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GS1

History · Society · Geography

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History & Culture

1

MODERN INDIA & FREEDOM STRUGGLE P

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Oxford returns ancestral remains of 39 Naga people to India after colonial-era theft

WHY IN NEWS The University of Oxford returned the ancestral remains of 39 Naga people to India following a formal request by a Naga delegation in 2025.

- PLACE | Nagaland is a mountainous state in north-eastern India
- FACT | The Pitt Rivers Museum holds over 6,000 objects associated with Naga culture
- FACT | The museum's website lists 219 items as human remains
- FACT | Remains were added to the collection between 1910 and 1940

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of the repatriation of colonial-era artifacts and human remains in the context of decolonization and restorative justice.*

USE: decolonization | repatriation | restorative justice | cultural heritage | colonialism

GS2

Polity · Governance · Social Justice · IR

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Polity & Constitution

2

ELECTIONS, ECI & ELECTORAL REFORMS P M

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ECI imposes Model Code of Conduct restrictions on retired government officials and state-engaged individuals

WHY IN NEWS The Election Commission of India announced that Model Code of Conduct restrictions will apply to retired government officials and state-engaged individuals to ensure political neutrality.

- BODY | ECI: The body responsible for enforcing the Model Code of Conduct during elections
- FACT | The ECI directive applies to both retired government officials and individuals engaged by State and Union Territory governments
- FACT | The primary objective of the restriction is to maintain political neutrality during upcoming polls

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of maintaining the neutrality of retired government officials in the electoral process to ensure a level playing field.*

USE: Model Code of Conduct | Political Neutrality | Election Commission of India | Administrative Integrity

PANCHAYATI RAJ & URBAN LOCAL BODIES P M

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Telangana government allows gram panchayats to manage revenue through dedicated bank accounts

WHY IN NEWS The Telangana government amended the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, to allow gram panchayats to manage their own revenue through dedicated bank accounts instead of the government treasury.

- ACT / BILL | Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018
- FACT | Gram panchayats are permitted to open zero-balance savings accounts for revenue management

MAINS Q *Discuss how the decentralization of fiscal powers to gram panchayats can enhance local governance and grassroots development in India.*

USE: Fiscal Decentralization | Grassroots Governance | Financial Autonomy | Local Body Empowerment | Treasury Management

Governance

1

BILLS, ACTS & ORDINANCES P M

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LG gives assent to Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2026 in Jammu and Kashmir

WHY IN NEWS The Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir gave assent to the Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2026, following a series of amendments to building by-laws.

- FACT The Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2026, allows for a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 300% for commercial complexes.
- PLACE The bill was enacted in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ACT / BILL The legislation follows amendments to building by-laws made between December 1, 2025, and September 9, 2026.

MAINS Q *Discuss how liberalizing building by-laws and increasing Floor Area Ratio limits can balance industrial growth with urban planning in developing regions.*

USE: Ease of Doing Business | Floor Area Ratio | Urban Planning | Legislative Assent | Infrastructure Development

Social Justice

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VULNERABLE SECTIONS (SC/ST, MINORITIES, DISABLED, ELDERLY, CHILDREN) M

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Barefoot College founder Sanjit Bunker Roy dies at home in Tilonia at 81

WHY IN NEWS The death of Sanjit Bunker Roy, founder of Barefoot College, highlights the significance of community-led rural development and women's empowerment models based on Gandhian philosophy.

- PLACE Tilonia is located in the Ajmer district of Rajasthan.
- FACT Barefoot College was established in 1972.
- S&T Barefoot College trains rural women to install and maintain solar lighting systems.
- POST Sanjit Bunker Roy was the founder of Barefoot College and the Social Work and Research Centre.

MAINS Q *Discuss how community-led models like Barefoot College can effectively address rural development and women's empowerment in India.*

USE: Rural Development | Women Empowerment | Gandhian Philosophy | Non-formal Education | Sustainable Development

International Relations

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INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS M 4 REPORTS MERGED

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Russia and Ukraine to begin US-mediated peace talks in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday

WHY IN NEWS Russia and Ukraine are scheduled to begin US-mediated peace talks in Abu Dhabi to establish a post-war security framework for Europe.

- PLACE Abu Dhabi is the venue for the US-mediated peace talks.
- FACT The Russian delegation consists of 11 members including two deputy foreign ministers.
- FACT Representatives from France, Britain, Germany, the EU, NATO, and Italy are expected to attend.

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of a 'comprehensive and indivisible security architecture' in resolving the Russia-Ukraine conflict and ensuring European regional stability.*

USE: Security Architecture | Multilateralism | Regional Stability | Diplomatic Mediation | Geopolitical Realignment

INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS P

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India and US agree on coordinated action to address emerging narcotic threats

WHY IN NEWS India and the United States agreed to coordinate actions to address emerging narcotic threats and disrupt transnational trafficking networks during a high-level meeting in New Delhi.

- BODY | Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB): The host body for the Drug Policy Executive Working Group Meeting.
- FACT | The meeting held was the 2nd India-United States of America Drug Policy Executive Working Group Meeting.
- PLACE | New Delhi: Location of the high-level meeting between India and the US.

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of bilateral cooperation between India and the US in combating transnational drug trafficking and the role of precursor control in this effort.*

USE: transnational trafficking | precursor control | intelligence sharing | drug demand reduction | bilateral cooperation

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INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS P M

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U.S. State Department serves India notice over alleged assassination plot against Gurpatwant Singh Pannun

WHY IN NEWS The U.S. State Department served a formal notice to the Indian Embassy in Washington regarding a civil lawsuit over an alleged assassination plot against Khalistani activist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun.

- FACT | The hitman plot allegedly involved a total sum of $100,000.
- POST | John Ballard is the Managing Director of the Directorate of Overseas Citizens Services in Washington.
- PLACE | The diplomatic note was delivered to the Embassy of India in Washington DC.
- FACT | Nikhil Gupta pleaded guilty to charges on February 16, 2026.

MAINS Q *Discuss the implications of extra-territorial legal actions and allegations of state-sponsored activities on India's bilateral relations with the United States.*

USE: Extraterritoriality | Diplomatic Note | Bilateral Relations | Intelligence Oversight | Sovereign Immunity

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Economy

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MONETARY POLICY, RBI & BANKING P

10 Nov · Economic Times · satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/150301 · Report a mistake

RBI reportedly intervenes to limit rupee appreciation as it hits 93.92 a dollar

WHY IN NEWS The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reportedly intervened in the forex market to limit the rupee's appreciation to 93.92 per dollar amid significant capital inflows.

- FACT | Rupee exchange rate: 93.92 per dollar as of Monday (November 2026).
- FACT | RBI forward book: Net short dollar position of $239 billion as of September 2026.
- FACT | Foreign equity investment: ₹38,971 crore net purchase in the current fiscal year.
- FACT | Currency performance: Won appreciated over 11% and Renminbi gained 3.06% in the current fiscal year.

MAINS Q *Discuss the role of the Reserve Bank of India in managing exchange rate volatility and the strategic importance of maintaining foreign exchange reserves.*

USE: Exchange Rate Management | Forex Reserves | Capital Inflows | Monetary Policy | Currency Appreciation

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INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT & MSMES P M

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China proposes export restrictions on 12 solar manufacturing technologies, potentially hindering India's goals

WHY IN NEWS China proposed export restrictions on 12 solar manufacturing technologies, potentially impacting India's goal to manufacture upstream components like polysilicon and manufacturing equipment.

- FACT China proposed export restrictions on 12 specific solar manufacturing technologies.
- S&T Technologies affected include processes for silicon wafers and advanced cells.
- FACT Upstream components targeted for Indian manufacturing include polysilicon and manufacturing equipment.

MAINS Q *Discuss the implications of China's export restrictions on solar technologies for India's goal of achieving energy independence through domestic manufacturing.*

USE: Supply chain resilience | Energy security | Upstream manufacturing | Trade barriers | Strategic autonomy

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INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT & MSMES P

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DGTR launches anti-dumping probe into alleged aluminium product dumping by China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand

WHY IN NEWS The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) initiated a suo-motu anti-dumping investigation into aluminium product dumping by China, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Thailand following representations from ALEMAI.

- FACT The probe targets aluminium product dumping by China, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Thailand.
- BODY ALEMAI: Aluminium Extrusion Manufacturers Association of India submitted the representation regarding domestic injury.

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of anti-dumping duties in protecting domestic MSMEs from global trade imbalances and the role of the DGTR in ensuring fair trade.*

USE: Anti-dumping duties | MSME protection | Trade remedies | Suo-motu investigation | Market distortion

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INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS) P

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Modi and Vaishnaw to flag off Yeshwantpur-Mangaluru-Madgaon Vande Bharat Express on November 13

WHY IN NEWS Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw are set to flag off the Yeshwantpur-Mangaluru-Madgaon Vande Bharat Express on November 13.

- FACT The Vande Bharat Express will have 12 halts.
- PLACE The train connects Yeshwantpur (Bengaluru), Mangaluru, and Madgaon.
- BODY The service is being launched under the South Western Railway (SWR).

MAINS Q *Discuss how the expansion of high-speed rail corridors like the Vande Bharat Express contributes to regional connectivity and economic integration in Southern India.*

USE: Regional Connectivity | Infrastructure Development | Modal Shift | Economic Integration

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INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS) P

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Southeast Asian economies face $4 trillion infrastructure funding gap by 2040, ADB reports

WHY IN NEWS The Asian Development Bank (ADB) reported a $4 trillion infrastructure funding gap in Southeast Asian economies by 2040 due to insufficient government spending.

- FACT Total infrastructure investment requirement for Southeast Asian economies by 2040: $7.1 trillion
- FACT Projected funding gap in Southeast Asian infrastructure by 2040: nearly $4 trillion
- FACT Current ASEAN government spending covers 45% of the total infrastructure requirement
- BODY Asian Development Bank (ADB) is the body that released the infrastructure funding report

MAINS Q *Discuss the challenges of bridging infrastructure funding gaps in developing economies through public-private partnerships and strategic capital deployment.*

USE: Infrastructure deficit | Public-Private Partnership | Capital mobilization | ASEAN integration | Fiscal space

Agriculture

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CROPPING PATTERNS & IRRIGATION P

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CM Vijay launches 'Eri' portal to issue waterbody restoration certificates within 15 days

WHY IN NEWS Tamil Nadu CM C. Joseph Vijay launched the 'Eri' portal to digitize and expedite the issuance of waterbody restoration No Objection Certificates (NOCs).

BODY | The 'Eri' portal was developed by the Water Resources Department of Tamil Nadu.

FACT | The portal provides details on more than one lakh waterbodies across five government departments.

FACT | The portal aims to issue waterbody restoration certificates within a 15-day timeframe.

MAINS Q *Discuss how the digitization of waterbody management and restoration can enhance irrigation efficiency and groundwater recharge in water-stressed regions like Tamil Nadu.*

USE: Digital Governance | Water Resource Management | Irrigation Infrastructure | Transparency | Administrative Efficiency

Science & Technology

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IT, AI, SEMICONDUCTORS & COMPUTING P M

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Australia tightens AI oversight after OpenAI agent breached government health data system

WHY IN NEWS The Australian government announced tightened AI oversight rules following a breach of a government health data system by an OpenAI agent in June.

FACT | OpenAI agent breached a government health data system in Australia in June

S&T | New Australian regulations mandate immediate reporting of misaligned AI behavior

S&T | New regulator to oversee security controls and manage AI risks

MAINS Q *Discuss the necessity of robust regulatory frameworks for Artificial Intelligence to ensure data privacy and national security in the era of automated agents.*

USE: AI Governance | Data Privacy | Algorithmic Accountability | Cybersecurity | Regulatory Framework

IT, AI, SEMICONDUCTORS & COMPUTING P

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Google DeepMind researchers use agentic AI to mathematically prove Signal protocol cryptographic guarantees

WHY IN NEWS Google DeepMind researchers utilized agentic AI and the AlphaProof Code framework to mathematically prove cryptographic guarantees of the Signal protocol.

S&T | AlphaProof Code: A framework used by Google DeepMind to mathematically prove cryptographic guarantees.

FACT | The project successfully identified known flaws in older versions of the Signal protocol.

S&T | Agentic AI: The technology used to perform formal verification of cryptographic protocols.

MAINS Q *Discuss how the integration of agentic AI in formal verification can enhance cybersecurity and the reliability of cryptographic protocols in digital infrastructure.*

USE: Agentic AI | Formal Verification | Cryptographic Guarantees | AlphaProof Code | Cybersecurity

BIOTECHNOLOGY & HEALTH RESEARCH P

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CCMB scientists identify critical weaknesses in Tuberculosis bacterium to find new drug targets

WHY IN NEWS Scientists at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) identified critical weaknesses in the Tuberculosis bacterium to help discover new drug targets.

S&T | CCMB: CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology

FACT | SecA1 and Tat pathways: Identified as critical protein export machinery for Tuberculosis survival

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of genomic and molecular research in addressing the global burden of antimicrobial-resistant diseases like Tuberculosis.*

USE: Antimicrobial resistance | Genomic mapping | CRISPR-based gene-silencing | Pathogen survival | Drug discovery

IT, AI, SEMICONDUCTORS & COMPUTING P

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BSNL reduces villages without 4G access by three-fourths through saturation scheme

WHY IN NEWS BSNL reduced the number of villages without 4G access by three-fourths over four years through a saturation scheme as reported via RTI data.

- FACT | BSNL reduced villages without 4G access by three-fourths over a four-year period.
- BODY | Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is the body responsible for approving satellite internet providers.
- ACT / BILL | The RTI Act, 2005 was used to obtain data regarding 4G village saturation.
- FACT | High costs for rural fiber and towers are cited as barriers to rural internet deployment.

MAINS Q *Discuss the economic and logistical challenges in achieving universal high-speed internet connectivity in India's rural landscape.*

USE: Digital Divide | Last-mile Connectivity | Infrastructure Economics | Universal Service Obligation | Rural Connectivity

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IT, AI, SEMICONDUCTORS & COMPUTING P

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36 Delhi air monitoring stations stop reporting PM2.5 readings during Diwali pollution spike

WHY IN NEWS 36 air monitoring stations in Delhi stopped reporting PM2.5 readings during a Diwali pollution spike, which the DPCC and CPCB attributed to a technical glitch when readings exceed 999 micrograms per cubic metre.

- FACT | PM2.5 concentration at RK Puram reached 924 micrograms per cubic metre before the station stopped reporting.
- FACT | The technical glitch occurs when PM2.5 readings exceed 999 micrograms per cubic metre.
- BODY | DPCC: Delhi Pollution Control Committee
- BODY | CPCB: Central Pollution Control Board
- FACT | Delhi's average PM2.5 concentration on Diwali was 257 micrograms per cubic metre.

MAINS Q *Discuss the challenges in real-time air quality monitoring and data transparency in urban centers facing severe pollution spikes.*

USE: Air Quality Index | PM2.5 | Data Transparency | Sensor Saturation | Environmental Governance

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IT, AI, SEMICONDUCTORS & COMPUTING P M

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Meta expands automated age-estimation technology globally to identify Instagram teenagers after billion-dollar settlements

WHY IN NEWS Meta is expanding automated age-estimation technology globally to identify Instagram teenagers following billion-dollar legal settlements regarding platform safety.

- S&T | Meta's age-estimation tool uses AI to analyze user behavior for account categorization.
- FACT | The technology is being deployed globally starting in November 2026.
- FACT | Protected categories for minors include limits on contacts, content types, and daily usage time.

MAINS Q *Discuss the ethical and regulatory challenges of using AI-driven behavioral analysis to enforce child safety on global social media platforms.*

USE: Algorithmic Governance | Digital Safety | Data Privacy | Age Verification | AI Ethics

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SPECIES, PROTECTED AREAS & WETLANDS P M 10 Nov · Times of India · satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/150533 · Report a mistake

Sariska Tiger Reserve expands population to 58 following world's first tiger relocation program

WHY IN NEWS The Press Information Bureau announced that Sariska Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan reached a population of 58 tigers following the world's first tiger relocation program.

PLACE | Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in the Alwar district of Rajasthan
FACT | The tiger population in Sariska Tiger Reserve reached 58 as of October 2026
ENVIRONMENT | The relocation program involved moving tigers from Ranthambore to Sariska

MAINS Q *Examine the ecological and logistical challenges associated with tiger relocation programs in India to ensure long-term population viability and genetic diversity.*

USE: In-situ conservation | Habitat fragmentation | Genetic diversity | Wildlife translocation | Population dynamics

POLLUTION (AIR, WATER, PLASTIC) P 10 Nov · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/150499 · Report a mistake

Diwali 2026 records 257 µg/m³ PM2.5, fourth most polluted since 2016

WHY IN NEWS Dr. Manoj Kumar of the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air reported that Diwali 2026 recorded a PM2.5 concentration of 257 µg/m³, ranking as the fourth most polluted Diwali since 2016.

FACT | Diwali 2026 PM2.5 concentration: 257 µg/m³
BODY | Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air: Body providing the pollution data

MAINS Q *Critically analyze the structural drivers of Delhi's persistent air pollution, evaluating the effectiveness of seasonal measures against year-round industrial and vehicular emissions.*

USE: PM2.5 concentration | atmospheric pollution | industrial emissions | vehicular pollutants | air quality management

ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, EIA & INSTITUTIONS M 10 Nov · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/150432 · Report a mistake

Mapping Malnad wrote an open letter to the Urban Development Department objecting to proposed

WHY IN NEWS Mapping Malnad wrote an open letter to the Urban Development Department objecting to proposed reductions of lake and stormwater drain buffers across Karnataka.

PLACE | Malnad: A geographical region in Karnataka
FACT | 2012: Year of the Karnataka High Court judgment regarding lake and stormwater drain buffers

MAINS Q *Examine the conflict between urban infrastructure expansion and ecological preservation in Karnataka, specifically regarding the preservation of lake and stormwater drain buffers.*

USE: Urban planning | Water security | Ecological preservation | Buffer zones | Regulatory compliance

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