached 767 micrograms per cubic meter in Anand Vihar.
- BODY — Delhi Pollution Control Committee — Recorded pollution spikes attributed to festivities, stubble burning, and meteorology.
- FIGURE — WHO limits — Pollution levels exceeded these limits by over 50 times.

MAINS Q *Discuss the institutional and regulatory challenges in curbing seasonal air pollution in the National Capital Region despite judicial interventions.*

USE: Air Quality Index | PM2.5 | Stubble Burning | Judicial Activism | Environmental Governance

PRACTICE

10 questions, 10 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 Which city is scheduled to host the APEC leaders' summit in November 2026?

(a) Beijing
(b) Shenzhen
(c) Shanghai
(d) Guangzhou

2 Which body is responsible for capping trade margins on drugs in India?

(a) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
(b) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority
(c) National Medical Commission
(d) Drug Controller General of India

3 With reference to the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) and air quality in Delhi, consider the following statements:

1. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) did not report the AQI levels.
2. The AQI at Burari Crossing reached 404 on November 9, 2026.
3. The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) invoked Stage III GRAP restrictions.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4 With reference to maritime incidents in the Strait of Hormuz, consider the following statements:

1. A total of 25 seafarer deaths were recorded, including at least 16 Indian nationals.
2. The International Maritime Organization recorded 129 reported incidents including explosions and fires.
3. The recorded incidents occurred primarily on naval vessels rather than commercial vessels.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5 With reference to paddy stubble-burning in Punjab, consider the following statements:

1. The seasonal total of fires reached 4,459 by November 8, 2026.
2. Punjab recorded a single-day spike of 1,152 fires on November 8, 2026.
3. The Commission for Air Quality Management is responsible for directing monitoring and enforcement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

6 With reference to bacteriophage therapy, consider the following statements:

1. A Belgian-led study reported a 77.2% improvement rate in patients using personalised therapy.
2. Bacteriophages are viruses used to target and kill antibiotic-resistant bacteria.
3. The German Society for Infectious Diseases led the team to develop the first coordinated clinical guidelines.

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

7 Which mission is the Maharashtra government directing Zilla Parishads to prioritize for funding?

(a) PM-KUSUM
(b) AMRUT
(c) Jal Jeevan Mission
(d) MGNREGA

8 What is the proposed maximum strength of the Lok Sabha under the Women's Reservation Bill?

(a) 850 seats
(b) 900 seats
(c) 600 seats
(d) 750 seats

9 What is the gross NPA ratio for agricultural loans as of Q2 2026?

(a) 5.1%
(b) 1.0%
(c) 1.5%
(d) 1.8%

10 What is the new foreign exchange risk reserve requirement introduced for banks to manage dollar liabilities?

(a) 10%
(b) 20%
(c) 25%
(d) 15%

ANSWERS · 1 (b) 2 (b) 3 (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) 6 (d) 7 (c) 8 (a) 9 (a) 10 (b)

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