

CLAT 2027 · GK & CURRENT AFFAIRS

Master Coverage List

Every current-affairs topic from December 2025 to August 2026 that a CLAT 2027 aspirant must know, ranked by exam priority, with the static GK and legal angles CLAT pairs with each story.

News of 1 Dec 2025 – 30 Aug 2026

128

MUST-TEACH THEMES

292

SHOULD-COVER THEMES

438

QUICK-READ FACTS

16

SUBJECTS

How to use this list

CLAT's GK section — about a quarter of the paper — is built on news passages of up to ~450 words, each carrying five or six questions that test the passage *and* the static background behind it: the Article, the institution, the treaty, the first-ever. Legal Reasoning passages are frequently drawn from recent laws and judgments. Every theme in this list is written to that pattern.

A

Must teach

128 themes

Passage-level story. A full class or class segment. Non-negotiable.

B

Should cover

292 themes

Likely to appear as a question inside a passage. Cover briefly or in a drill.

C

Quick read

438 facts

One-line facts. Read once; revise again in the final month.

ANATOMY OF A THEME CARD

01.02

A

The failed 131st Amendment Bill: Lok Sabha of 850 and delimitation

✓ Class 02 **2**Taught ☐ Revised ☐ **3**

An April 2026 package of bills to expand the Lok Sabha to about 850 seats, redraw constituencies and advance women's reservation failed when the 131st Amendment Bill did not get a two-thirds majority in the Lok Sabha.

MUST KNOW

- 131st Amendment Bill proposed raising Lok Sabha seats from 543 to 850 (815 states, 35 UTs)
- Taken up on 16 April with Delimitation and UT Laws Bills; failed the two-thirds majority in the Lok Sabha
- Linked Delimitation Bill 2026 and UT Laws (Amendment) Bill were dropped
- Southern states objected to population-based reallocation of seats

STATIC LINK

- Art. 81 — composition of the Lok Sabha; Art. 82 — readjustment after each census
- 42nd Amendment froze seats on the 1971 census; 84th Amendment extended the freeze to the first census after 2026
- Delimitation Commissions set up in 1952, 1963, 1973 and 2002
- Art. 329(a) bars courts from questioning delimitation laws

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 368(2) special majority; Arts. 81, 82, 170, 329(a)

CLAT ANGLE

Numbers and amendment-procedure questions; federalism passage on north-south seat shares.

REFER May '26 · Polity · May '26 · Practice Quiz · May '26 p.2 · Jun '26 p.22

- 1 **Code & priority** — e.g. 01.01 = subject 01, theme 01.
- 2 **Class chip** — gold = already taught in a CLAT Gurukul GK class.
- 3 **Taught / Revised** — faculty tick Taught; students tick Revised.
- 4 **What** — the issue in one or two lines.
- 5 **Must know** — the retention facts.
- 6 **Static link** — the static GK CLAT pairs with the story.
- 7 **Legal hook** — statute, Article or judgment for Legal Reasoning.
- 8 **CLAT angle** — how a passage or question is likely to be framed.
- 9 **Refer** — where to read it in the *UPSC Essentials* monthly: “Jun ’26 p.22” = June issue, page 22; “Jul ’26 · Polity” = July issue, current-affairs pointers.

FOR FACULTY

- 1 Plan the term from the **Master Board** — every A theme on one list.
- 2 Tick **Taught** on each card as you cover it.
- 3 Use **Appendix A** to build Legal Reasoning passages from current law.

FOR STUDENTS

- 1 Revise every **A** theme first, then B.
- 2 Tick **Revised**; use **Appendix B** to find the source issue.
- 3 Read the **C** facts once now and again in the final month.

Coverage window. Issues January–September 2026 cover news from **1 Dec 2025 to 30 Aug 2026. September–November 2026 is not in this list** — it comes through CLAT Gurukul's daily newspaper briefs and monthly round-ups; plan revision to include it. 16 themes already taught in CLAT Gurukul GK classes carry the  **Class** chip.

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Master Board

All 128 must-teach themes. Faculty tick **Taught**; students tick **Revised**. A gold tick in **Done** = already covered in a CLAT Gurukul GK class. Tap a code to open its card.

CODE	THEME	DONE	TAUGHT	REVISED
01 · Polity, Constitution & Governance — 8 themes				
01.01	Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls		☐	☐
01.02	The failed 131st Amendment Bill: Lok Sabha of 850 and delimitation	✓	☐	☐
01.03	Women's reservation: the 106th Amendment and women in Parliament		☐	☐
01.04	Census 2027: first digital, caste-inclusive census	✓	☐	☐
01.05	16th Finance Commission report (2026-31)		☐	☐
01.06	Tenth Schedule and the anti-defection law		☐	☐
01.07	Parliamentary privilege: notices against the PM and LoP		☐	☐
01.08	Vande Mataram: protocol and new penal protection		☐	☐
02 · Law, Judiciary & Landmark Judgments — 24 themes				
02.01	SC on reservation: creamy layer test and open-category merit		☐	☐
02.02	SC status after conversion to Christianity		☐	☐
02.03	Personality rights of celebrities (Delhi HC, R Madhavan)		☐	☐
02.04	Right to be forgotten: Delhi HC on de-indexing personal data		☐	☐
02.05	Regulating social media: deepfakes, blocking orders and under-16 limits		☐	☐

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02.06	'Digital arrest' frauds and cyber-fraud remedies		☐	☐
02.07	Removal proceedings against Justice Yashwant Varma		☐	☐
02.08	Supreme Court strength raised from 34 to 38	✓	☐	☐
02.09	Separation of powers and the tribunals debate		☐	☐
02.10	NEET paper leak and the Public Examinations (Unfair Means) law		☐	☐
02.11	Gender justice: landmark rulings and gender-sensitive courts		☐	☐
02.12	Reproductive autonomy and Article 21		☐	☐
02.13	Maternity benefit for adoptive mothers: age cap struck down		☐	☐
02.14	SC: menstrual hygiene is part of the right to life		☐	☐
02.15	Dignity in death: hanging upheld and the right to die		☐	☐
02.16	Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act 2026		☐	☐
02.17	Delhi riots bail: SC reads 'terrorist act' under UAPA broadly		☐	☐
02.18	SHANTI Act 2025: private entry into nuclear power	✓	☐	☐
02.19	Four labour codes in force		☐	☐
02.20	Online gaming law, 2026 Rules and retrospective GST		☐	☐
02.21	Aravalli hills: SC's 100 m definition and mining		☐	☐
02.22	Uniform Civil Code and state personal-law reform (Assam polygamy bill)		☐	☐
02.23	Citizenship law: CAA, OCI and the 2026 Rules	✓	☐	☐

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02.24	Split verdict on prior approval under s.17A, Prevention of Corruption Act		☐	☐
03 · International Relations & Organisations — 14 themes				
03.01	US-Israel war on Iran, Strait of Hormuz and the US-Iran MoU		☐	☐
03.02	US strikes Venezuela and captures Maduro: Monroe Doctrine revived		☐	☐
03.03	16th India-EU Summit 2026: FTA concluded, mobility and strategic agenda		☐	☐
03.04	PM's Jordan-Ethiopia-Oman tour and the India-Oman CEPA		☐	☐
03.05	India-US interim trade framework and US tariff tools		☐	☐
03.06	India-UK FTA (CETA) comes into force		☐	☐
03.07	India-UAE strategic defence framework and energy security deals		☐	☐
03.08	UAE quits OPEC and OPEC+		☐	☐
03.09	Selection of the next UN Secretary-General		☐	☐
03.10	Chagos Archipelago: UK-Mauritius sovereignty deal		☐	☐
03.11	Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance: Chenab-Beas link tunnel		☐	☐
03.12	Gaza: Trump's 20-point plan and the Board of Peace		☐	☐
03.13	Bangladesh election: BNP returns under Tarique Rahman		☐	☐
03.14	India-France Special Global Strategic Partnership		☐	☐
04 · Summits, Conferences & Treaties — 8 themes				
04.01	India's BRICS chairship 2026		☐	☐
04.02	India AI Impact Summit 2026 and the New Delhi Declaration		☐	☐

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04.03	WTO 14th Ministerial Conference (MC14), Yaounde		☐	☐
04.04	Water treaties under strain: Ganga (Farakka) renewal and Indus Waters Treaty		☐	☐
04.05	New START expires: end of US-Russia nuclear arms control		☐	☐
04.06	SCO: Tianjin Declaration and PM's Uzbekistan visit		☐	☐
04.07	Law of armed conflict: environment as a casualty of war and ecocide		☐	☐
04.08	Law of the sea: UNCLOS, High Seas Treaty and transit passage		☐	☐
05 · Economy, Budget & Banking — 13 themes				
05.01	Union Budget 2026-27: fiscal numbers and key announcements		☐	☐
05.02	16th Finance Commission and states' share of taxes		☐	☐
05.03	West Asia war and India's '3F' challenge: fuel, fertiliser, foreign exchange		☐	☐
05.04	RBI Monetary Policy Committee: repo held at 5.25%		☐	☐
05.05	RBI's record surplus transfer of Rs 2.87 lakh crore		☐	☐
05.06	Rebasing India's data: new GDP, IIP and CPI series		☐	☐
05.07	EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and other EU trade barriers		☐	☐
05.08	India-EU Free Trade Agreement		☐	☐
05.09	Insurance FDI raised to 100%: Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha Bill, 2025		☐	☐
05.10	Economic Survey 2025-26		☐	☐
05.11	India now the 6th largest economy (IMF World Economic Outlook)		☐	☐

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05.12	Energy security: Strategic Petroleum Reserves and lessons from the 1970s oil crises		☐	☐
05.13	UPI as digital infrastructure diplomacy		☐	☐
06 · Environment, Climate & Biodiversity — 11 themes				
06.01	India's Ramsar sites climb from 96 to 101		☐	☐
06.02	Delhi-NCR air pollution: causes and legal framework		☐	☐
06.03	India's climate targets: NDC 3.0 and 300 GW clean power		☐	☐
06.04	COP30 Belem and the Tropical Forest Forever Facility		☐	☐
06.05	Western Ghats eco-sensitive area: Gadgil vs Kasturirangan		☐	☐
06.06	Project Cheetah: new batches and numbers		☐	☐
06.07	Great Indian Bustard: first Gujarat chick and the climate-rights ruling		☐	☐
06.08	Great Nicobar project: NGT clearance and coral translocation	☒	☐	☐
06.09	Disappearing lakes and the public trust doctrine		☐	☐
06.10	Flash floods: causes beyond extreme rain		☐	☐
06.11	Carbon pricing: India's carbon market and EU's CBAM		☐	☐
07 · Science, Technology & Space — 9 themes				
07.01	Vikram-1: India's first private orbital rocket (Skyroot)	☒	☐	☐
07.02	Artemis II and India's role in NASA's Moon plans	☒	☐	☐
07.03	India's three-stage nuclear programme: PFBR criticality and thorium	☒	☐	☐

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07.04	India Semiconductor Mission 2.0 and the first chip plants		☐	☐
07.05	India's first hydrogen train and hydrogen transport		☐	☐
07.06	India AI Impact Summit 2026: MANAV vision and public AI tools	☒	☐	☐
07.07	ISRO's launch record: LVM3's heaviest payload, PSLV-C62 failure, GISAT-1A		☐	☐
07.08	NavIC clock failures and GNSS jamming and spoofing		☐	☐
07.09	RDI Fund of Rs 1 lakh crore under ANRF		☐	☐
08 · Defence & Security — 3 themes				
08.01	INS Aridhaman: India's third SSBN and the nuclear triad		☐	☐
08.02	India's arms trade: imports (SIPRI) and record exports (BrahMos, ASTRA)		☐	☐
08.03	PRAHAAR: India's first national counter-terror policy		☐	☐
09 · Society, Health, Education & Schemes — 4 themes				
09.01	VB-G RAM G Act replaces MGNREGA	☒	☐	☐
09.02	'Missing women' and NFHS-6's omission of sex-ratio data		☐	☐
09.03	Food safety: FSS Act, FSSAI and its gaps		☐	☐
09.04	Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishtan Bill: single higher-education regulator		☐	☐
10 · History, Art & Culture — 8 themes				
10.01	UNESCO World Heritage: Sarnath becomes India's 45th site		☐	☐
10.02	Deepavali on UNESCO's Intangible Heritage list; India hosts ICH Committee		☐	☐

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10.03	INSV Kaundinya: stitched ship sails Porbandar to Muscat		☐	☐
10.04	Somnath Swabhiman Parv: 1,000 years since Ghazni's raid		☐	☐
10.05	GI tags of 2025-26: Tamil Nadu's five, Jodhpuri Mojari and more		☐	☐
10.06	Jyotirao Phule bicentenary		☐	☐
10.07	Return of India's antiquities: Chola plates, Chola idols, Piprahwa relics		☐	☐
10.08	Harappan heritage in the news: Rakhigarhi, Dancing Girl, 15 Budget sites		☐	☐
11 · Geography & Places in News — 5 themes				
11.01	Strait of Hormuz and India's maritime chokepoints		☐	☐
11.02	West Asia war map: Iran's energy and nuclear sites		☐	☐
11.03	New seismic map: Zone VI in the revised code		☐	☐
11.04	Monsoon 2026: below-normal forecast and its drivers		☐	☐
11.05	Greenland: US claims and Arctic geopolitics		☐	☐
12 · Reports & Indices — 9 themes				
12.01	World Inequality Report 2026 (World Inequality Lab)		☐	☐
12.02	World Happiness Report 2025 and 2026		☐	☐
12.03	Corruption Perceptions Index (Transparency International)		☐	☐
12.04	World Press Freedom Index 2026 (RSF)		☐	☐
12.05	WEF Global Gender Gap Report 2025		☐	☐
12.06	UNDP Human Development Report 2025		☐	☐

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12.07	SIPRI Yearbook 2026: India's military spending and nuclear arsenal		☐	☐
12.08	Environmental Performance Index 2026		☐	☐
12.09	WIPO Global Innovation Index 2025		☐	☐
13 · Awards, Honours & Persons in News — 5 themes				
13.01	International Booker Prize 2025 and 2026		☐	☐
13.02	Padma Awards 2026		☐	☐
13.03	72nd National Film Awards		☐	☐
13.04	Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei killed		☐	☐
13.05	New leaders in India's neighbourhood: Nepal and Myanmar		☐	☐
14 · Sports — 4 themes				
14.01	India wins the T20 World Cup 2026		☐	☐
14.02	FIFA World Cup 2026: Spain are champions		☐	☐
14.03	Commonwealth Games 2026, Glasgow		☐	☐
14.04	IOC's SRY gene screening for the female category		☐	☐
15 · Important Days, Events & Anniversaries — 2 themes				
15.01	Jotirao Phule birth bicentenary		☐	☐
15.02	Human Rights Day and the UDHR		☐	☐
16 · Appointments & Institutions — 1 theme				
16.01	New military leadership: CDS, Army chief and Navy chief		☐	☐

SUBJECT 01 / 16

01

Polity, Constitution & Governance

8 must-teach · 20 should-cover · 13 quick-read facts

A MUST TEACH 8 themes

01.01

A**Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls**Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls began in Bihar and spread to more states, with the Supreme Court overseeing timelines and concerns over overworked Booth Level Officers.

MUST KNOW

- SIR began in Bihar and was extended to 9 states and 3 UTs
- Booth Level Officers do the house-to-house work; reports of overwork and suicides
- Supreme Court extended the roll timeline
- AEROs appointed so Manipur's displaced voters can take part

STATIC LINK

- Art. 324 — ECI's superintendence, direction and control of elections
- Art. 326 — elections on the basis of adult suffrage
- RPA 1950 governs preparation of electoral rolls; RPA 1951 governs conduct of elections

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 324 and Representation of the People Act 1950 — power to revise electoral rolls; SC review of the SIR; appeals process

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on ECI powers vs voters' rights; who prepares rolls and under which law.

REFER Jan '26 p.14 · Mar '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.73 · Polity & Governance · Jun '26 · Polity & Governance · Jul '26 · Quiz

01.02

A**The failed 131st Amendment Bill: Lok Sabha of 850 and delimitation**✓ **Class 02**Taught ☐ Revised ☐

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LEGAL HOOK

Art. 368(2) special majority; Arts. 81, 82, 170, 329(a)

CLAT ANGLE

Numbers and amendment-procedure questions; federalism passage on north-south seat shares.

REFER May '26 · Polity · May '26 · Practice Quiz · May '26 p.2 · Jun '26 p.22

01.03



Women's reservation: the 106th Amendment and women in Parliament

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam 2023 reserves one-third of Lok Sabha and assembly seats for women, but only after a fresh census and delimitation; the failed 131st Bill had sought to bring this forward.

MUST KNOW

- One-third reservation, including within SC/ST seats, for 15 years with rotation
- Begins only after a post-commencement census and delimitation
- Earlier attempts: 81st Amendment Bill (1996), failed bids in 1998 and 1999; 108th Amendment Bill passed by Rajya Sabha in 2010 but lapsed in the Lok Sabha
- Women were 4.9% of the 1st Lok Sabha and 13.6% of the 18th; the 17th was the high point at about 14.4%

- Rajya Sabha has 39 women of 245; India ranks 147 of 190 in the IPU Parline ranking
- Barriers: party gatekeeping, campaign finance, social norms

STATIC LINK

- 106th Amendment (2023) inserted Arts. 330A, 332A and 334A; Delhi covered via Art. 239AA
- Arts. 243D and 243T — at least one-third seats for women in panchayats and municipalities
- Art. 15(3) — special provisions for women; Art. 39(d) — equal pay for equal work
- CEDAW ratified by India in 1993

LEGAL HOOK

106th Constitutional Amendment (2023); Art. 15(3) protective discrimination; Art. 368 special majority

CLAT ANGLE

Lead polity passage; article-matching, chronology and data questions.

REFER May '26 p.2

01.04

A

Census 2027: first digital, caste-inclusive census

✓ Class 03

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Census 2027 began with houselisting on 1 April 2026 — the first digital census, with self-enumeration and the first full caste count since 1931.

MUST KNOW

- Houselisting began 1 April with self-enumeration (a first)
- First digital census and first full caste count since 1931
- Two phases; population enumeration from Feb 2027
- Ravidassia community in Punjab's Doaba seeks a separate religion code

STATIC LINK

- Census is Entry 69 of the Union List
- Census Act 1948

LEGAL HOOK

Seventh Schedule, Union List Entry 69; Census Act 1948

CLAT ANGLE

Firsts and phases; link to delimitation and women's reservation.

REFER Apr QS '26 p.75 · Polity & Governance · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · May '26 · Polity · Aug '26 · Polity & Governance

01.05 **A** 16th Finance Commission report (2026-31)

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The 16th Finance Commission report for 2026-31 kept the states' share of central taxes at 41% and changed the criteria for dividing it among states.

MUST KNOW

- Report for 2026-31 tabled 1 Feb; vertical share of 41% retained
- New 'contribution to GDP' criterion (10%); tax-effort criterion dropped
- Population weight raised to 17.5%

STATIC LINK

- Art. 280(1) — President constitutes a Finance Commission every five years

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 280

CLAT ANGLE

Fiscal-federalism passage; criteria and weights.

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Polity

01.06 **A** Tenth Schedule and the anti-defection law

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Delays by Speakers and 'mergers' of legislators kept the anti-defection law in the news.

MUST KNOW

- Tenth Schedule added by the 52nd Amendment (1985); tightened by the 91st Amendment (2003)
- Key cases: Kihoto Hollohan (1992), Nabam Rebia (2016), Keisham Meghachandra (2020)
- Debates over Speakers' delays and 'mergers'

STATIC LINK

- 91st Amendment deleted the one-third 'split' exception
- Kihoto Hollohan (1992) upheld the Tenth Schedule; Speaker's decision is open to judicial review

LEGAL HOOK

Tenth Schedule; Arts. 75(1B), 164(1B), 361B; Kihoto Hollohan v Zachillhu (1992)

CLAT ANGLE

Principle questions on disqualification, the merger exception and the Speaker's role.

REFER Apr QS '26 p.73 · Polity & Governance · May '26 · Practice Quiz · Jul '26 p.18

01.07

A

Parliamentary privilege: notices against the PM and LoP

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Privilege notices were moved against the Prime Minister (April) and the Leader of Opposition (September), putting the Committee of Privileges in focus.

MUST KNOW

- Congress moved a privilege notice against the PM on 21 April
- Privilege notice against the Leader of Opposition over remarks about the Home Minister
- Committee of Privileges examines breach of privilege: 15 members (LS), 10 (RS)

STATIC LINK

- Art. 105 — privileges of Parliament; Art. 194 — privileges of state legislatures

LEGAL HOOK

Breach of privilege and contempt of the House (Arts. 105, 194)

CLAT ANGLE

Constitutional-basis and procedure questions.

REFER Apr QS '26 p.68 · Polity & Governance · Apr '26 · Polity and Governance · May '26 · Polity · Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

01.08

A

Vande Mataram: protocol and new penal protection

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The MHA issued a protocol for singing Vande Mataram, and a 2026 Bill proposes to extend penal protection to the national song.

MUST KNOW

- All six stanzas (3 min 10 s) at official functions; audience to stand
- Sung before Jana Gana Mana when both are played

- Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill 2026 extends penal protection to Vande Mataram

STATIC LINK

- Written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay; part of Anandamath (1882)
- Adopted as National Song on 24 January 1950
- Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act 1971

LEGAL HOOK

Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act 1971; Art. 51A(a) — duty to respect national ideals and institutions

CLAT ANGLE

Protocol and national-symbols questions; free speech vs penal protection.

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Polity · Mar '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

B SHOULD COVER 20 themes ————— T = taught · R = revised

01.09 **B Kerala to be renamed 'Keralam'**

T ☐ R ☐

The Cabinet approved renaming Kerala as Keralam, and the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill 2026 was brought in Parliament.

MUST KNOW Union Cabinet approved renaming Kerala as Keralam · Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill 2026 seeks the change

STATIC Art. 3 — Parliament may alter a state's name; Bill needs the President's recommendation and referral to the state legislature for views · Art. 4 — such laws are not Art. 368 amendments

§ **LEGAL** Arts. 3 and 4

ANGLE *Procedure question: who must be consulted, and is the state's view binding?*

REFER Apr '26 · Places in News · Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

01.10 **B Money Bills and the Budget's constitutional articles**

T ☐ R ☐

The Union Budget 2026 and a Money Bill explainer brought the constitutional budget articles into focus.

MUST KNOW Annual Financial Statement (Art. 112), Demands for Grants (Art. 113), Money Bill (Art. 110), Finance Commission (Art. 280)

STATIC Art. 110 — definition of a Money Bill · Art. 109 — Rajya Sabha must return a Money Bill within 14 days

§ **LEGAL** Art. 110(3): the Speaker's decision on whether a Bill is a Money Bill is final; Arts. 109-110 procedure

ANGLE *Article-matching and procedure questions.*

REFER Mar '26 p.48 · Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

01.11 **B** Emergency provisions and President's Rule T ☐ R ☐

NCERT's Class 9 textbooks will cover the 1975-77 Emergency and the emergency Articles.

MUST KNOW NCERT Class 9 to cover the 1975-77 Emergency and Arts. 352-360

STATIC Art. 352 national, Art. 356 state, Art. 360 financial emergency · 44th Amendment (1978) replaced 'internal disturbance' with 'armed rebellion' · President's Rule: maximum 3 years; approval by both Houses within 2 months

§ LEGAL Arts. 352-360; S.R. Bommai v Union of India (1994) on Art. 356

ANGLE *Static polity with LR on limits of Art. 356.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.70 · Polity & Governance · Jul '26 · Polity and Governance

01.12 **B** Removal of the Lok Sabha Speaker T ☐ R ☐

A move to remove the Lok Sabha Speaker brought the removal provisions into the quiz.

STATIC Art. 94(c) — removal by resolution after 14 days' notice · Art. 96 — Speaker does not preside while a removal resolution is under consideration

§ LEGAL Arts. 94 and 96

ANGLE *Procedure questions.*

REFER Mar '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.69 · Polity & Governance

01.13 **B** Sixth Schedule and autonomous councils T ☐ R ☐

The Sixth Schedule was in the news through the Karbi Anglong council and Ladakh's demand for Sixth Schedule status.

STATIC Sixth Schedule (Arts. 244(2), 275(1)) covers tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram

§ LEGAL Art. 244; Sixth Schedule autonomous district councils

ANGLE *Tribal-autonomy passage incl. the Ladakh demand.*

REFER Jan '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.67 · Polity & Governance

01.14 **B** Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority T ☐ R ☐

A tripartite pact created a territorial authority for six eastern districts of Nagaland.

MUST KNOW Tripartite pact of ENPO, Nagaland government and MHA · 46 subjects devolved to six eastern districts · Article 371A unaffected

STATIC Art. 371A — special provisions for Nagaland · Nagaland became a state in 1963

§ LEGAL Art. 371A

ANGLE *Federalism passage on devolution within a state.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Polity

01.15 **B** ECI and State Election Commissions meet T ☐ R ☐

The ECI hosted State Election Commissioners on 24 Feb 2026 at Bharat Mandapam — the first such meeting since 1999.

MUST KNOW ECI hosted State Election Commissioners on 24 Feb 2026 · First such meet since 1999; held at Bharat Mandapam

STATIC Art. 324 — Election Commission of India; Part XV (Arts. 324-329) — Elections · Arts. 243K (panchayats) and 243ZA (municipalities) — State Election Commissions (73rd/74th Amendments, 1992)

§ LEGAL Arts. 324, 243K, 243ZA

ANGLE *Who conducts which election.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Events · Mar '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.74 · Polity & Governance · Apr '26 · Important Days and Events

01.16 **B** Election symbols and party recognition T ☐ R ☐

An explainer covered how the ECI allots symbols and its list of free symbols.

MUST KNOW 184-item free symbols list

STATIC Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order 1968, issued by the ECI

§ LEGAL Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order 1968

ANGLE *Recognised vs registered party; reserved vs free symbols.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.72 · Polity & Governance · Jul '26 · Polity and Governance · Jul '26 · Quiz

01.17 **B** Rajya Sabha nomination rejected over incomplete affidavit T ☐ R ☐

Meenakshi Natarajan's Rajya Sabha nomination was rejected because her Form 26 affidavit was incomplete.

MUST KNOW Meenakshi Natarajan's RS nomination rejected over an incomplete Form 26 affidavit

STATIC Rajya Sabha members are elected by elected MLAs by single transferable vote; 12 are nominated by the President

§ LEGAL Representation of the People Act 1951 — scrutiny of nominations

ANGLE *Election-law question on scrutiny.*

REFER Jul '26 · Polity and Governance · Jul '26 · Quiz

01.18 **B** Inter-state river water disputes (Mahanadi, Cauvery, Narmada, Yamuna) T ☐ R ☐

The Mahanadi tribunal gave Odisha and Chhattisgarh a last chance to settle, Narmada states settled cost dues, and Haryana-Rajasthan signed a Yamuna MoU.

MUST KNOW Mahanadi dispute is between Odisha and Chhattisgarh; the tribunal gave them a last chance to settle · Mahanadi rises in Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh · Gujarat, MP, Maharashtra and Rajasthan settled Narmada cost dues under the 1979 tribunal award · Haryana-Rajasthan MoU on pipelines for Rajasthan's Yamuna share under the 1994 Upper Yamuna agreement

STATIC Art. 262 — Parliament may bar courts from inter-state water disputes · Inter-State River Water Disputes Act 1956 · SC delivered the final Cauvery verdict in 2018

§ LEGAL Art. 262; Inter-State River Water Disputes Act 1956

ANGLE *Match river to states; role of tribunals vs courts.*

REFER May '26 · Polity · May '26 · Practice Quiz · Aug '26 · Polity & Governance · Aug '26 · Quiz

01.19 **B** Language provisions: Santali Constitution, Khasi and Garo T ☐ R ☐

The President released the Constitution in Santali (Ol Chiki script), and Meghalaya made Khasi and Garo official languages.

MUST KNOW President released the Constitution in Santali · Ol Chiki script created by Raghunath Murmu in 1925 · Meghalaya Cabinet made Khasi and Garo official languages alongside English; demand for their inclusion in the Eighth Schedule

STATIC Eighth Schedule lists 22 languages; 92nd Amendment (2003) added Bodo, Dogri, Maithili and Santali · Art. 345 — a state legislature may adopt official language(s)

§ LEGAL Eighth Schedule; Arts. 344, 345 and 351

ANGLE *Eighth Schedule and language-article questions.*

REFER Jan '26 · Polity · May '26 · Polity · May '26 · Practice Quiz

01.20 **B** Panchayat Devolution Index T ☐ R ☐

The MoPR/IIPA Panchayat Devolution Index showed modest improvement in powers devolved to panchayats.

MUST KNOW Average score rose from 39.92 to 43.89 · Six parameters · Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu led; UP and Bihar improved most

STATIC 73rd Amendment (1992): Part IX, Arts. 243-243O · Eleventh Schedule lists 29 subjects for panchayats (Art. 243G)

§ **LEGAL** 73rd Constitutional Amendment — devolution to panchayats (Art. 243G)

ANGLE *Local self-government passage.*

REFER Jan '26 p.2

01.21 **B** Pressure groups and the NEET protests

T ☐ R ☐

Student protests over the NEET-UG paper leak prompted pieces on pressure groups in democracy and on how the state should respond to protests.

MUST KNOW Student protests over the NEET-UG paper leak were the trigger · Pressure groups seek influence, not power — unlike parties · MKSS's campaign is linked to the RTI Act 2005

STATIC Art. 19(1)(b) — right to assemble peaceably without arms; Art. 19(1)(c) — right to form associations

§ **LEGAL** Art. 19(1)(a)-(c) freedoms and reasonable restrictions under Art. 19(2)-(4)

ANGLE *Polity passage; reasonable restrictions on protest.*

REFER Aug '26 p.86 · Aug '26 p.36

01.22 **B** Fire safety and urban governance

T ☐ R ☐

Deadly hotel, building and Delhi guest-house fires raised questions of enforcement and accountability in urban fire safety.

MUST KNOW Triggered by a deadly Delhi guest-house fire and other fatal hotel/building fires · Causes: mixed land use, poor access, electrical faults, cladding · Reforms: NBC 2016 compliance, 15th FC fire-services funding, IoT detection

STATIC Fire services are in the 12th Schedule (Art. 243W), added by the 74th Amendment 1992 · National Building Code is issued by BIS

§ **LEGAL** 12th Schedule / Art. 243W municipal functions; BNS 2023 s.106 — causing death by negligence

ANGLE *Governance passage; LR on negligence liability.*

REFER Jul '26 p.64 · Aug '26 p.73

01.23 **B** Right to vote: India vs the US

T ☐ R ☐

A comparison of the right to vote in India and the US, set against the SIR of electoral rolls.

MUST KNOW India treats voting as a constitutional/statutory right under Art. 326 · Key cases: ADR (2002), PUCL (2003) and PUCL (2013, NOTA) · US franchise widened through the 15th, 19th, 24th and 26th Amendments and the Voting Rights Act 1965

STATIC Art. 326 — adult suffrage · 61st Amendment (1988) lowered the voting age from 21 to 18

§ **LEGAL** Art. 326; RPA 1950; PUCL v Union of India (2013) — right to NOTA

ANGLE *Comparative passage; nature of the right to vote.*

REFER Jun '26 p.17

01.24 **B** **Sanchar Saathi and SIM binding: telecom cyber-safety orders** T ☐ R ☐

DoT withdrew its order to pre-install the Sanchar Saathi app on phones, and told messaging apps to work only while the registered SIM is active.

MUST KNOW DoT withdrew the order to pre-install Sanchar Saathi on phones · Portal launched 2023, app January 2025; blocks lost phones via IMEI; Chakshu reports fraud · DoT told WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal etc. to work only while the registered SIM is active · SIM-binding order uses the Telecom Cybersecurity Amendment Rules 2025

STATIC Telecommunications Act 2023 replaced the Indian Telegraph Act 1885

§ **LEGAL** K.S. Puttaswamy (2017) privacy under Art. 21; delegated legislation under the Telecommunications Act 2023

ANGLE *Privacy vs cyber-safety passage.*

REFER Jan '26 · Polity

01.25 **B** **CAPF (General Administration) Bill 2026 vs an SC direction** T ☐ R ☐

A bill reserving senior CAPF posts for IPS officers on deputation may override a 2025 Supreme Court direction.

MUST KNOW Reserves senior CAPF posts for IPS officers on deputation · May override a 2025 Supreme Court direction

§ **LEGAL** Legislature may remove the basis of a judgment but cannot simply overrule a judicial decision

ANGLE *LR on legislative override of judgments.*

REFER Apr '26 · Polity and Governance

01.26 **B** **PM CARES Fund and questions in Parliament** T ☐ R ☐

The PMO said Lok Sabha questions on PM CARES, PMNRF and NDF are inadmissible; the fund's FY25 accounts showed large receipts and balance.

MUST KNOW PMO said questions on PM CARES, PMNRF and NDF are inadmissible under Rule 41(2) · About Rs 480 crore receipts in FY25; large accumulated balance

STATIC PM CARES Fund set up in March 2020 · Art. 118 — each House makes its own rules of procedure

§ LEGAL Art. 118 (Rules of Procedure); public-fund accountability

ANGLE *Transparency passage.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Polity · Mar '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

01.27 **B** President's address and the Budget session T ☐ R ☐

The Budget session opened with the President's special address to both Houses.

MUST KNOW Art. 87 special address to both Houses assembled together (not an Art. 108 joint sitting) · First Amendment (1951) limited it to the first session each year and after elections

§ LEGAL Art. 87 — President's special address to both Houses assembled together

ANGLE *Article question.*

REFER Feb '26 · Polity & Governance

01.28 **B** Gorkha statehood demand: MHA committee T ☐ R ☐

The Home Ministry set up a high-level committee on the Gorkha statehood demand.

MUST KNOW Home Ministry set up a high-level committee · The demand's roots go back to 1907

STATIC Art. 3 — Parliament may form new states

§ LEGAL Art. 3

ANGLE *New-state procedure question.*

REFER Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

C QUICK-READ FACTS 13 facts

- **01.C01 CAG audit of District Mineral Foundation** — CAG (Art. 148) found lapses in Chhattisgarh's DMF spending; DMFs were created by the MMDR Amendment Act 2015. Aug '26 · Polity & Governance
- **01.C02 Electoral reform committees** Apr QS '26 p.70 · Polity & Governance
- **01.C03 Joint Parliamentary Committee** — JPCs are ad hoc committees of both Houses. Sep '26 · Quiz
- **01.C04 LPMS 'VINIMAY'** — Land Port Management System launched for the Land Ports Authority of India. Jul '26 · Polity and Governance
- **01.C05 MoRTH tunnel safety guidelines** — Issued after the Silkyara collapse; need geotechnical baseline reports and risk registers. Jan '26 · Polity
- **01.C06 Namo greenfield cities; Assam-Nagaland oil MoU** — Four planned cities proposed in NCR; Assam and Nagaland agreed on joint oil and gas exploration in the disputed belt. Jul '26 · Polity and Governance
- **01.C07 Right to Recall** — The Constitution has no provision to recall MPs or MLAs. Mar '26 · Quiz

- **01.C08 Sarkaria Commission** — Commission on Centre-state relations, set up in 1983. Jun '26 · Quiz
- **01.C09 Seva Teerth: new PMO complex** — PMO moved from South Block to Seva Teerth (Executive Enclave, Central Vista); also houses the Cabinet Secretariat and NSCS. Jan '26 · Places in News; Mar '26 · Pointers — Polity
- **01.C10 SOP on Disaster Victim Identification** — NDMA's first guidelines for mass-fatality victim identification; proposes a National Dental Data Registry. NDMA is chaired by the PM (Disaster Management Act 2005). Mar '26 · Pointers — Polity
- **01.C11 Subansiri Lower hydel power dispute** — Assam and Meghalaya refused extra power beyond their share. May '26 · Polity
- **01.C12 Union Territories with legislatures** — Delhi (Art. 239AA), Puducherry (Art. 239A), and J&K under the J&K Reorganisation Act 2019. May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **01.C13 Vice-President resigns** — Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned as Vice-President; under Art. 67 the VP resigns by writing to the President. Apr QS '26 p.71 · Polity & Governance

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02

Law, Judiciary & Landmark Judgments

24 must-teach · 21 should-cover · 21 quick-read facts

A MUST TEACH 24 themes

02.01

A

SC on reservation: creamy layer test and open-category merit

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Two Supreme Court rulings clarified how reservation works in practice: reserved-category candidates who score above the general cut-off must be considered for open seats, and income alone cannot decide whether an OBC candidate is in the creamy layer.

MUST KNOW

- Reserved candidates above the general cut-off must be considered for open (unreserved) seats
- Open category is merit-based, not a caste compartment
- Income cannot be the sole test for the OBC creamy layer
- Court also addressed equivalence between government, PSU and private posts

STATIC LINK

- Art. 16(4) — reservation for backward classes in public employment

- Indra Sawhney v Union of India (1992) introduced creamy-layer exclusion for OBCs

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 16(4); Indra Sawhney (1992) framework — creamy-layer exclusion; meritorious reserved candidates migrate to the open category

CLAT ANGLE

Principle-application: given a candidate's marks, income and parent's post, decide open-list vs reserved-list placement or creamy-layer status.

REFER Feb '26 · Polity & Governance · Apr '26 · Polity and Governance

02.02 A SC status after conversion to Christianity

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Supreme Court held that a person who converts to Christianity cannot claim Scheduled Caste protections, because the 1950 Presidential Order limits SC status to specified religions.

MUST KNOW

- A convert to Christianity cannot claim Scheduled Caste protections
- Ruling rests on the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950

STATIC LINK

- Art. 341 — the President specifies Scheduled Castes; Parliament may modify the list by law
- SC Order 1950, para 3: originally Hindus only; Sikhs added in 1956, Buddhists in 1990

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 341; Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, para 3

CLAT ANGLE

LR fact pattern: a person converts (or reconverts) — can they keep an SC certificate or contest a reserved seat?

REFER Apr QS '26 p.76 · Polity & Governance · Apr '26 · Polity and Governance

02.03 A Personality rights of celebrities (Delhi HC, R Madhavan)

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Courts are protecting celebrities' name, image and likeness from misuse (including by AI tools) even though India has no dedicated statute on personality rights.

MUST KNOW

- Delhi HC protected actor R Madhavan's image and likeness
- India has no standalone statute on personality rights
- Courts draw on the Copyright Act (s.38A performer's rights), the Trade Marks Act 1999 and Art. 21

STATIC LINK

- Copyright Act 1957; Trade Marks Act 1999
- K.S. Puttaswamy v Union of India (2017) — privacy is a fundamental right under Art. 21

LEGAL HOOK

Personality/publicity rights built from Art. 21 privacy, Copyright Act 1957 s.38A and the Trade Marks Act 1999

CLAT ANGLE

LR passage: does an AI voice clone or unlicensed ad using a star's face violate personality rights? Apply the principle to new facts.

REFER Jan '26 · Polity · Apr QS '26 p.76 · Polity & Governance

02.04



Right to be forgotten: Delhi HC on de-indexing personal data

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Delhi High Court ordered personal data to be de-indexed/masked online, treating the right to be forgotten as part of informational privacy under Article 21.

MUST KNOW

- Delhi High Court order on de-indexing / masking personal data
- Right to be forgotten treated as part of informational privacy under Art. 21
- European model: Google Spain (CJEU) and GDPR Article 17

STATIC LINK

- K.S. Puttaswamy (2017): privacy is a fundamental right
- Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023
- GDPR Art. 17 — right to erasure

LEGAL HOOK

Right to be forgotten; Art. 21 informational privacy (Puttaswamy 2017); DPDP Act 2023; GDPR Art. 17

CLAT ANGLE

Balancing test: privacy vs free press and the public record (Art. 19(1) (a)); masking vs de-indexing vs deletion.

REFER Aug '26 p.42

02.05

A

Regulating social media: deepfakes, blocking orders and under-16 limits

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India tightened platform duties through 2026 — a three-hour takedown window for flagged deepfakes, compulsory AI labels and a temporary block on Telegram during the NEET re-exam — while Australia and some states moved to limit children's social-media use.

MUST KNOW

- Three-hour takedown window for flagged deepfakes; AI-generated content must be labelled
- Centre temporarily blocked Telegram under s.69A IT Act during the NEET re-exam; Delhi HC upheld the block
- Australia is the first country to enforce a minimum age for social media
- Karnataka became the first state to bar under-16s; Andhra Pradesh proposed limits for under-13s
- Toolkit: IT Rules 2021, s.79 safe harbour, s.69A blocking, Sahyog takedown portal
- DPDP Act 2023 requires verifiable parental consent for children's data

STATIC LINK

- IT Act 2000 — s.79 safe harbour for intermediaries; s.69A blocking of public access
- Shreya Singhal v Union of India (2015) struck down s.66A and upheld s.69A

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 19(1)(a) subject to Art. 19(2); IT Act s.79 (safe harbour conditional on due diligence) and s.69A; Shreya Singhal (2015); DPDP Act 2023 (children's data)

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on platform liability vs free speech; principle questions on whether a platform loses safe harbour, or whether a blocking order is a reasonable restriction.

REFER Jan '26 · International Cooperation · Jan '26 · Quiz · Mar '26 · Pointers — Polity · Apr '26 p.2 · Apr '26 · Polity and Governance · Jul '26 · Polity and Governance

02.06

A

'Digital arrest' frauds and cyber-fraud remedies

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Fraudsters posing as police or agencies stage fake 'digital arrests' over video calls; the Supreme Court ordered a CBI probe and the MHA and courts set refund and account-freeze procedures for victims.

MUST KNOW

- 'Digital arrest' is a fraud — no such procedure exists in law; BNSS allows e-summons
- SC directed a CBI probe
- I4C and the 1930 helpline (CFCFRMS) handle reporting
- MHA SOP: frauds under Rs 50,000 refundable without a court order; banks must lift holds within 90 days absent an order
- SC-approved procedure for debit holds on mule accounts

STATIC LINK

- BNSS 2023 replaced the CrPC (in force 1 July 2024)
- IT Act 2000 s.66D — cheating by personation using a computer resource
- Budapest Convention on Cybercrime (2001, Council of Europe) — India is not a party

LEGAL HOOK

BNSS 2023 arrest and summons procedure (no 'digital arrest' in law); IT Act 2000 s.66D; DPDP Act 2023

CLAT ANGLE

Criminal-procedure LR: was there a lawful arrest? Also fact questions on the 1930 helpline and I4C.

REFER Feb '26 p.35 · Feb '26 · Polity & Governance · Sep '26 · Economy

02.07

A

Removal proceedings against Justice Yashwant Varma

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

A removal motion against Justice Yashwant Varma led to a three-member inquiry committee under the Judges (Inquiry) Act 1968, whose report was tabled in Parliament.

MUST KNOW

- Removal motion concerning Justice Yashwant Varma

- Three-member inquiry committee under the Judges (Inquiry) Act 1968
- Committee's report tabled in Parliament
- Motion needs notice signed by 100 Lok Sabha or 50 Rajya Sabha members

STATIC LINK

- Art. 124(4) — removal for proved misbehaviour or incapacity, by special majority in each House
- Art. 217(1)(b) — High Court judges are removed in the manner laid down in Art. 124(4)

LEGAL HOOK

Judges (Inquiry) Act 1968; Arts. 124(4) and 217(1)(b)

CLAT ANGLE

Procedure-sequencing questions: notice to Speaker/Chairman admits to committee to report to special majority to President's order.

REFER Apr '26 p.71 · Polity & Governance · Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

02.08 **A** Supreme Court strength raised from 34 to 38

✓ Class 03

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court was raised from 34 to 38 judges, first by an ordinance and then through the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill 2026.

MUST KNOW

- Ordinance raised SC strength from 34 to 38 (CJI plus 37)
- Done by amending the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act 1956
- Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill 2026 raises the sanctioned strength from 34 to 38

STATIC LINK

- Art. 124(1) — Parliament may by law increase the number of SC judges
- Art. 123 — President's ordinance-making power

LEGAL HOOK

Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act 1956; Arts. 124(1) and 123

CLAT ANGLE

Who can change the SC's strength and how (ordinary law, not a constitutional amendment).

REFER Jun '26 · Polity & Governance · Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

02.09

A

Separation of powers and the tribunals debate

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Supreme Court struck down parts of the Tribunals Reforms Act 2021 to protect judicial independence, and in 2026 a new Tribunals Reforms Bill proposed folding many tribunals into a single national body.

MUST KNOW

- Doctrine traced to Montesquieu's 'The Spirit of Laws'
- SC struck down parts of the Tribunals Reforms Act 2021
- Tribunals Reforms Bill 2026 proposes consolidating many tribunals under a single national tribunals body
- Judicial review and the basic structure act as checks

STATIC LINK

- Art. 50 — separation of judiciary from executive (DPSP)
- Kesavananda Bharati (1973) — basic structure doctrine
- Arts. 323A and 323B inserted by the 42nd Amendment (1976)

LEGAL HOOK

Separation of powers and judicial independence as basic structure; judicial review of tribunal laws; Arts. 323A/323B

CLAT ANGLE

LR passage on checks and balances — can the executive control tribunal appointments and tenure?

REFER Feb '26 p.15 · Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

02.10

A

NEET paper leak and the Public Examinations (Unfair Means) law

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The NEET paper leak triggered protests, fast-track courts, a Nilekani task force on NTA reform and a 2026 Bill raising penalties under the anti-paper-leak law.

MUST KNOW

- Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill 2026 raises paper-leak jail terms to 5-10 years, with heavy fines
- Nilekani task force to recommend reforms to NTA-run entrance exams
- PM announced fast-track courts after the NEET leak protests

- 14th Finance Commission had recommended 1,800 fast-track courts
- Leak framed as a failure of probity; public-trust doctrine invoked for exam bodies

STATIC LINK

- Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act 2024
- NTA set up in 2017 under the Education Ministry; conducts NEET-UG
- Fast Track Special Courts scheme (2019) targets rape and POCSO cases

LEGAL HOOK

Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act 2024 and the 2026 Amendment Bill; bail under special statutes; public-trust doctrine

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on exam integrity; LR questions applying the Act's offences and penalties to a leak scenario.

REFER Jun '26 p.67 · Aug '26 · Polity & Governance · Aug '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

02.11

A

Gender justice: landmark rulings and gender-sensitive courts

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Supreme Court is pushing trial courts to be gender-sensitive (a judicial glossary, a stereotypes handbook), building on a line of landmark women's-rights rulings.

MUST KNOW

- Rulings to know: Vishaka (1997), Joseph Shine (2018), Babita Puniya (2020), Vineeta Sharma (2020)
- SC push for gender-sensitive trial courts and a judicial glossary (Justice Aniruddha Bose committee)
- Handbook on Combating Gender Stereotypes (2023)
- Constitutional provisions: Arts. 14, 15(3), 16, 21, 39, 42, 51A(e)
- Tension between constitutional morality and social morality

STATIC LINK

- Vishaka v State of Rajasthan (1997) guidelines led to the POSH Act 2013
- Joseph Shine (2018) struck down adultery (s.497 IPC)
- Shah Bano (1985) led to the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act 1986, upheld in Danial Latifi (2001)

- Mathura case (Tukaram v State of Maharashtra, 1979) led to the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 1983
- Women's Reservation Act 2023 = 106th Amendment

LEGAL HOOK

Vineeta Sharma (2020): daughters are coparceners by birth; Babita Puniya (2020): permanent commission for women officers; constitutional morality; Art. 15(3)

CLAT ANGLE

Case-matching and principle questions: constitutional vs social morality; which ruling produced which law.

REFER Jan '26 p.26 · Sep '26 p.23

02.12 **A** Reproductive autonomy and Article 21

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Supreme Court allowed a minor's late-stage termination of pregnancy, and the Karnataka High Court applied a best-interests test to a hysterectomy plea for a woman with intellectual disability — both testing bodily autonomy under Article 21.

MUST KNOW

- SC allowed a minor's late-stage termination of pregnancy
- Governing laws: MTP Act 1971 (amended 2021), PCPNDT Act 1994, ART Act 2021, Surrogacy (Regulation) Act 2021
- Karnataka HC applied the RPwD Act 2016 and the best-interests / parens patriae doctrine

STATIC LINK

- Suchita Srivastava v Chandigarh Administration (2009) — reproductive choice is part of personal liberty
- K.S. Puttaswamy (2017) — privacy a fundamental right under Art. 21

LEGAL HOOK

MTP Act 1971 (amended 2021); Art. 21 bodily autonomy; Suchita Srivastava (2009); Puttaswamy (2017); Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016; parens patriae

CLAT ANGLE

Principle questions on MTP Act limits, whose consent counts, and when a court may decide in a person's 'best interests'.

REFER Jun '26 p.31 · Jul '26 · Polity and Governance

02.13

A

Maternity benefit for adoptive mothers: age cap struck down

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Supreme Court struck down the rule that gave maternity benefit to adoptive mothers only if the child was below three months old.

MUST KNOW

- SC struck down the three-month child-age cut-off for adoptive maternity leave

STATIC LINK

- Maternity Benefit Act 1961, amended 2017 to cover adoptive mothers
- Code on Social Security 2020 subsumes the Maternity Benefit Act

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 14 — unreasonable classification (child's age has no rational nexus with the object); Art. 21

CLAT ANGLE

Equality LR: is a classification reasonable? Apply the two-part nexus test to the age cap.

REFER Apr QS '26 p.67 · Polity & Governance · Apr '26 · Polity and Governance

02.14

A

SC: menstrual hygiene is part of the right to life

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Supreme Court read menstrual health into Article 21 and kept the case open to monitor free sanitary napkins and toilets in schools.

MUST KNOW

- Menstrual health read into Art. 21
- Continuing mandamus for free sanitary napkins and toilets in schools

STATIC LINK

- Art. 21A — right to education (86th Amendment, 2002)

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 21 right to life with dignity; continuing mandamus (court keeps monitoring compliance)

CLAT ANGLE

Expansion-of-Art. 21 passage; what 'continuing mandamus' means.

REFER Feb '26 · Polity & Governance

02.15

A

Dignity in death: hanging upheld and the right to die

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Supreme Court dismissed a PIL against hanging, holding it compatible with dignity under Article 21; the right to die with dignity (passive euthanasia, living wills) is the linked Art. 21 line.

MUST KNOW

- SC bench dismissed a PIL against hanging
- Held hanging compatible with dignity under Art. 21

STATIC LINK

- Deena Dayal v Union of India (1983) upheld hanging
- Bachan Singh (1980) — 'rarest of rare' doctrine
- Aruna Shanbaug (2011) allowed passive euthanasia
- Common Cause v Union of India (2018) recognised living wills under Art. 21

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 21 dignity in death; method of execution; Common Cause (2018)

CLAT ANGLE

LR passage on Art. 21 and death; case-matching (Bachan Singh, Deena Dayal, Aruna Shanbaug, Common Cause).

REFER Sep '26 · Polity and Governance · Sep '26 · Quiz

02.16

A

Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act 2026

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The 2026 amendment removed self-identification of gender and added medical-board certification and tougher penalties, raising a clash with the NALSA judgment.

MUST KNOW

- Removes self-identification of gender
- Adds medical-board certification and tougher penalties

STATIC LINK

- NALSA v Union of India (2014) recognised transgender persons' right to self-identify gender
- Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019

LEGAL HOOK

Transgender Persons Act 2019 as amended; NALSA (2014); Arts. 14, 15, 21

CLAT ANGLE

New-law passage; does medical certification square with NALSA's self-identification principle?

REFER Apr '26 · Polity and Governance

02.17

A

Delhi riots bail: SC reads 'terrorist act' under UAPA broadly

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Supreme Court denied bail in the Delhi riots conspiracy case, reading 'any other means' in the UAPA's definition of a terrorist act broadly while grading the roles of different accused.

MUST KNOW

- Bail denied in the Delhi riots case
- Section 15 UAPA 'any other means' read broadly
- Roles of the accused were graded

STATIC LINK

- UAPA enacted 1967

LEGAL HOOK

UAPA s.15 (terrorist act) and s.43D(5) (bail bar if accusation is prima facie true); Art. 21 personal liberty

CLAT ANGLE

Bail-principle LR: 'bail is the rule' vs special-statute restrictions.

REFER Feb '26 · Polity & Governance

02.18

A

SHANTI Act 2025: private entry into nuclear power

✓ Class 03

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The SHANTI Act 2025 replaces India's nuclear framework — repealing the Atomic Energy Act 1962 and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act 2010 — and opens nuclear power plant operation to private companies to support a 100 GWe target by 2047.

MUST KNOW

- Opens nuclear power plant operation to private companies
- Supports the target of 100 GWe nuclear capacity by 2047

- Current capacity is under 8 GWe

STATIC LINK

- Atomic Energy Act 1962 — repealed by the SHANTI Act 2025
- Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act 2010 — India's earlier nuclear liability law, repealed by the SHANTI Act 2025

LEGAL HOOK

SHANTI Act 2025 repeals and consolidates the Atomic Energy Act 1962 and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act 2010

CLAT ANGLE

New-law passage: state monopoly vs private operation; liability questions.

REFER Jan '26 · Polity · Jan '26 · Quiz · Jun '26 · Quiz

02.19 **A** Four labour codes in force

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Four labour codes that merge 29 central labour laws came into force, adding a wage floor and social security for gig and platform workers.

MUST KNOW

- Four codes merge 29 central labour laws
- Wage floor; new thresholds for industrial relations and factories
- Social security for gig and platform workers
- Critics fear 'glorified informalisation'

STATIC LINK

- Code on Wages 2019; Industrial Relations, Social Security and OSH Codes 2020
- Labour is a Concurrent List subject

LEGAL HOOK

Four Labour Codes (2019-2020); Code on Social Security 2020 covers gig and platform workers

CLAT ANGLE

New-laws passage: formalisation vs flexibility; who counts as a gig worker.

REFER Jan '26 p.39

02.20

A

Online gaming law, 2026 Rules and retrospective GST

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India banned real-money online games through a 2025 Act and 2026 Rules that set up an Online Gaming Authority; separately the Supreme Court upheld 28% GST on online gaming with retrospective effect.

MUST KNOW

- Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act 2025 bans real-money (money) games
- Online Gaming Rules 2026 in force from 1 May; create the Online Gaming Authority of India under MeitY
- Data localisation required
- SC upheld 28% GST on online gaming with retrospective effect (~Rs 2.5 lakh crore in demands)

STATIC LINK

- GST Council — Art. 279A (101st Amendment, 2016)

LEGAL HOOK

Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act 2025 and Rules 2026; SC ruling on retrospective GST

CLAT ANGLE

New-law passage: skill vs chance, money games, retrospective taxation.

REFER May '26 · Polity · Jun '26 · Economy

02.21

A

Aravalli hills: SC's 100 m definition and mining

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Supreme Court accepted a height-based definition of the Aravalli hills (100 m above local relief) in November 2025 but kept it in abeyance in December 2025 pending a fresh expert review; the Environment Ministry banned new mining leases, and critics said the test leaves out large tracts.

MUST KNOW

- SC accepted a definition based on 100 m above local relief (Nov 2025), then kept it in abeyance on 29 Dec 2025 pending a new expert committee
- Environment Ministry banned new mining leases

- Critics: it excludes tracts covered by FSI's 3-degree slope test

STATIC LINK

- Aravallis span Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi; among the oldest fold mountains
- Highest peak: Guru Shikhar (Mount Abu)

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 21 right to a healthy environment; Art. 48A; environmental PILs — T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad and M.C. Mehta cases

CLAT ANGLE

LR passage on how a legal definition decides what nature is protected; judicial role in environment.

REFER Jan '26 · Environment · Apr QS '26 p.74 · Polity & Governance · Apr QS '26 p.27 · Geography & Environment

02.22



Uniform Civil Code and state personal-law reform (Assam polygamy bill)

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The UCC debate continued, with Assam moving a law to prohibit polygamy after Uttarakhand became the first state to enact a UCC.

MUST KNOW

- Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill — a state law against polygamy

STATIC LINK

- Art. 44 — Uniform Civil Code (DPSP)
- Art. 37 — DPSPs are not enforceable in court
- Uttarakhand first state to enact a UCC (2024)

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 44; Art. 25(2)(b) lets the State legislate social reform; bigamy offence (IPC s.494, carried into the BNS)

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on religious freedom vs social reform; can a state legislate on personal law?

REFER Jan '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.68 · Polity & Governance

02.23



Citizenship law: CAA, OCI and the 2026 Rules

✓ Class 03

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2026 moved OCI to e-cards and online applications, while the CAA and the question of what

proves citizenship stayed in the news.

MUST KNOW

- Citizenship (Amendment) Rules 2026 introduced e-OCI cards and fully online OCI applications
- Minors with Indian passports barred from holding foreign passports
- OCI scheme created in 2005 by amending the Citizenship Act 1955
- EU Council President Costa holds an OCI card

STATIC LINK

- CAA 2019: Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian migrants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan who entered by 31 Dec 2014; CAA Rules notified March 2024
- OCI is provided under s.7A of the Citizenship Act 1955; India does not permit dual citizenship
- Passports Act 1967

LEGAL HOOK

Citizenship Act 1955 (modes of acquisition, s.7A OCI); Art. 11 — Parliament regulates citizenship; Art. 14 challenge to the CAA

CLAT ANGLE

Is a passport proof of citizenship? Who qualifies under the CAA? OCI vs citizen.

REFER Feb '26 · Polity & Governance · Mar '26 · Quiz · May '26 · Polity · Jul '26 · Quiz

02.24



Split verdict on prior approval under s.17A, Prevention of Corruption Act

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Two Supreme Court judges split on whether police need prior government approval before investigating a public servant under s.17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

MUST KNOW

- SC delivered a split verdict on s.17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act
- s.17A requires prior approval before investigating a public servant
- Justices B V Nagarathna and K V Viswanathan differed: one struck it down, the other upheld it with an independent sanctioning authority

STATIC LINK

- s.17A was inserted by the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act 2018
- Art. 14 — equality before law

LEGAL HOOK

Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 s.17A; Subramanian Swamy v CBI (2014) struck down s.6A of the DSPE Act 1946 under Art. 14; a split verdict goes to a larger bench

CLAT ANGLE

Rule-of-law passage: honest-officer protection vs equality before law; what happens after a split verdict.

REFER Mar '26 p.15

B SHOULD COVER 21 themes ————— T = taught · R = revised

02.25 B Anticipatory bail (Pawan Khera case) T ☐ R ☐

The Supreme Court declined to extend Pawan Khera's transit anticipatory bail, bringing the law on pre-arrest bail into focus.

MUST KNOW SC declined to extend Pawan Khera's transit anticipatory bail · Anticipatory bail is now BNSS s.482 (old CrPC s.438); granted by Sessions Court and High Court

STATIC Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia v State of Punjab (1980) linked anticipatory bail to Art. 21

§ **LEGAL** BNSS s.482 (CrPC s.438); Art. 21; Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia (1980)

ANGLE Which court grants it, and under which new section.

REFER May '26 · Polity

02.26 B Release of convicts: remission, parole and furlough T ☐ R ☐

The Delhi HC criticised the Sentencing Review Board over a convict's premature release, and repeated parole to Gurmeet Ram Rahim raised the parole-vs-furlough question.

MUST KNOW Delhi HC criticised the Sentencing Review Board over Santosh Kumar Singh · Remission under BNSS s.473 (CrPC s.432); 14-year minimum in BNSS s.475 (CrPC s.433A) · Repeated parole to Gurmeet Ram Rahim prompted the explainer · Parole and furlough are two forms of temporary release of prisoners

STATIC Art. 72 — President's pardoning power; Art. 161 — Governor's · Prisons are a State List subject (Seventh Schedule)

§ **LEGAL** BNSS ss.473 and 475; Arts. 72 and 161; parole/furlough under state prison rules

ANGLE Concept-distinction questions: remission vs pardon vs parole vs furlough.

REFER May '26 · Polity · Jun '26 · Polity & Governance

02.27 **B Judges' recusal and the rule against bias** T ☐ R ☐

A Delhi HC judge refused to recuse from the excise policy case, highlighting that India has no formal recusal rules.

MUST KNOW Delhi HC judge refused to recuse in the excise policy case · No formal recusal rules exist · Ranjit Thakur (1987): test of reasonable apprehension of bias

§ **LEGAL** Nemo iudex in causa sua (no one should be a judge in their own cause); Ranjit Thakur v Union of India (1987)

ANGLE *Natural-justice LR: apply the 'reasonable apprehension of bias' test to a fact pattern.*

REFER May '26 · Polity

02.28 **B Ordinances and re-promulgation** T ☐ R ☐

Ordinances returned to focus in 2026; courts have held that repeatedly re-issuing an ordinance without placing it before the legislature is unconstitutional.

STATIC Art. 123 — President's ordinance power; Art. 213 — Governor's

§ **LEGAL** D.C. Wadhwa (1987) and Krishna Kumar Singh (2017): re-promulgation is a fraud on the Constitution

ANGLE *LR on limits of executive law-making.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.72 · Polity & Governance

02.29 **B SC: safe footpaths are a fundamental right** T ☐ R ☐

The Supreme Court held that safe, walkable footpaths are part of fundamental rights.

MUST KNOW SC held safe, walkable footpaths part of fundamental rights · Grounded in Arts. 19(1)(d) and 21

STATIC Art. 19(1)(d) — freedom to move freely throughout India

§ **LEGAL** Arts. 19(1)(d) and 21

ANGLE *Expansion-of-rights principle question.*

REFER Jul '26 · Polity and Governance

02.30 **B UGC equity regulations 2026 stayed by the SC** T ☐ R ☐

The Supreme Court stayed UGC regulations meant to curb caste discrimination in higher-education institutions.

MUST KNOW SC stayed the UGC (Promotion of Equity in HEIs) Regulations 2026 · They mandated Equal Opportunity Centres, Equity Committees and Equity Squads

STATIC UGC Act 1956

§ LEGAL Delegated legislation under the UGC Act 1956; Arts. 14, 15, 17

ANGLE *Delegated-legislation and equality LR.*

REFER Feb '26 · Polity & Governance

02.31 **Courts and disputed religious sites (Thiruparankundram, Bhojshala)**

T ☐ R ☐

High Courts ruled on two disputed shared religious sites — Thiruparankundram hill in Madurai and the Bhojshala complex in Dhar.

MUST KNOW Madras HC ordered the Karthigai Deepam lit at the Deepathoon pillar on Thiruparankundram hill, a site shared by temples and a dargah · MP High Court held the Bhojshala-Kamal Maula complex in Dhar to be a Vagdevi (Saraswati) temple · The Vagdevi idol, taken in the colonial era, is in the British Museum

STATIC Bhojshala is linked to the Paramara king Raja Bhoja · Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act 1991

§ LEGAL Arts. 25-26 freedom of religion; HC writ jurisdiction (Art. 226); Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act 1991 context

ANGLE *Religious freedom vs public order; courts' role in disputed sites.*

REFER Jan '26 · Places in News · Jun '26 · Art & Culture

02.32 **Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025 in action: UMEED portal**

T ☐ R ☐

Registration of waqf properties on the UMEED portal, created under the 2025 amendment, lagged far behind.

MUST KNOW Only 2.16 lakh of ~8 lakh waqf properties registered · UMEED portal is under the Waqf (Amendment) Act · West Bengal lagged most

STATIC Waqf Act 1995, amended in 2025 · Mutawalli is the manager of a waqf

§ LEGAL Waqf Act 1995; Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025

ANGLE *Terms (mutawalli, sajjadanashin) and implementation data.*

REFER Jan '26 · Polity · May '26 · Practice Quiz

02.33 **Consumer protection: misleading and surrogate advertising**

T ☐ R ☐

The CCPA's rules on e-commerce and misleading ads were in the news, including notices to film stars over pan-masala surrogate ads.

MUST KNOW Maharashtra FDA issued notices to film stars over pan-masala surrogate advertising

STATIC Central Consumer Protection Authority set up under the Consumer Protection Act 2019 · CCPA's 2022 guidelines on misleading advertisements bar surrogate ads

§ **LEGAL** Consumer Protection Act 2019 — misleading and surrogate advertisements; endorser liability

ANGLE *LR: is an endorser liable for a misleading ad?*

REFER Mar '26 · Quiz · Jul '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

02.34 **B** Insolvency law basics: CoC, haircuts, moratorium, homebuyers

T ☐ R ☐

Quiz items across the year tested core IBC ideas — the Committee of Creditors, haircuts, the s.14 moratorium vs PMLA attachment, and homebuyers' remedies.

STATIC Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code enacted 2016 · IBC s.14 — moratorium on proceedings against the corporate debtor · RERA Act 2016

§ **LEGAL** IBC 2016 — Committee of Creditors' commercial wisdom; s.14 moratorium vs PMLA 2002; homebuyers as financial creditors

ANGLE *Concept questions; overlap of insolvency and money-laundering proceedings.*

REFER Jun '26 · Quiz · Jul '26 · Quiz · Aug '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Quiz

02.35 **B** Bar Council of India's powers (NALSAR enrolment order)

T ☐ R ☐

The BCI told state bar councils not to enrol a NALSAR batch after a convocation protest, then withdrew the order within hours.

MUST KNOW BCI told state councils not to enrol a NALSAR batch after a convocation protest · Order withdrawn within hours

STATIC BCI is a statutory body under the Advocates Act 1961

§ **LEGAL** Advocates Act 1961 — enrolment is done by State Bar Councils

ANGLE *Institutional-powers LR: can the BCI block enrolment?*

REFER Sep '26 · Polity and Governance · Sep '26 · Quiz

02.36 **B** Retrospective environmental clearance and the SC

T ☐ R ☐

The Supreme Court ruled on an Office Memorandum dealing with environmental clearance granted after a project had already started (ex post facto).

MUST KNOW SC ruling on the Office Memorandum on retrospective environmental clearance

§ **LEGAL** Environment (Protection) Act 1986; EIA Notification 2006; environmental rule of law

ANGLE *LR passage on whether a violation can be regularised after the fact.*

REFER Aug '26 · Quiz

02.37 **B** SC stray-dog judgment and the NALSAR campus exception

T ☐ R ☐

The Supreme Court's May 19 stray-dog judgment carved out an exception for NALSAR's campus dog-management model.

MUST KNOW SC's May 19 stray-dog judgment · Exception for NALSAR's campus dog management run by its Animal Law Centre

§ LEGAL Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960; SC stray-dog judgment (May 2026)

ANGLE *Animal-welfare vs public-safety principle questions.*

REFER Jun '26 · Environment

02.38 **B** National Sports Governance Act 2025 partly in force

T ☐ R ☐

Key provisions of the new sports governance law took effect on 1 January 2026, capping federation executive committees and creating a National Sports Tribunal.

MUST KNOW Notified Aug 2025; key provisions effective 1 Jan 2026 · Executive committees capped at 15, with athlete and women members · Creates a National Sports Tribunal

§ LEGAL National Sports Governance Act 2025

ANGLE *New-law facts.*

REFER Feb '26 · Events and Summits

02.39 **B** Genocide Convention and The Gambia v Myanmar at the ICJ

T ☐ R ☐

The Gambia's case against Myanmar over the Rohingya is being heard at the ICJ under the 1948 Genocide Convention.

MUST KNOW The Gambia v Myanmar is under the 1948 Genocide Convention

STATIC ICJ — principal judicial organ of the UN, seated at The Hague

§ LEGAL Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide 1948; ICJ provisional measures ordered in 2020

ANGLE *International-law passage; standing of a non-injured state.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.6 · International Relations & World Geography

02.40 **B** APAAR ID: parents may refuse Aadhaar-based consent

T ☐ R ☐

The Supreme Court asked CBSE to apply nationwide an Orissa HC direction that parents may refuse Aadhaar-based consent for APAAR student IDs.

MUST KNOW SC asked CBSE to implement nationwide the Orissa HC direction · Parents may refuse Aadhaar-based APAAR consent

STATIC APAAR is the 'One Nation One Student ID' under NEP 2020

§ **LEGAL** Informed consent and informational privacy (Puttaswamy 2017)

ANGLE *Consent/privacy LR.*

REFER Aug '26 · Polity & Governance

02.41 **B** Doxxing: a gap in Indian law

T ☐ R ☐

Doxxing — publishing someone's private details to harass them — is not a specific offence in India.

MUST KNOW Doxxing means publishing private details to harass someone · Not a specific offence in Indian law; victims rely on BNS and IT Act provisions

§ **LEGAL** BNS 2023 and IT Act 2000; informational privacy

ANGLE *LR: which existing offence fits a doxxing fact pattern?*

REFER Sep '26 · Terms in News

02.42 **B** Precautionary principle: development vs safety

T ☐ R ☐

An essay on infrastructure safety framed the trade-off between speedy projects and public safety through the precautionary principle.

MUST KNOW Moral trade-off between speedy infrastructure and public safety · Compliance differs from a genuine safety culture

STATIC Precautionary principle recognised in Vellore Citizens' Welfare Forum (1996)

§ **LEGAL** Precautionary principle; Art. 21 right to life

ANGLE *LR principle application.*

REFER Sep '26 p.77

02.43 **B** Entry into the subordinate judiciary: minimum practice rule

T ☐ R ☐

Judicial-service entry norms (Shetty Commission line) were in the news, including a minimum years-of-practice requirement for civil judge posts.

§ **LEGAL** All India Judges Association case — minimum practice requirement for civil judge entry

ANGLE *Relevant to law aspirants; eligibility questions.*

REFER Sep '26 · Quiz

02.44 **B** Road-safety law: Good Samaritans and third-party insurance

T ☐ R ☐

Road-safety law was in the news: rewards and protection for Good Samaritans who help accident victims, compulsory third-party insurance, and Andhra Pradesh's first-of-its-kind pedestrian safety policy.

MUST KNOW Andhra Pradesh adopted the first state pedestrian safety policy of its kind, linked to Motor Vehicles Act penalties

STATIC Motor Vehicles Act 1988 — third-party insurance is compulsory

§ LEGAL Motor Vehicles Act s.134A (2019 amendment) protects Good Samaritans

ANGLE LR: *can a Good Samaritan be forced to disclose identity or be held liable?*

REFER Sep '26 · Polity and Governance · Sep '26 · Quiz

02.45 **B** Tighter FCRA regime for NGOs

T ☐ R ☐

The Home Ministry tightened foreign-contribution rules for NGOs and launched an integrated FCRA 2.0 portal.

MUST KNOW MHA amended FCRA rules to list permissible purposes · Restricts foreign-funded activity geographically · FCRA 2.0: new integrated portal with tighter utilisation norms

STATIC Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 2010, administered by the Home Ministry

§ LEGAL Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 2010 (amended 2020)

ANGLE *Statute-identification questions.*

REFER Jul '26 · Polity and Governance · Aug '26 · Polity & Governance

C QUICK-READ FACTS 21 facts

- **02.C01 Pegasus and zero-click spyware** — Spyware and privacy — privacy is a fundamental right under Art. 21 (K.S. Puttaswamy, 2017). Jul '26 · Quiz
- **02.C02 Bankers' Books Evidence Bill 2026** — Introduced to replace the colonial Bankers' Books Evidence Act 1891 (admissibility of bank records). Sep '26 · Polity and Governance
- **02.C03 Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill 2026** — Changes the procedure for registrations delayed beyond two years; parent law is the RBD Act 1969. Sep '26 · Polity and Governance
- **02.C04 BCCI and the RTI Act** — Lodha Committee recommended bringing BCCI under the RTI Act; the test is 'public authority' under s.2(h) RTI Act 2005. Jun '26 · Quiz
- **02.C05 Bodh Gaya Temple Act 1949** — Governs management of the Mahabodhi Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (2002); linked to Art. 26. Sep '26 · Quiz

- **02.C06 Civil vs criminal standard of proof** — Civil: preponderance of probabilities; criminal: proof beyond reasonable doubt.
Apr '26 · Polity & Governance
- **02.C07 CSR spending rises** — Listed companies' CSR spend rose 23% to Rs 22,212 crore in FY25; s.135 Companies Act 2013 mandates 2% of average net profit. May '26 · Polity
- **02.C08 Draft Telecom (TV, Radio) Rules 2026** — Broadcasting rules framed under the Telecommunications Act 2023. Jul '26 · Quiz
- **02.C09 EPF Scheme 2026 and the principal employer** — Labour-law concept of 'principal employer' under the EPF & MP Act 1952. Jul '26 · Quiz
- **02.C10 Essential Commodities Act** — 1955 Act, amended in 2020; governs stock limits and regulation of essential goods. Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz
- **02.C11 Gait analysis in forensics** — Delhi Police used gait analysis for the first time in a murder case; expert evidence under the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023. Feb '26 · Science & Technology
- **02.C12 Mephedrone bust** — ~Rs 75 crore of mephedrone seized in Gujarat; offence under the NDPS Act 1985. Jul '26 · Science and Technology
- **02.C13 Look-Out Circular** — Travel restriction; Maneka Gandhi (1978) — right to travel abroad under Art. 21, procedure must be fair, just and reasonable. May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **02.C14 National Security Act 1980** — Preventive detention law; Art. 22 gives safeguards on arrest and preventive detention. Aug '26 · Quiz
- **02.C15 Organ transplants and NOTTO** — Governed by the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act 1994. Sep '26 · Quiz
- **02.C16 SC orders fresh elephant corridor survey** — India has about 22,446 elephants; Project Elephant launched 1992.
Sep '26 · Environment and Geography
- **02.C17 Sikkim: first paperless state judiciary** — Declared by CJI Surya Kant. May '26 · Polity
- **02.C18 Solid Waste Management Rules 2026** — Four-stream segregation at source, waste hierarchy, bulk-generator duties; framed under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986. Feb '26 · Environment
- **02.C19 Sound mark registered as a trademark** — A brand jingle was registered as a sound trademark — a non-conventional mark under the Trade Marks Act 1999. Apr '26 · Polity and Governance
- **02.C20 SC on FIRs over satirical protests** — SC dealt with FIRs from a satirical protest movement — Art. 19(1)(a) and BNSS FIR procedure.
Sep '26 · Polity and Governance
- **02.C21 Armed Forces Tribunal** — Military-justice tribunal set up under the Armed Forces Tribunal Act 2007. Jul '26 · Quiz

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A MUST TEACH 14 themes

03.01

A

US-Israel war on Iran, Strait of Hormuz and the US-Iran MoU

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The US and Israel jointly attacked Iran after Oman-mediated talks collapsed, disrupting shipping through the Strait of Hormuz. A US-Iran MoU later set a framework for talks, ended the blockade and reopened Hormuz, while commentators debated what the war means for the post-war international order.

MUST KNOW

- US and Israel attacked Iran after Oman-mediated talks collapsed
- US-Iran MoU framework ended the blockade and reopened the Strait of Hormuz
- UN sanctions on Iran were reimposed through the JCPOA 'snapback'
- Europe's past diplomatic peaks: Helsinki Final Act (1975), Dayton (1995), JCPOA (2015); INSTEX failed and Oman emerged as mediator
- Kosovo intervention is cited as a precedent in the use-of-force debate

STATIC LINK

- JCPOA (2015) was signed by Iran with the P5+1; E3 = UK, France, Germany
- League of Nations founded 1920
- African Union became a permanent G20 member at the New Delhi summit (2023)
- AIIB is headquartered in Beijing

LEGAL HOOK

UN Charter Art. 2(4) (prohibition on use of force) vs Art. 51 (self-defence); UNSC Resolution 2231 (JCPOA snapback)

CLAT ANGLE

Lead international-law passage: was the use of force lawful under Art. 2(4)/51; factual questions on Hormuz, JCPOA and snapback

REFER Apr QS '26 p.15 · Apr '26 · International · Apr '26 p.16 · Jul '26 · International Relations and Cooperation · Aug '26 p.49

03.02 **A** US strikes Venezuela and captures Maduro: Monroe Doctrine revived

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

On 3 January 2026 the US struck Venezuela and seized President Maduro in a special-forces operation, reviving the 1823 Monroe Doctrine (nicknamed the 'Donroe Doctrine') and raising questions of sovereignty.

MUST KNOW

- US struck Venezuela and captured Maduro on 3 Jan 2026 (Operation Absolute Resolve)
- Monroe Doctrine (1823) opposed European interference in the Americas; revived as the 'Donroe Doctrine'
- Venezuela's economy rests on heavy crude oil

STATIC LINK

- Monroe Doctrine proclaimed by US President James Monroe (1823)
- Caracas is Venezuela's capital

LEGAL HOOK

UN Charter Art. 2(4) (sovereignty, non-use of force) vs Art. 51 (self-defence)

CLAT ANGLE

International-law passage on unilateral force and sovereignty; questions on the Monroe Doctrine's year and meaning

REFER Feb '26 · International Relations · Feb '26 p.42

03.03 **A** 16th India-EU Summit 2026: FTA concluded, mobility and strategic agenda

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

At the 16th India-EU Summit on 27 January 2026, the two sides concluded their long-negotiated Free Trade Agreement and agreed 13 deliverables, including a mobility framework and a 2026-2030 strategic agenda. EU leaders Costa and von der Leyen were Republic Day chief guests.

MUST KNOW

- 16th India-EU Summit, 27 Jan 2026: 13 deliverables headlined by the FTA

- António Costa and Ursula von der Leyen were Republic Day 2026 chief guests
- Mobility framework: European Legal Gateway Office in India (starting with ICT); uncapped mobility for Indian students
- Joint Comprehensive Strategic Agenda 2026-2030 has five pillars
- Irritants remain: CBAM and EU deforestation rules
- Ties chronology: EEC relations 1962, first summit Lisbon 2000, Strategic Partnership 2004 (The Hague)

STATIC LINK

- EU has 27 member states; HQ Brussels
- India-EU Strategic Partnership since 2004

CLAT ANGLE

Major bilateral passage: FTA after about two decades; 'which of the following' on deliverables and chronology

REFER Feb '26 p.2 · Feb '26 · International Relations

03.04

A

PM's Jordan-Ethiopia-Oman tour and the India-Oman CEPA

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

In December 2025 the PM toured Jordan, Ethiopia and Oman. India and Oman signed a CEPA, India's second trade deal with a GCC country after the UAE, and the PM received top honours in Oman and Ethiopia.

MUST KNOW

- India-Oman CEPA: India's second trade deal with a GCC country after the UAE; zero duty on 98% of tariff lines
- PM received the Order of Oman (Dec 2025) and Ethiopia's Great Honour Nishan
- Jordan: first full PM-level bilateral visit since 1988; 75 years of ties; fertiliser and phosphate cooperation
- India-Ethiopia ties raised to a strategic partnership
- India-Oman: 70 years of diplomatic ties; Joint Vision document on maritime cooperation

STATIC LINK

- GCC (1981, HQ Riyadh): Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman
- India-UAE CEPA signed 2022
- African Union HQ is in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Capitals: Muscat (Oman), Amman (Jordan); Aqaba is Jordan's only seaport

CLAT ANGLE

Bilateral-visit passage: honours received, CEPA, GCC membership identification

REFER Jan '26 p.11 · Jan '26 · International Cooperation · Jan '26 · Quiz · Feb '26 p.12 · Apr QS '26 p.14

03.05 **A** India-US interim trade framework and US tariff tools

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India and the US agreed an interim trade framework that cut US tariffs on Indian goods to 18% from 50%, while the US kept using domestic trade laws such as Section 301 probes and IEEPA emergency powers.

MUST KNOW

- US tariffs on India cut to 18% from 50%
- India to lower tariffs on US industrial and many farm goods; intent to buy \$500 bn of US goods over five years
- Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) talks continue
- US Section 301 probes on excess capacity and forced labour; India said its law meets ILO standards

STATIC LINK

- Section 301 is part of the US Trade Act of 1974
- IEEPA = International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 1977 (USA)

LEGAL HOOK

IEEPA — US presidential emergency economic powers; Section 301 of the US Trade Act 1974

CLAT ANGLE

Trade passage: tariff levels before/after; identify the US law used for tariffs

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · May '26 · International

03.06 **A** India-UK FTA (CETA) comes into force

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, signed in July 2025, took effect on 15 July 2026 with phased tariff cuts on items such as cars and alcohol.

MUST KNOW

- India-UK FTA took effect 15 July 2026
- Phased tariff cuts on cars and alcohol

STATIC LINK

- India-UK CETA was signed in July 2025

CLAT ANGLE

Trade-agreement dates and features; compare with India-EU FTA and India-Oman CEPA

REFER Aug '26 · International Cooperation

03.07



India-UAE strategic defence framework and energy security deals

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The UAE President's January 2026 visit and the PM's May 2026 visit to the UAE produced a strategic defence framework and major energy deals, set against the Iran war and a Saudi-Pakistan defence pact.

MUST KNOW

- UAE President's visit (19 Jan 2026): \$200 bn trade target in six years; HPCL-ADNOC 10-year LNG deal
- Data embassy idea and a House of India in Abu Dhabi floated
- PM's May 2026 visit: strategic defence framework agreed
- 30 million barrels of UAE oil to be stored in Indian strategic petroleum reserves
- LPG supply and a ship-repair cluster at Vadinar

STATIC LINK

- I2U2 = India, Israel, UAE, US
- Abraham Accords (2020): UAE and Bahrain normalised ties with Israel
- India-UAE CEPA signed 2022

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on India-UAE ties amid Gulf insecurity; questions on SPR storage, I2U2, IMEC, Abraham Accords

REFER Feb '26 · International Relations · Feb '26 · Quiz · Jun '26 p.27 · Jun '26 · International Relations · Jun '26 · Quiz

03.08



UAE quits OPEC and OPEC+

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The UAE left OPEC and OPEC+ from 1 May 2026, a major change in the membership of the oil cartel.

MUST KNOW

- UAE left OPEC and OPEC+ from 1 May 2026
- OPEC was founded in Baghdad in 1960

STATIC LINK

- OPEC headquartered in Vienna

CLAT ANGLE

International-organisation membership change; OPEC founding place/year and HQ

REFER Apr '26 QS '26 p.7 · May '26 · International · May '26 · Practice Quiz

03.09 **A** Selection of the next UN Secretary-General

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Straw polls have begun in the Security Council to pick the successor to António Guterres, whose term ends in December 2026; the new Secretary-General takes office in January 2027.

MUST KNOW

- Security Council straw polls have begun
- New term starts January 2027 under Article 97

STATIC LINK

- UNSG is appointed by the General Assembly on the Security Council's recommendation (UN Charter Art. 97)
- António Guterres's term ends December 2026

LEGAL HOOK

UN Charter Art. 97 — appointment of the Secretary-General

CLAT ANGLE

UNSG appointment process; which organ recommends and which appoints

REFER Sep '26 · International Relations

03.10 **A** Chagos Archipelago: UK-Mauritius sovereignty deal

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Under a UK-Mauritius treaty the UK transfers sovereignty over the Chagos islands to Mauritius while keeping the Diego Garcia military base on lease, following the 2019 ICJ advisory opinion.

MUST KNOW

- UK-Mauritius sovereignty deal over the Chagos islands
- Diego Garcia hosts a military base, leased back

STATIC LINK

- ICJ advisory opinion (2019) favoured Mauritius
- UK-Mauritius treaty (2025) transfers sovereignty with Diego Garcia leased back

LEGAL HOOK

ICJ advisory opinion (2019) on the separation of Chagos — decolonisation and the right to self-determination

CLAT ANGLE

Decolonisation passage; legal status of ICJ advisory opinions; self-determination

REFER Apr QS '26 p.5 · Sep '26 · Quiz

03.11

A

Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance: Chenab-Beas link tunnel

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

After India placed the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance, it planned an 8.7-km tunnel to divert water of the Chandra (a Chenab headwater) to the Beas, alongside projects on the western rivers.

MUST KNOW

- Planned 8.7-km tunnel diverting Chandra (Chenab headwater) water to the Beas
- Follows India placing the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance
- Projects on western rivers: Pakal Dul, Ratle, Kuru

STATIC LINK

- Indus Waters Treaty 1960, brokered by the World Bank
- Eastern rivers (Ravi, Beas, Sutlej) to India; western rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab) to Pakistan
- Chandra and Bhaga meet at Tandi (Himachal Pradesh) to form the Chenab

LEGAL HOOK

Treaty law: suspension/abeyance of a bilateral treaty

CLAT ANGLE

IWT passage: eastern vs western rivers; river-system matching

REFER Aug '26 p.67

03.12 **A** Gaza: Trump's 20-point plan and the Board of Peace

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Under Trump's 20-point Gaza plan a new 'Board of Peace' was set up for Gaza's reconstruction; India was invited and attended its first meeting in Washington as an observer.

MUST KNOW

- Trump invited India under his 20-point Gaza plan
- Membership: three-year term, or a permanent seat for \$1 bn
- First meeting in Washington; 27 members including Pakistan; India attended as an observer
- The 'Yellow Line' is the Gaza ceasefire line

CLAT ANGLE

Question on India's status at the Board of Peace and the terms of membership

REFER Feb '26 · International Relations · Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation · Apr QS '26 p.10

03.13 **A** Bangladesh election: BNP returns under Tarique Rahman

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The BNP, led by Tarique Rahman, won a large majority in Bangladesh's election and returned to power.

MUST KNOW

- BNP won 209 of 300 seats
- Tarique Rahman leads the BNP

CLAT ANGLE

Neighbourhood passage on Bangladesh's new government and India's ties

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Persons in News

03.14 **A** India-France Special Global Strategic Partnership

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

During President Macron's fourth India visit in February 2026, ties were raised to a Special Global Strategic Partnership, with 2026 declared the India-France Year of Innovation.

MUST KNOW

- Macron's 4th India visit, 17-19 Feb 2026
- Ties elevated to a Special Global Strategic Partnership
- India-France Year of Innovation 2026
- Tata-Airbus H125 helicopter final assembly line

STATIC LINK

- India-France Strategic Partnership dates from 1998

CLAT ANGLE

Bilateral passage on the elevated partnership; defence-industrial tie-ups

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation

B SHOULD COVER 35 themes ————— T = taught · R = revised

03.15 **B India's new European partnerships: Nordic summit, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Italy** T ☐ R ☐

The PM's 2026 Europe outreach included the third India-Nordic Summit in Oslo and new or upgraded partnerships with Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden and Italy, with a strong semiconductor angle.

MUST KNOW Third India-Nordic Summit held in Oslo · India-Norway Green Strategic Partnership; India-EFTA TEPA · India-Netherlands: 17 pacts incl. Tata Electronics-ASML MoU for the Dholera fab; 2026-30 roadmap · India-Sweden: PM received the Royal Order of the Polar Star; 2026-30 joint action plan; LeadIT 3.0 for COP31 · India-Italy: INNOVIT India hub, maritime security dialogue, Lothal heritage complex MoU

STATIC EFTA: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland; India-EFTA TEPA signed 2024

ANGLE *Match country to agreement/honour; EFTA members; Dholera semiconductor fab*

REFER Jun '26 · International Relations · Jul '26 p.23

03.16 **B Pax Silica: US-led tech and critical-minerals supply-chain pact** T ☐ R ☐

Pax Silica is a US-led initiative to secure semiconductor, AI and critical-mineral supply chains and counter China's dominance. India, initially outside it, was invited and signed on at the AI Impact Summit.

MUST KNOW US-led secure silicon, semiconductor and AI supply-chain initiative · Early members incl. Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Netherlands, UK, Israel, UAE, Australia · India invited (Feb 2026) and joined at the India AI Impact Summit

ANGLE *'Which US-led declaration did India join' — membership question*

REFER Jan '26 · International Cooperation · Jan '26 · Quiz · Feb '26 · International Relations · Mar '26 · Quiz · Mar '26 p.2

03.17 **B India-Israel Special Strategic Partnership** T ☐ R ☐

India-Israel ties were upgraded to a Special Strategic Partnership during the PM's visit in February 2026.

MUST KNOW Ties upgraded during the PM's visit of 25-26 Feb · 17 agreements, including a quota for Indian workers

ANGLE *Bilateral-visit question on the upgrade and agreements*

REFER Apr '26 · International

03.18 **B India-Canada reset: trade goal, CEPA talks and uranium** T ☐ R ☐

The Canadian PM's visit normalised strained ties, relaunched CEPA talks and sealed a long-term uranium deal.

MUST KNOW USD 50 bn trade goal by 2030 · CEPA talks relaunched · Long-term Cameco uranium supply deal

ANGLE *Bilateral passage on normalising ties; CEPA and uranium supply*

REFER Apr '26 · International

03.19 **B India-Japan: 16th Annual Summit and strategic dialogue** T ☐ R ☐

India and Japan held their 16th Annual Summit with PM Sanae Takaichi, adding an economic security declaration, after a strategic dialogue that opened AI and critical-minerals tracks.

MUST KNOW 16th Annual Summit held with PM Sanae Takaichi; economic security declaration · 2027 to be a commemorative year (75 years of ties) · 18th Strategic Dialogue: new AI dialogue and a critical-minerals working group

STATIC India-Japan: Special Strategic and Global Partnership (2014)

ANGLE *Bilateral summit outcomes; Japan's PM*

REFER Feb '26 · International Relations · Aug '26 · International Cooperation

03.20 **B South Korea: President Lee's state visit** T ☐ R ☐

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung's April 2026 state visit set a \$50 bn trade target, and Korea joined the ISA and IPOI.

MUST KNOW President Lee Jae Myung visited 19-21 April; four MoUs · Korea joined the International Solar Alliance and IPOI · Trade target \$50 bn by 2030

STATIC India-Korea CEPA in force since 2010 · ISA launched by India and France at COP21, Paris (2015); HQ Gurugram

ANGLE *Bilateral-visit question; ISA/IPOI membership*

REFER May '26 · International · May '26 · Practice Quiz

03.21 **B** India-Australia summit: civil nuclear deal operationalised, PACTS T ☐ R ☐

India and Australia agreed an arrangement to operationalise their 2014 civil nuclear deal and launched PACTS.

MUST KNOW Arrangement to operationalise the 2014 civil nuclear deal · PACTS launched at the summit

ANGLE *Bilateral summit outcomes*

REFER Aug '26 · International Cooperation · Aug '26 · Quiz

03.22 **B** India-Vietnam Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership T ☐ R ☐

Ties were upgraded during President To Lam's visit.

MUST KNOW Upgraded to Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during President To Lam's visit · \$25 billion trade target by 2030

STATIC India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership dates from 2016

ANGLE *Bilateral upgrade question*

REFER Jun '26 · International Relations

03.23 **B** India-Indonesia: PM's visit and defence pacts T ☐ R ☐

The PM addressed Indonesia's Parliament and signed pacts on BrahMos, ASTRA and the Sabang port, after the 8th India-Indonesia Joint Commission.

MUST KNOW Pacts on BrahMos, ASTRA, Sabang port and Prambanan temple restoration · 8th Joint Commission of foreign ministers recalled the Bandung/NAM legacy

STATIC Sabang port is in Aceh, Indonesia · BrahMos is an India-Russia joint venture · Bandung Asian-African Conference, 1955

ANGLE *Bilateral visit outcomes; Bandung/NAM history*

REFER Jul '26 · International Relations and Cooperation · Aug '26 · International Cooperation

03.24 **B** India-Seychelles: special package, patrol vessel and CDRI T ☐ R ☐

Seychelles President Patrick Herminie's February state visit and the PM's later visit to Seychelles deepened maritime and development ties.

MUST KNOW President Patrick Herminie's state visit, 5-10 Feb: seven MoUs and a \$175 mn special economic package · PM's visit: 50 years of ties; patrol vessel and UPI pacts · Seychelles joined CDRI

STATIC CDRI launched by India in 2019; HQ New Delhi · Seychelles capital: Victoria

ANGLE *Neighbourhood/Indian Ocean diplomacy; CDRI membership*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation · Aug '26 · International Cooperation

03.25 **B India-Cyprus Strategic Partnership** T ☐ R ☐

Ties were elevated to a Strategic Partnership with a defence roadmap; Cyprus is seen as an IMEC node.

MUST KNOW Elevated to Strategic Partnership with a 2026-31 defence roadmap · Six agreements; Cyprus seen as an IMEC node

ANGLE *Bilateral upgrade question*

REFER Jun '26 · International Relations · Jun '26 · Quiz

03.26 **B India-Finland strategic partnership** T ☐ R ☐

The Finnish President's visit raised ties to a strategic partnership in digitalisation and sustainability.

MUST KNOW Strategic partnership in digitalisation and sustainability · Aim to double trade by 2030; 6G task force

ANGLE *Match country to partnership areas*

REFER Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · Apr '26 · International

03.27 **B India-New Zealand: PM's visit and strategic partnership** T ☐ R ☐

The first Indian PM visit to New Zealand in decades set up a strategic partnership.

MUST KNOW First PM visit in decades · Strategic partnership; plan to double trade by 2030

ANGLE *Bilateral visit*

REFER Aug '26 · International Cooperation · Aug '26 · Quiz

03.28 **B India-Brazil: Lula's state visit** T ☐ R ☐

President Lula's February 2026 state visit produced ten agreements.

MUST KNOW State visit 18-22 Feb · Ten agreements incl. critical minerals and an India-Brazil Digital Partnership for the Future

ANGLE *Bilateral visit question on agreements*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation

03.29 **B India-Malaysia: PM's visit** T ☐ R ☐

The PM's February 2026 visit was the first since the 2024 Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

MUST KNOW PM's visit 7-8 Feb 2026, first since the 2024 Comprehensive Strategic Partnership · CBI-MACC anti-corruption MoU · Joint exercises: Harimau Shakti, Samudra Laksamana, Udara Shakti

ANGLE *Bilateral visit; exercise-partner matching*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation

03.30 **B** German Chancellor Merz's India visit

T ☐ R ☐

Chancellor Merz's visit produced 19 agreements in Gandhinagar.

MUST KNOW 19 agreements signed in Gandhinagar · Visa-free transit, defence-industrial roadmap, critical minerals, semiconductors · Strategic partnership since 2000

ANGLE *Agreements recall*

REFER Feb '26 · International Relations

03.31 **B** India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)

T ☐ R ☐

IMEC is a connectivity corridor linking India to Europe via West Asia, announced at the G20 in 2023.

MUST KNOW Announced at G20 2023 · Has an eastern and a northern corridor; linked to PGII

STATIC G20 2023 summit held in New Delhi under India's presidency

ANGLE *Connectivity-corridor question*

REFER Jun '26 · International Relations

03.32 **B** Arab League and India-Arab ties

T ☐ R ☐

India hosted the 2nd India-Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting, which adopted a Delhi Declaration; the Arab League is often tested in the Gaza context.

MUST KNOW Delhi Declaration adopted at the 2nd India-Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting

STATIC League of Arab States — HQ Cairo, founded 1945

ANGLE *Regional-organisation facts*

REFER Mar '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.4

03.33 **B** BRICS institutions and positions: BCIC and opposition to CBAM

T ☐ R ☐

India joined BRICS' industrial-competency centre run with UNIDO, and BRICS ministers opposed the EU's carbon border tax.

MUST KNOW India joined the BRICS Centre for Industrial Competencies (with UNIDO); Industry 4.0 support to MSMEs · BRICS ministers opposed the EU CBAM; CBAM in definitive phase since January 2026

STATIC New Development Bank of BRICS is headquartered in Shanghai · UNIDO headquartered in Vienna

ANGLE *BRICS static and trade-climate dispute*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · Sep '26 · Science and Technology

03.34 **B** Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative gains members

T ☐ R ☐

Spain joined India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative, marking 70 years of India-Spain ties.

MUST KNOW Spain joined IPOI (launched 2019, seven pillars) · 2026: India-Spain Dual Year of Culture, Tourism and AI; 70 years of ties

STATIC IPOI announced by India at the East Asia Summit, 2019

ANGLE *India's Indo-Pacific policy; members*

REFER Feb '26 · International Relations · Sep '26 · Quiz

03.35 **B** India's UNSC 2028-29 non-permanent seat bid

T ☐ R ☐

India is campaigning for a ninth term as a non-permanent Security Council member for 2028-29.

MUST KNOW Campaign for a ninth non-permanent term (2028-29) · Facing Tajikistan in the June 2027 vote

STATIC UNSC: 15 members; 10 non-permanent elected by the UNGA for 2-year terms

ANGLE *UNSC composition and elections*

REFER Aug '26 · International Cooperation · Sep '26 · International Relations

03.36 **B** UN Commission of Inquiry on Gaza and the Genocide Convention

T ☐ R ☐

A UN Commission of Inquiry, chaired by Justice S Muralidhar, alleged genocidal intent in Gaza.

MUST KNOW UN Commission of Inquiry report alleged genocidal intent in Gaza · Commission chaired by Justice S Muralidhar

STATIC UN Human Rights Council established 2006, Geneva · Genocide Convention adopted 1948

§ LEGAL Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 1948 — 'intent to destroy' element

ANGLE *UN inquiry; questions on UN bodies and the definition of genocide*

REFER Jul '26 · International Relations and Cooperation

03.37 **B** **UN CERD concerns on minorities in India** T ☐ R ☐

The UN race-discrimination committee raised concerns about minorities in India; India rejected them.

MUST KNOW UN race-discrimination committee raised concerns; India rejected them

STATIC CERD monitors the ICERD (1965)

ANGLE *UN treaty-body question*

REFER Sep '26 · International Relations

03.38 **B** **India in UN peacekeeping: UNMISS** T ☐ R ☐

India is the top troop contributor to the UN Mission in South Sudan.

MUST KNOW India is top contributor to UNMISS with 1,779 personnel · UNMISS set up in July 2011

STATIC South Sudan became independent on 9 July 2011

ANGLE *UN peacekeeping question*

REFER Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · May '26 · International

03.39 **B** **Arctic Council and India's polar diplomacy** T ☐ R ☐

A parliamentary committee suggested India appoint a polar ambassador; India is an Arctic Council observer.

MUST KNOW Parliamentary committee suggested a polar ambassador

STATIC Arctic Council set up in 1996 (Ottawa Declaration); 8 member states · India has been an observer since 2013

ANGLE *Members and observers*

REFER Aug '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · International Relations

03.40 **B** **International Energy Agency: membership** T ☐ R ☐

Colombia recently joined the IEA; India remains an associate member.

MUST KNOW Set up in 1974 within the OECD framework · Colombia joined recently; India an associate member since 2017

STATIC IEA headquartered in Paris

ANGLE *'Which body' membership question*

REFER Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · Apr '26 · International

03.41 **B** **Nuclear diplomacy: NSG and the India-US 123 Agreement** T ☐ R ☐

India remains outside the Nuclear Suppliers Group, while the 2008 India-US 123 Agreement enabled civil nuclear trade.

STATIC NSG was set up in response to India's 1974 nuclear test; India is not an NSG member · 123 Agreement named after Section 123 of the US Atomic Energy Act 1954; India-US deal concluded 2008

ANGLE *Export-control regimes; India's status*

REFER Aug '26 · Quiz

03.42 **B** **NATO: membership and collective defence** T ☐ R ☐

NATO's membership and Article 5 remain in the news amid the European security debate.

STATIC NATO founded 1949; HQ Brussels · Finland joined 2023, Sweden 2024 · Art. 5 — collective defence

ANGLE *Member count / newest member*

REFER Feb '26 · Quiz

03.43 **B** **Somaliland recognised by Israel** T ☐ R ☐

Israel became the first country to formally recognise Somaliland, which declared independence from Somalia in 1991.

MUST KNOW Israel first to formally recognise Somaliland (26 Dec) · Somaliland declared independence in 1991 · Located in the Horn of Africa

STATIC Somaliland's capital is Hargeisa; Somalia's is Mogadishu

ANGLE *'First country to recognise' fact*

REFER Jan '26 · Places in News · Jan '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.9

03.44 **B** **Abraham Accords expansion push** T ☐ R ☐

The US President urged Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Pakistan and others to join the Abraham Accords.

MUST KNOW US President urged Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Pakistan and others to join the 2020 accords

STATIC Abraham Accords (2020) first signed by UAE and Bahrain with Israel

ANGLE *West Asia diplomacy question*

REFER Jun '26 · International Relations

03.45 **B** **Pakistan-Afghanistan border conflict and the Durand Line** T ☐ R ☐

Pakistani airstrikes in Afghanistan escalated a border conflict linked to the TTP.

MUST KNOW Pakistani airstrikes in Afghanistan escalated a border conflict · Conflict involves the TTP along the Durand Line

STATIC Durand Line was drawn in 1893

ANGLE *Neighbourhood passage on the Durand Line*

REFER Apr '26 · International

03.46 [B] India's West Asian ports: Chabahar and Duqm

T ☐ R ☐

India runs a port project at Chabahar in Iran under a US sanctions waiver and has naval/logistics access to Duqm in Oman.

MUST KNOW Chabahar is India's port project in Iran; US sanctions waiver · Duqm (Oman): India has access for naval and logistics use

STATIC Chabahar lies on the Gulf of Oman, in Sistan-Baluchestan province

ANGLE *Port-country matching; sanctions*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.40 · Apr QS '26 p.2

03.47 [B] US immigration curbs: H-1B fee and the Trump Gold Card

T ☐ R ☐

The US proposed a steep new H-1B fee, which hits Indians hardest, and launched a \$1 mn 'Gold Card' residency route.

MUST KNOW US proposed a steep new H-1B fee; Indians hold the large majority of H-1B visas · Gold Card: \$1 mn for US residency and a path to citizenship; replaces the EB-5 investor visa (1990)

ANGLE *Indian diaspora impact*

REFER Jan '26 · International Cooperation · Sep '26 · International Relations

03.48 [B] India-Nepal mutual legal assistance treaty

T ☐ R ☐

An India-Nepal treaty on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters came into force.

MUST KNOW India-Nepal treaty on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters in force · UPI-NPI person-to-person payment link

§ **LEGAL** Mutual legal assistance treaty in criminal matters

ANGLE *Legal-cooperation treaty question*

REFER Jul '26 · International Relations and Cooperation

03.49 [B] Global food-safety frameworks

T ☐ R ☐

Food safety is governed by global frameworks such as Codex, the WTO SPS Agreement and the IPPC.

MUST KNOW WTO SPS Agreement (1995) · Codex Alimentarius Commission · International Plant Protection Convention; FAOLEX

STATIC WTO established 1995, HQ Geneva

ANGLE *Match framework to function*

REFER Sep '26 p.11

C QUICK-READ FACTS 30 facts

- 03.C01 'Axis of Autocracy' — Label for the growing alignment of China, Russia, Iran and North Korea Apr QS '26 p.6; May '26 · Practice Quiz

- **03.C02 EU designates IRGC as terrorist** — EU put Iran's IRGC (formed 1979) on its terror list Feb '26 · International Relations
- **03.C03 India-Bhutan development cooperation talks** — New projects and a line of credit linked to Bhutan's 13th Five Year Plan
Aug '26 · Quiz; Sep '26 · International Relations
- **03.C04 BIMSTEC** — Formed 1997 (Bangkok Declaration); 7 members; secretariat Dhaka Aug '26 · Quiz
- **03.C05 Bhutanese monastery at Sarnath** — UP leased land at Sarnath near Varanasi to Bhutan for a monastery
Jul '26 · International Relations and Cooperation
- **03.C06 China-Japan radar lock row** — Chinese J-15s from carrier Liaoning locked radar on Japanese F-15s near Okinawa
Jan '26 · International Cooperation
- **03.C07 Colombo Security Conclave** — Indian Ocean regional security grouping; know its members Apr QS '26 p.3
- **03.C08 Donetsk / Donbas** — Region in eastern Ukraine at the centre of Russia-Ukraine peace talks Apr QS '26 p.5
- **03.C09 EU Global Gateway** — EU's global infrastructure-investment initiative Apr QS '26 p.37
- **03.C10 EU-Mercosur trade deal** — Mercosur founded 1991 (Treaty of Asuncion); signed a trade deal with the EU Apr QS '26 p.7
- **03.C11 Extradition from Turkiye** — Two fugitives returned under the India-Turkiye extradition treaty (Extradition Act, 1962)
Jun '26 · International Relations
- **03.C12 FATF vice-presidency** — FATF was set up in 1989 by the G7; secretariat in Paris Jul '26 · Quiz
- **03.C13 Helsinki Treaty (Nordic)** — Nordic ministers discussed updating the Nordic cooperation treaty for Greenland and other autonomous territories — not the 1975 Helsinki Final Act Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation
- **03.C14 IAEA 'Rays of Hope'** — IAEA cancer-care initiative; IAEA HQ Vienna, est. 1957 Apr QS '26 p.13
- **03.C15 IMO Council** — India re-elected to the IMO Council; IMO HQ London Apr QS '26 p.12
- **03.C16 India-Greece defence cooperation** — Joint Declaration of Intent on defence-industrial cooperation; five-year roadmap
Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation
- **03.C17 India-Mauritius fuel supply pact** — Five-year deal for Indian Oil to supply petroleum products and ATF; capital Port Louis
Sep '26 · International Relations
- **03.C18 India-Slovakia partnership** — Ties upgraded; Modi received the Order of the White Double Cross Jul '26 · International Relations and Cooperation
- **03.C19 India-US TRUST initiative** — India-US technology initiative — know the acronym Jun '26 · Quiz

- **03.C20 India opposes WTO plurilaterals** — India opposes plurilateral deals on e-commerce and investment facilitation Aug '26 · Economy
- **03.C21 Kurds** — Stateless ethnic group spread across Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria Apr QS '26 p.2
- **03.C22 Syria's communities** — Alawites, Druze and Kurds are Syria's key minority communities Jan '26 · Quiz
- **03.C23 OCI for Indian-origin people in Sri Lanka** — OCI eligibility extended to the sixth generation May '26 · International
- **03.C24 President Murmu's Europe tour** — State visits to Moldova, North Macedonia (first ever) and Romania — capitals Chisinau, Skopje, Bucharest Aug '26 · International Cooperation
- **03.C25 Security Action for Europe (SAFE)** — EU loan instrument of up to EUR 150 billion for defence Aug '26 · Quiz
- **03.C26 UK rejoins Erasmus** — UK to rejoin Erasmus (started 1987) from Jan 2027; India is only a 'partner country' Jan '26 · International Cooperation
- **03.C27 UN regional groups** — Five UN regional groups; India is in the Asia-Pacific Group Sep '26 · Quiz
- **03.C28 US-Saudi civil nuclear pact** — US and Saudi Arabia signed a civil nuclear cooperation and safeguards deal Aug '26 · International Cooperation
- **03.C29 Xiaokang villages** — China's model 'well-off' villages built along its border Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz
- **03.C30 Brazil (country identification)** — Identify Brazil from US tariff-dispute clues Apr QS '26 p.3

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04

Summits, Conferences & Treaties

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A MUST TEACH 8 themes

04.01 A India's BRICS chairship 2026

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India chairs BRICS in 2026 and will host the 18th summit; it has already hosted the BRICS foreign ministers and NSA meetings.

MUST KNOW

- India chairs BRICS in 2026 and hosts the 18th summit
- Logo: lotus with Namaste
- Theme: 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'
- India hosted BRICS Foreign Ministers in May 2026 and the 16th BRICS NSA meeting

STATIC LINK

- First BRIC summit: Yekaterinburg, 2009
- India previously hosted in 2012, 2016 and 2021
- New Development Bank — HQ Shanghai

CLAT ANGLE

India's presidency: theme, logo, summit number; BRICS membership

REFER Feb '26 · International Relations · Apr QS '26 p.12 · Jun '26 · International Relations · Jul '26 · Quiz

04.02

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India AI Impact Summit 2026 and the New Delhi Declaration

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Taught ☐ Revised ☐

New Delhi hosted the AI Impact Summit on 16-20 February 2026, the first of the series in the Global South, ending with the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact signed by 88 countries and organisations.

MUST KNOW

- Held 16-20 Feb 2026 in New Delhi — first of the series in the Global South
- Fourth in the series after Bletchley (2023), Seoul (2024), Paris (2025)
- New Delhi Declaration signed by 88 countries/organisations incl. US and China
- Theme 'Sarvajana hitaya, sarvajana sukhaya'; seven working groups called chakras; MANAV vision

STATIC LINK

- First AI Safety Summit held at Bletchley Park, UK (Nov 2023)

CLAT ANGLE

Host city, series order, outcome document and number of signatories

REFER Mar '26 p.2 · Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation · Mar '26 · Quiz

04.03

A

WTO 14th Ministerial Conference (MC14), Yaounde

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

MC14 in Yaounde, Cameroon ended without a ministerial declaration, exposing the developed-developing divide.

MUST KNOW

- MC14 held at Yaounde, Cameroon; ended without a ministerial declaration
- No agreement on extending the e-commerce customs moratorium
- Divisive issues: Investment Facilitation for Development, dispute settlement, public stockholding, fisheries subsidies

STATIC LINK

- WTO established 1995; HQ Geneva
- Ministerial Conference is the WTO's top decision-making body
- WTO Appellate Body non-functional since December 2019 as the US blocked appointments

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on WTO deadlock; venue, e-commerce moratorium, dispute settlement

REFER Apr '26 · International · May '26 p.21

04.04

A

Water treaties under strain: Ganga (Farakka) renewal and Indus Waters Treaty

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The 1996 India-Bangladesh Ganga Water Treaty expires in December 2026 and must be renegotiated, while the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan has been held in abeyance by India since April 2025.

MUST KNOW

- 1996 Ganga treaty (30 years) expires December 2026; sharing formula based at Farakka
- Bihar opposes renewal on current terms; Joint Rivers Commission 1972; case for a basin-wide framework
- Indus Waters Treaty (1960) held in abeyance by India since April 2025

STATIC LINK

- Farakka Barrage is in Murshidabad, West Bengal
- IWT brokered by the World Bank; signed in Karachi; eastern rivers to India, western to Pakistan

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 253 — Parliament's power to implement international treaties; treaty suspension/abeyance

CLAT ANGLE

Treaty-expiry passage; Centre-state angle in water diplomacy; treaty dates

REFER Feb '26 p.27 · Sep '26 · International Relations · Sep '26 · Quiz

04.05

A

New START expires: end of US-Russia nuclear arms control

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

New START, the last US-Russia nuclear arms control treaty, expired on 5 February 2026.

MUST KNOW

- New START expired on 5 Feb 2026 — the last US-Russia nuclear arms control treaty
- Lineage: START-I (1991), SORT (Moscow Treaty), New START

STATIC LINK

- New START signed in Prague, 2010

CLAT ANGLE

Arms-control passage; treaty lineage and expiry

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation · Mar '26 · Quiz

04.06

A

SCO: Tianjin Declaration and PM's Uzbekistan visit

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The SCO summit in Tianjin, China adopted the Tianjin Declaration; later the PM upgraded ties with Uzbekistan before the SCO summit in Kyrgyzstan.

MUST KNOW

- Tianjin Declaration adopted at the SCO summit in Tianjin, China
- India-Uzbekistan ties upgraded to a comprehensive strategic partnership, including uranium
- Next SCO summit held in Kyrgyzstan

STATIC LINK

- SCO founded 2001 (Shanghai); secretariat Beijing; India a full member since 2017
- Uzbekistan capital: Tashkent

CLAT ANGLE

SCO membership, declaration and venue

REFER Apr QS '26 p.16 · Sep '26 · International Relations

04.07

A

Law of armed conflict: environment as a casualty of war and ecocide

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Recent wars have renewed calls to protect nature in armed conflict and to recognise 'ecocide' as an international crime, building on IHL treaties such as the Geneva Conventions.

MUST KNOW

- Instruments: ENMOD Convention 1976, Additional Protocol I (Arts. 35(3), 55), Rome Statute 1998
- ILC Draft Principles 2022 on protecting the environment in armed conflict
- Reform proposal: recognise ecocide as an international crime

STATIC LINK

- Rome Statute created the ICC, seated at The Hague; India is not a party
- Fourth Geneva Convention (1949) protects civilians in time of war

LEGAL HOOK

Rome Statute Art. 8(2)(b)(iv) — widespread, long-term and severe environmental damage as a war crime; Geneva Additional Protocol I

CLAT ANGLE

International-law passage; apply the 'widespread, long-term and severe' test to facts

REFER May '26 p.39 · May '26 · Practice Quiz

04.08

A

Law of the sea: UNCLOS, High Seas Treaty and transit passage

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The High Seas (BBNJ) Treaty, an implementing agreement under UNCLOS, is entering into force, while the Hormuz crisis raised questions on fees and transit passage through straits.

MUST KNOW

- BBNJ = UN agreement on biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction
- Can a coastal state charge fees for passage through straits? — UNCLOS transit passage

STATIC LINK

- UNCLOS adopted 1982, in force 1994
- Territorial sea 12 nautical miles; EEZ 200 nautical miles
- BBNJ is an implementing agreement under UNCLOS

LEGAL HOOK

UNCLOS 1982, Part III — transit passage through international straits

CLAT ANGLE

Law-of-the-sea reasoning passage; maritime zones

REFER Apr QS '26 p.33 · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz

B SHOULD COVER 16 themes T = taught · R = revised

04.09 **B 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit** T ☐ R ☐

The December 2025 summit produced 16 pacts, including on labour mobility.

MUST KNOW Held 4-5 Dec; 16 pacts including two on labour mobility ·

Trade target of \$100 bn restated · First annual summit held in 2000

STATIC India-Russia 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership' (2010)

ANGLE *Summit outcomes and history*

REFER Jan '26 · International Cooperation

04.10 **B Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting, New Delhi** T ☐ R ☐

Quad foreign ministers met in New Delhi and launched maritime and critical-minerals initiatives.

MUST KNOW Quad FMM held in New Delhi · Launched IPMDA expansion, Ports of the Future and a Critical Minerals Framework

STATIC Quad members: India, US, Japan, Australia

ANGLE *Quad members and initiatives*

REFER Jun '26 · International Relations · Jun '26 · Quiz

04.11 **B ASEAN admits Timor-Leste as 11th member** T ☐ R ☐

Timor-Leste became ASEAN's 11th member at the 47th summit in Kuala Lumpur.

MUST KNOW Timor-Leste admitted as ASEAN's 11th member at the 47th summit, Kuala Lumpur

STATIC ASEAN founded 1967 (Bangkok Declaration); secretariat Jakarta

ANGLE *ASEAN expansion question*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.14

04.12 **B G7 Evian summit and PM's France visit** T ☐ R ☐

India attended the G7 summit at Evian as an outreach guest; India and France adopted an innovation roadmap.

MUST KNOW G7 summit at Evian with India as outreach guest · India-France Innovation Roadmap and AI governance cooperation

STATIC G7: US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Canada

ANGLE *G7 members and host*

REFER Jul '26 · International Relations and Cooperation

04.13 **B** Third India-Nordic Summit, Oslo

T ☐ R ☐

The third India-Nordic Summit was held in Oslo.

MUST KNOW Third summit in Oslo, after Stockholm (2018) and Copenhagen (2022) · India-Nordic trade about \$19 billion; Arctic cooperation mechanism proposed

STATIC Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

ANGLE *Venue and predecessors*

REFER Jun '26 · International Relations · Jun '26 · Quiz

04.14 **B** 28th CSPOC in New Delhi

T ☐ R ☐

India hosted the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth, chaired by Om Birla.

MUST KNOW 14-16 Jan 2026, chaired by Om Birla · India hosted earlier in 1971, 1986, 2010 · Next chair from the UK

STATIC Speaker of the Lok Sabha — Art. 93

§ LEGAL Art. 93 — election of Speaker and Deputy Speaker

ANGLE *Commonwealth Speakers' conference hosted by India*

REFER Feb '26 · Events and Summits

04.15 **B** IICDEM 2026: election-management conference

T ☐ R ☐

India hosted the International Conference on Democracy and Election Management at Bharat Mandapam.

MUST KNOW Bharat Mandapam, 21-23 Jan; Delhi Declaration · CEC Gyanesh Kumar to chair International IDEA in 2026

STATIC Art. 324 — Election Commission

§ LEGAL Art. 324 — superintendence of elections

ANGLE *Election-management conference*

REFER Feb '26 · Events and Summits

04.16 **B** Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine T ☐ R ☐

India co-hosted the WHO summit on traditional medicine at Bharat Mandapam.

MUST KNOW Held 17-19 Dec at Bharat Mandapam with the Ayush Ministry · WHO Traditional Medicine Global Library launched · Builds on the 2023 Gujarat Declaration; WHO GTMC is in Jamnagar

STATIC WHO HQ Geneva, est. 1948

ANGLE *Summit hosted in India*

REFER Jan '26 · Events

04.17 **B** 2nd India-Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting T ☐ R ☐

India hosted and co-chaired, with the UAE, the second India-Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

MUST KNOW Hosted by India on 31 Jan 2026, co-chaired with UAE · First held in Bahrain, 2016 · Arab League (1945) has 22 members

STATIC Arab League HQ Cairo

ANGLE *Arab League static*

REFER Feb '26 · International Relations

04.18 **B** UNCCD COP17, Ulaanbaatar T ☐ R ☐

The desertification COP was held in Mongolia; India stressed rangelands and drought resilience.

MUST KNOW Held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia · Theme on restoring land and hope · India stressed rangelands and drought resilience

STATIC UNCCD adopted 1994; secretariat Bonn · India hosted UNCCD COP14 in 2019

ANGLE *Host, theme, India's stand*

REFER Sep '26 · Important Events · Sep '26 · Quiz

04.19 **B** CMS COP15 on migratory species, Brazil T ☐ R ☐

The Conference of Parties to the migratory species convention was held at Campo Grande, Brazil.

MUST KNOW CMS COP15 held at Campo Grande, Brazil

STATIC CMS is the Bonn Convention (1979) · India hosted COP13 at Gandhinagar (2020)

ANGLE *Venue question*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.17 · Apr '26 · International

04.20 **B** EU-Mercosur FTA signed T ☐ R ☐

The EU and Mercosur signed a trade deal in Asuncion, ending talks begun in 1999.

MUST KNOW Signed in Asuncion, Paraguay, ending talks begun in 1999 · Mercosur: Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia (Venezuela suspended)

STATIC Mercosur created by the Treaty of Asuncion, 1991

ANGLE *Trade-bloc members*

REFER Feb '26 · International Relations

04.21 **B** 50 years of the Biological Weapons Convention

T ☐ R ☐

Fifty years after it entered into force, the BWC still lacks strong verification and compliance tools.

MUST KNOW BWC entered into force in 1975 · Gaps in verification and compliance · Tools: confidence-building measures, Implementation Support Unit, Australia Group, dual-use research

STATIC Chemical Weapons Convention (1993) is monitored by the OPCW, The Hague · Geneva Protocol 1925 banned use of chemical and biological weapons

ANGLE *Treaty-anniversary passage; BWC vs CWC*

REFER Jan '26 p.43

04.22 **B** India's role against marine pollution

T ☐ R ☐

India commissioned its first indigenous pollution-control vessel, within a global treaty framework on marine pollution.

MUST KNOW ICGS Samudra Pratap: first indigenous pollution-control vessel · Framework: UNCLOS, MARPOL 1973, London Convention 1972, Ballast Water Convention 2004 · SDG 14.1

STATIC UNCLOS adopted 1982 · IMO HQ London

ANGLE *Maritime-treaty identification*

REFER Feb '26 p.23

04.23 **B** Europe's historic role as a venue for peace diplomacy

T ☐ R ☐

US-Iran MoU talks were hosted in Europe, recalling Europe's long history as a venue for peace-making.

MUST KNOW US-Iran MoU talks hosted in Europe · Congress of Vienna (1814-15) and the Concert of Europe · Norway's Oslo channel produced the Oslo Accords (1993)

STATIC Switzerland is a permanently neutral state

ANGLE *History of diplomacy passage*

REFER Aug '26 p.10

04.24 **B** India chairs the Kimberley Process 2026

T ☐ R ☐

As 2026 chair of the Kimberley Process, India hosted the May intersessional in Mumbai.

MUST KNOW India chairs the Kimberley Process in 2026 · Hosted the May intersessional in Mumbai on conflict-diamond certification

STATIC Kimberley Process Certification Scheme launched 2003

ANGLE *India's chairship question*

REFER Jun '26 · Events

C QUICK-READ FACTS 8 facts

- **04.C01 2nd Global Summit on Blue Food Security** — Held at Eilat, Israel, 13-15 Jan 2026 Feb '26 · Events and Summits
- **04.C02 9th Indian Ocean Conference** — Held in Mauritius, 10-12 April, by India Foundation with the Mauritius government May '26 · International
- **04.C03 Chicago Convention** — 1944 convention created ICAO (HQ Montreal); governs airspace and no-fly zones Jan '26 · Quiz
- **04.C04 Munich Security Conference** — EAM Jaishankar stressed strategic autonomy; MSC founded 1963 by Ewald-Heinrich von Kleist Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation
- **04.C05 RCEP** — India withdrew from RCEP talks in 2019; 15 countries signed it in 2020 May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **04.C06 Tropical Forest Forever Facility** — Brazil-led fund paying countries to keep tropical forests standing; launched around COP30 (Belem, 2025) Apr QS '26 p.30
- **04.C07 WEF Annual Meeting 2026, Davos** — 56th meeting, 19-23 Jan, theme 'A Spirit of Dialogue'; WEF founded 1971 by Klaus Schwab Feb '26 · Events and Summits
- **04.C08 World Governments Summit 2026** — Held in Dubai, 3-5 Feb 2026; theme 'Shaping Future Governments' Mar '26 · Pointers — Events

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Economy, Budget & Banking

13 must-teach · 30 should-cover · 64 quick-read facts

A MUST TEACH 13 themes

05.01

A

Union Budget 2026-27: fiscal numbers and key announcements

✓ Round-up Feb

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Union Budget for 2026-27 was presented on 1 February 2026. It holds the fiscal deficit at 4.3% of GDP, sets a debt-reduction path, and announces schemes for strategic manufacturing, infrastructure, farmers, textiles and data centres.

MUST KNOW

- Presented 1 February 2026; fiscal deficit target 4.3% of GDP for 2026-27
- Debt-to-GDP 55.6%, goal 50±1% by 2030-31; gross borrowing Rs 17.2 lakh crore
- Capex Rs 12.2 lakh crore; 20 new national waterways, seven high-speed rail corridors, Dankuni-Surat freight corridor
- Biopharma SHAKTI (Rs 10,000 crore), India Semiconductor Mission 2.0, rare-earth corridors, Bharat-VISTAAR AI tool for farmers
- Tax holiday till 2047 for foreign cloud firms using Indian data centres
- New Income-tax Act 2025 in force from 1 April 2026; STT raised on F&O

STATIC LINK

- Art. 112 — Annual Financial Statement (the Budget)
- FRBM Act, 2003 — statutory fiscal-deficit targets

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 110 (Money Bill); Arts. 112-117 (financial procedure in Parliament); Income-tax Act, 2025 replaces the Income-tax Act, 1961

CLAT ANGLE

Core Budget passage: questions on the fiscal-deficit figure, the constitutional article for the Budget, and matching schemes to sectors.

REFER Mar '26 p.48 · Feb '26 · Polity & Governance · Apr QS '26 p.49 · Economy

05.02

A

16th Finance Commission and states' share of taxes

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The 16th Finance Commission, chaired by Arvind Panagariya, kept the states' share of the divisible pool of central taxes unchanged at 41%.

MUST KNOW

- Chair: Arvind Panagariya
- States' vertical share retained at 41%

STATIC LINK

- Art. 280 — Finance Commission, constituted by the President every five years

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 280 (Finance Commission); fiscal federalism

CLAT ANGLE

Fiscal-federalism passage: who chairs the FC, what 'vertical devolution' means, and the constitutional basis.

REFER Mar '26 p.48

05.03

A

West Asia war and India's '3F' challenge: fuel, fertiliser, foreign exchange

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The closure of the Strait of Hormuz from late February 2026 hit India through costlier crude, scarce LNG for urea, and a weaker rupee. The Finance Minister named three risks: fuel, fertiliser and foreign exchange.

MUST KNOW

- India imports around 90% of its crude; about 40% moved via Hormuz
- Indian crude basket rose to about \$115 in April 2026
- Dependence on Qatari LNG as urea feedstock; a parliamentary panel sought a Fertiliser Supply Security Fund
- Rupee slid to about 95 per dollar in May; forex reserves = FCA, gold, SDR and reserve tranche position
- Transmission channels: energy prices, trade routes, Gulf remittances; the government appealed to curb spending on gold and foreign travel

STATIC LINK

- Strait of Hormuz links the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea
- SDR — IMF reserve asset created in 1969; basket of US dollar, euro, renminbi, yen and pound sterling
- FRBM Act, 2003 — fiscal-deficit targets

CLAT ANGLE

Cause-and-effect passage: how an oil shock feeds inflation, the current account and the rupee; questions on forex-reserve components and import dependence.

REFER Jun '26 p.2 · Apr '26 p.26 · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · Aug '26 · Quiz · Jun '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.36 · Economy · Apr QS '26 p.43 · Economy · Jul '26 p.44

05.04 **A** RBI Monetary Policy Committee: repo held at 5.25%

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The RBI's MPC kept the repo rate at 5.25% with a neutral stance through 2026, while the oil shock raised the risk of stagflation (high inflation with slow growth).

MUST KNOW

- Repo rate held at 5.25% with a neutral stance in the first FY27 review, and again by September
- FY27 growth projected at 6.7%
- MPC constituted under Section 45ZB of the RBI Act; first formed 29 Sep 2016
- Stagflation risk: oil supply shock combining high inflation and slow growth; 1970s oil shocks as precedent
- OMOs: RBI buys/sells government securities to manage liquidity

STATIC LINK

- MPC has six members, chaired by the RBI Governor
- Inflation target: 4% CPI with a $\pm 2\%$ band

LEGAL HOOK

RBI Act, 1934, s.45ZB (inserted 2016) — statutory MPC and flexible inflation targeting

CLAT ANGLE

Monetary-policy passage: MPC composition, the inflation-target band, and why a supply shock limits rate cuts.

REFER Sep '26 · Economy · May '26 · Economy · Apr QS '26 p.35 · Economy · Jun '26 p.53 · Apr QS '26 p.46 · Economy

05.05 **A** RBI's record surplus transfer of Rs 2.87 lakh crore

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The RBI transferred a record Rs 2.87 lakh crore to the Centre for 2025-26, driven by gains on selling foreign exchange, computed under its revised Economic Capital Framework.

MUST KNOW

- Rs 2.87 lakh crore to the Centre for 2025-26 — a record
- Driven by forex-sale gains amid a weakening rupee and FPI outflows
- Contingency risk buffer kept at 6.5% under the revised Economic Capital Framework

STATIC LINK

- Section 47, RBI Act 1934 — surplus profits paid to the Centre
- Economic Capital Framework based on the Bimal Jalan committee (2019)
- RBI established 1 April 1935

LEGAL HOOK

RBI Act, 1934, s.47

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on the RBI dividend: the legal provision, the Jalan framework and the fiscal impact.

REFER Jul '26 p.27 · Jun '26 · Economy

05.06



Rebasing India's data: new GDP, IIP and CPI series

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

MoSPI moved GDP and IIP to base year 2022-23 and CPI to base year 2024, using new data sources and methods, and launched a trial Index of Services Production.

MUST KNOW

- GDP base year shifted to 2022-23 (from 2011-12); uses double deflation and supply-use tables; data from ASUSE, PLFS, GST, e-Vahan
- FY26 growth estimated at 7.6% on the new series
- New IIP base 2022-23; April growth 4.9%; June 2026 IIP growth 7.3%, fastest in 23 months
- New CPI base year 2024 (earlier 2012); COICOP 2018, 12 divisions, 358-item basket; rural house rent included for the first time; January inflation 2.75%
- First trial Index of Services Production: base 2024-25, 19 sub-sectors

STATIC LINK

- National accounts and IIP are compiled by the NSO under MoSPI
- RBI's inflation target is set on CPI ($4\% \pm 2\%$)

CLAT ANGLE

Data passage: base years, why rebasing changes growth numbers; 'which base year' questions.

REFER Apr '26 p.20 · Apr '26 · Economy · Jul '26 · Economy · Sep '26 · Economy · Mar '26 · Pointers — Economy · Aug '26 · Quiz · Aug '26 · Economy

05.07 **A** EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and other EU trade barriers

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The EU's carbon border tax entered its definitive phase on 1 January 2026, hitting Indian steel and aluminium exports; India plans to absorb most MSME compliance costs.

MUST KNOW

- CBAM definitive phase began 1 January 2026
- Indian steel and aluminium most exposed
- Centre to absorb most MSME compliance cost
- EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) from December 2026

CLAT ANGLE

Trade-and-climate passage: is a carbon border tax fair trade or disguised protectionism?

REFER Feb '26 · International Relations · Jan '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.48 · Economy · Aug '26 · International Cooperation · Feb '26 p.2

05.08 **A** India-EU Free Trade Agreement

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

After talks that began in 2007, India and the EU reached a free trade agreement covering about 2 billion people and a quarter of world GDP.

MUST KNOW

- Talks began 2007
- Covers ~2 billion people and about a quarter of world GDP
- Tariffs on EU cars cut from 110% to 10% within a 2.5 lakh quota
- Farm products excluded

CLAT ANGLE

Trade-deal passage with coverage and tariff figures; questions on what was excluded and why.

REFER Feb '26 p.2

05.09 **A** Insurance FDI raised to 100%: Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha Bill, 2025

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Bill, passed by Parliament in December 2025, amends the Insurance Act 1938 to allow 100% FDI in insurance and eases entry

for foreign reinsurers.

MUST KNOW

- FDI cap in insurance raised from 74% to 100%
- Foreign reinsurers' net owned fund cut from Rs 5,000 crore to Rs 1,000 crore
- Passed by Parliament (December 2025)

STATIC LINK

- Insurance Act, 1938
- IRDAI created under the IRDA Act, 1999

LEGAL HOOK

Amendment of the Insurance Act, 1938

CLAT ANGLE

Liberalisation passage: FDI limits and the regulator; statement-assumption questions on foreign ownership.

REFER Jan '26 · Polity · Jan '26 · Quiz

05.10 **A** Economic Survey 2025-26

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Tabled on 30 January 2026, the Survey projected FY27 growth of 6.8-7.2%, raised potential growth to about 7%, and warned about fiscal populism in states.

MUST KNOW

- Tabled 30 January 2026
- FY27 growth projected at 6.8-7.2%; potential growth ~7%
- CPI inflation at 1.7%
- Revenue-surplus states fell from 19 to 11

STATIC LINK

- Prepared under the Chief Economic Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs (Finance Ministry)

CLAT ANGLE

Number questions on growth and inflation projections; who prepares the Survey.

REFER Feb '26 · Polity & Governance · Mar '26 p.48

05.11 **A** India now the 6th largest economy (IMF World Economic Outlook)

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The IMF's World Economic Outlook put India's 2026 GDP at about \$4.15 trillion, making it sixth, behind the UK and Japan — down from fourth in the April 2025 edition.

MUST KNOW

- 2026 GDP about \$4.15 trillion — 6th largest
- Behind the UK and Japan; down from 4th
- April 2025 WEO: global growth projected at 2.8% and 3.0%

STATIC LINK

- IMF HQ Washington DC; created at Bretton Woods, 1944

CLAT ANGLE

Ranking question; why dollar GDP rank can fall when the rupee weakens.

REFER May '26 · Economy · May '26 · Practice Quiz · Jan '26 p.2

05.12 **A** Energy security: Strategic Petroleum Reserves and lessons from the 1970s oil crises

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Hormuz crisis revived the 1973 and 1979 oil-shock lessons; India's Strategic Petroleum Reserves act as a buffer, and a four-pillar national energy framework has been proposed.

MUST KNOW

- SPR caverns: Visakhapatnam, Mangaluru and Padur; 5.33 MT capacity, about two-thirds full
- 1973 OAPEC embargo and 1979 Iranian Revolution tested India's energy security
- India's crude import dependence about 88.5%
- Proposed four-pillar national energy policy: SPR, E2o blending, renewables

STATIC LINK

- SPRs are managed by Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd (ISPRL)

CLAT ANGLE

History-to-present passage on energy security; location-of-SPR question.

REFER Sep '26 p.62 · May '26 p.17 · Apr '26 · Economy

05.13 **A** UPI as digital infrastructure diplomacyTaught ☐ Revised ☐

India is taking UPI abroad in phases — bilateral links, digital public infrastructure advocacy and multilateral links such as Project Nexus — while clarifying that person-to-person UPI stays free.

MUST KNOW

- Phases: bilateral links, DPI advocacy, multilateral linkages (Project Nexus)
- No charges on person-to-person UPI; merchant fees only above a size threshold
- Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill 2026 on charges for large merchants

STATIC LINK

- UPI launched in 2016 by NPCI
- Bank for International Settlements (BIS) is headquartered in Basel

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on UPI as 'infrastructural power'; questions on who runs UPI and what is charged.

REFER Sep '26 p.67 · Sep '26 · Economy

B SHOULD COVER 30 themes ————— T = taught · R = revised05.14 **B** US Section 301 tariffs and India's ban on forced-labour importsT ☐ R ☐

The US Trade Representative imposed 10-12.5% tariffs on 60 economies under Section 301, with India at 10% over forced labour; India's DGFT then barred imports made with forced labour.

MUST KNOW USTR tariffs of 10-12.5% on 60 economies; India at 10%, over forced labour · DGFT barred imports made with forced labour · A US report accused over 40 countries, including India, of tariff-evading transshipment

STATIC Section 301 of the US Trade Act of 1974

§ LEGAL Art. 23 — prohibition of traffic in human beings and forced labour

ANGLE *Trade-and-rights passage linking a US trade law to India's constitutional ban on forced labour.*

REFER Aug '26 · Quiz · Aug '26 · International Cooperation · Aug '26 · Polity & Governance · Sep '26 · International Relations

05.15 **B Compensation and safeguards for digital-fraud victims** T ☐ R ☐

The RBI set up a once-in-a-lifetime compensation for small digital frauds and proposed tools such as an emergency 'kill switch' in banking apps to fight digital-arrest scams and mule accounts.

MUST KNOW From 2027, small e-banking fraud victims can get up to 85% of the loss (max Rs 25,000) once in a lifetime; must report within 5 days · Funded from the DEA Fund; RBI to bear 70% · Proposed 'kill switch' in banking apps to freeze all transactions, aimed at digital-arrest scams · RBI Innovation Hub and I4C MoU against mule accounts: Suspect Registry and MuleHunter.ai

STATIC I4C functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs

ANGLE *Consumer-protection passage; application questions on who is eligible for compensation.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Polity · Jul '26 · Polity and Governance · Jun '26 · Economy · Jun '26 · Polity & Governance

05.16 **B RBI's new cheques and notes: e-cheques, continuous clearing, polymer notes** T ☐ R ☐

The RBI proposed digitally signed e-cheques, moved to continuous cheque clearing under CTS, and plans polymer Rs 10 and Rs 20 notes.

MUST KNOW E-cheques: digitally signed, combining cheque features with digital speed and security · Continuous cheque clearing under the Cheque Truncation System · Polymer Rs 10 and Rs 20 notes planned from FY28

STATIC RBI established 1935 under the RBI Act, 1934

ANGLE *Banking-innovation facts; 'which of the following is correct' questions.*

REFER May '26 · Economy · Apr QS '26 p.34 · Economy · Sep '26 · Economy · Aug '26 · Quiz

05.17 **B RBI bars banks from offshore rupee non-deliverable derivatives** T ☐ R ☐

To defend the rupee, the RBI barred banks from offshore non-deliverable rupee derivative contracts, which are settled in dollars in hubs like Singapore and Dubai.

MUST KNOW Banks barred from offshore rupee NDD contracts · NDDs are cash-settled in dollars in hubs like Singapore and Dubai

ANGLE *Concept question on NDDs and currency management.*

REFER May '26 · Economy · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · May '26 · Practice Quiz

05.18 [B] Ethanol blending: E20 achieved, E25 delayedT ☐ R ☐

E20 (20% ethanol-blended petrol) is now nationwide, but the move to E25 is likely delayed.

MUST KNOW E20: 20% ethanol-blended petrol, already nationwide · Move to E25 likely delayed

STATIC National Policy on Biofuels, 2018 · GST Council under Art. 279A (101st Amendment, 2016)

ANGLE *Energy-policy facts; link between sugar output and ethanol.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.33 · Geography & Environment · Aug '26 · Polity & Governance · Jan '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Quiz

05.19 [B] Bulgaria joins the eurozoneT ☐ R ☐

Bulgaria became the 21st member of the euro area on 1 January 2026, replacing the lev.

MUST KNOW 21st euro member on 1 January 2026 · Replaced the lev

STATIC European Central Bank HQ Frankfurt

ANGLE *Membership-number question.*

REFER Feb '26 · International Relations · Apr QS '26 p.8 · International Relations & World Geography · Jan '26 · Quiz

05.20 [B] BHAVYA: 100 plug-and-play industrial parksT ☐ R ☐

The Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (BHAVYA) will build 100 plug-and-play industrial parks with an outlay of Rs 33,660 crore.

MUST KNOW Rs 33,660 crore outlay · 100 plug-and-play industrial parks

ANGLE *Scheme-name and outlay match.*

REFER Jul '26 · Polity and Governance · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · Apr '26 · Polity and Governance

05.21 [B] National Monetisation Pipeline 2.0T ☐ R ☐

The Asset Monetisation Plan for 2025-30 leases the revenue rights of public assets to private players without transferring ownership.

MUST KNOW Asset Monetisation Plan for 2025-30 · Leases revenue rights of public assets without transferring ownership

ANGLE *Concept question: monetisation vs privatisation.*

REFER Apr '26 · Polity and Governance · Apr QS '26 p.48 · Economy

05.22 [B] Urban Challenge FundT ☐ R ☐

A Rs 1 lakh crore fund will cover 25% of city project costs, with at least 50% raised from markets.

MUST KNOW Rs 1 lakh crore fund · Covers 25% of project cost · At least 50% to be raised from markets

ANGLE *Scheme-size question.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Polity · Mar '26 · Quiz

05.23 **B** **Bharat Taxi: cooperative ride-hailing**

T ☐ R ☐

A zero-commission, driver-owned ride-hailing app launched on 5 February, run by the Sahakar Taxi Cooperative with NCDC, Amul and NABARD.

MUST KNOW Launched 5 February; zero-commission, driver-owned · Run by Sahakar Taxi Cooperative with NCDC, Amul and NABARD

STATIC Union Ministry of Cooperation created in 2021

§ LEGAL Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002

ANGLE *Question on the cooperative model vs platform aggregators.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Polity

05.24 **B** **New duty regime for tobacco and pan masala**

T ☐ R ☐

From 1 February 2026, GST of 40% applies to pan masala and cigarettes and 18% to biris, along with a new Health and National Security Cess and excise, replacing the compensation cess.

MUST KNOW From 1 February 2026: 40% GST on pan masala/cigarettes, 18% on biris · Health and National Security Cess plus excise · Replaces the GST compensation cess

STATIC GST introduced by the 101st Amendment (2016)

ANGLE *Tax-rate / cess question.*

REFER Feb '26 · Polity & Governance

05.25 **B** **Masala bonds: ED's FEMA notice over KIIFB**

T ☐ R ☐

The Enforcement Directorate served FEMA notices over masala bonds raised by KIIFB, a state infrastructure fund; masala bonds are rupee-denominated bonds issued overseas.

MUST KNOW Masala bonds are rupee-denominated bonds issued overseas · ED served FEMA notices over KIIFB bonds · FEMA (1999) replaced FERA (1973)

§ LEGAL FEMA 1999 — civil (not criminal) regime for foreign-exchange violations

ANGLE *Concept + legal regime question on masala bonds and FEMA.*

REFER Jan '26 · Polity

05.26 **B** State finances: cash transfers vs capital spending, and NITI's Fiscal Health Index T ☐ R ☐

State cash-transfer schemes for women raise the welfare-versus-investment debate; NITI Aayog's Fiscal Health Index ranks states on their finances.

MUST KNOW State cash transfers for women: Majhi Ladki Bahin, Orunodoi, Lakshmir Bhandar · Concerns: fiscal strain and revenue deficits · Fiscal Health Index 2025 assessed 18 states for FY23; leaders Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand; laggards Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal

STATIC Arts. 38 and 41 — DPSPs on a welfare state and public assistance · FRBM Act 2003 · NITI Aayog replaced the Planning Commission in 2015; PM is chairperson

§ LEGAL DPSPs (Arts. 38, 41) vs fiscal discipline (FRBM Act 2003); 'freebies' debate before the Supreme Court

ANGLE *Freebies vs capex passage; fiscal-federalism questions.*

REFER Jan '26 p.21 · Jan '26 p.2

05.27 **B** Human capital as the anchor of growth T ☐ R ☐

Budget 2026-27 and the 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries put skilling, education, health and care work at the centre of growth, flagging low female labour-force participation.

MUST KNOW 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries theme: Human Capital for Viksit Bharat · Budget stresses skilling, ITI upgradation, education, health and care work · Flags low female labour-force participation and the creative (orange)/AVGC economy · TFR 1.9; lessons from East Asia (South Korea)

STATIC PLFS is conducted by the NSO (MoSPI)

ANGLE *Demographic-dividend passage; inference questions on female LFPR.*

REFER Feb '26 p.31 · Mar '26 p.27

05.28 **B** Building a deeper manufacturing economy T ☐ R ☐

India lags China on manufacturing value added and robot density; the case is for cluster- and MSME-based 'deep' manufacturing rather than shallow assembly.

MUST KNOW India lags China on manufacturing value added and robot density · Gains in electronics, mobiles, autos, pharma and textiles · Argues for cluster- and MSME-based deep manufacturing

ANGLE *Argument passage: shallow assembly vs deep manufacturing.*

REFER Aug '26 p.21

05.29 **B** Rural non-farm employment: prosperity or distress T ☐ R ☐

Rural household income is shifting from crops to wages and livestock; the non-farm share of rural jobs rose and then plateaued.

MUST KNOW Rural income shifting from crops to wages and livestock · Non-farm share of rural jobs rose and then plateaued · Programme lineage: Community Development Programme (1952), IRDP, MGNREGA, now VB-G RAM G

STATIC MGNREGA was enacted in 2005

§ LEGAL Viksit Bharat–G RAM G Act replacing MGNREGA

ANGLE *Economy passage on rural livelihoods; lineage of rural programmes.*

REFER Aug '26 p.14

05.30 **B** Informal sector: ASUSE 2025 findings T ☐ R ☐

MoSPI's Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises 2025 maps India's informal economy of mostly owner-operated, low-productivity units.

MUST KNOW 7.92 crore establishments and 12.81 crore workers · Mostly owner-operated units with modest productivity · Slow progress for women-owned firms

ANGLE *Data passage on the unincorporated sector.*

REFER May '26 p.25

05.31 **B** India's road network: growth, financing and barrier-less tolling T ☐ R ☐

India has the world's second-largest road network, built through NHDP, Bharatmala and PM GatiShakti; NHAI is now rolling out barrier-less Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling.

MUST KNOW World's second-largest road network · Programmes: NHDP, Bharatmala, PM GatiShakti; financing via the Hybrid Annuity Model · Prompted by the SC recognising safe footpaths as a right · Multi-Lane Free Flow: NHAI's barrier-less tolling using RFID and number-plate cameras

STATIC Indian Roads Congress set up in 1934

§ LEGAL Art. 21 (safe footpaths); Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013

ANGLE *Infrastructure passage; questions on HAM, Bharatmala and land-acquisition law.*

REFER Jul '26 p.32 · Sep '26 · Economy · Sep '26 · Quiz

05.32 **B** Rare-earth magnets and rare-earth corridors

T ☐ R ☐

To cut dependence on imports, India launched a scheme for sintered rare-earth permanent magnets and announced rare-earth corridors in four coastal states.

MUST KNOW Scheme for 6,000 tpa sintered rare-earth magnet capacity · Rs 6,450 crore incentives plus Rs 750 crore capital subsidy · Budget rare-earth corridors: Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu

STATIC IREL is a PSU under the Department of Atomic Energy

ANGLE *Critical-minerals question: which states host the corridors.*

REFER Jul '26 · Economy · Apr QS '26 p.64 · Science & Technology and Defence · Mar '26 Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.21 · Geography & Environment

05.33 **B** Balance of payments surplus and record remittances

T ☐ R ☐

India ran a balance of payments surplus of about \$7.22 billion in January-March 2026, with remittances at a 13-year high.

MUST KNOW BoP surplus of ~\$7.22 bn in Jan-Mar 2026 · Remittances at a 13-year high

ANGLE *External-sector data question.*

REFER Jul '26 · Economy · May '26 · Practice Quiz

05.34 **B** FAST-DS: one-time foreign asset disclosure window

T ☐ R ☐

A one-time window from 16 August to 31 December lets small taxpayers declare undisclosed foreign assets.

MUST KNOW Window 16 August - 31 December · For small taxpayers' undisclosed foreign assets

§ LEGAL Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015

ANGLE *Tax-compliance question.*

REFER Sep '26 · Economy · Sep '26 · Quiz

05.35 **B** Crypto regulation: CARF reporting and stablecoins

T ☐ R ☐

The CBDT issued guidance on the OECD Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework, as stablecoins become a regulatory question.

MUST KNOW CBDT guidance on the OECD Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework (CARF)

ANGLE *Crypto tax-transparency question.*

REFER Sep '26 · Economy · Apr QS '26 p.37 · Economy

05.36 **B** **IRDAI to monitor dark patterns in insurance**

T ☐ R ☐

IRDAI will monitor deceptive online design ('dark patterns') in insurance, with the Institute of Public Auditors of India.

MUST KNOW IRDAI to monitor deceptive online design · With the Institute of Public Auditors of India

STATIC IRDAI set up under the IRDA Act 1999; HQ Hyderabad · CCPA issued Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023

§ **LEGAL** Consumer Protection Act 2019 — dark patterns as an unfair trade practice

ANGLE *Consumer-law application question on dark patterns.*

REFER Aug '26 · Polity & Governance

05.37 **B** **Sijimali bauxite mining protests**

T ☐ R ☐

Tribal residents near Kashipur in Rayagada protested a road to the Vedanta-held Sijimali bauxite mine.

MUST KNOW Protests near Kashipur, Rayagada against a road to the Vedanta-held mine · Odisha has 41% of India's bauxite resources and about 73% of output

STATIC Orissa Mining Corporation v MoEF (2013, Niyamgiri) let gram sabhas decide on forest-dwellers' rights

§ **LEGAL** Forest Rights Act, 2006; gram sabha consent (Niyamgiri, 2013)

ANGLE *Tribal rights vs mining: application of the Niyamgiri principle.*

REFER May '26 · Economy

05.38 **B** **Venezuelan crude imports resume**

T ☐ R ☐

India will take 10-12 million barrels of Venezuelan crude, the most in six years, after imports stopped following 2019 US sanctions.

MUST KNOW 10-12 million barrels, the most in six years · Imports had stopped after 2019 US sanctions

STATIC Venezuela is a founding member of OPEC (1960)

ANGLE *Energy-diversification fact.*

REFER May '26 · Economy · Jan '26 · Quiz

05.39 **B** **OPEC+ keeps output unchanged**

T ☐ R ☐

OPEC+ decided on 4 January to keep output unchanged.

MUST KNOW Decision of 4 January · OPEC founded 1960; OPEC+ formed 2016

STATIC OPEC founded at Baghdad; HQ Vienna

ANGLE *OPEC static question.*

REFER Feb '26 · International Relations

05.40 **B** **RBI Financial Inclusion Index**T ☐ R ☐

The RBI's Financial Inclusion Index rose to 67 in March 2025 from 64.2.

MUST KNOW Rose to 67 (March 2025) from 64.2 · Weights: access 35, usage 45, quality 20

STATIC RBI est. 1935 under the RBI Act 1934; nationalised 1949

ANGLE *Index value and weights.*

REFER Jan '26 p.2

05.41 **B** **Monsoon as the economy's lifeline**T ☐ R ☐

Rain-fed farming still matters to growth and inflation even though about 55% of the area is irrigated.

MUST KNOW Rain-fed agriculture still matters despite ~55% irrigated area · A Budget was once called a 'gamble on the monsoon'

ANGLE *Monsoon-economy link.*

REFER Jul '26 p.2

05.42 **B** **India becomes the world's largest rice producer**T ☐ R ☐

India produced 150.18 million tonnes of rice in 2024-25, overtaking China.

MUST KNOW 150.18 million tonnes in 2024-25 · Overtook China · 184 new crop varieties released

ANGLE *'India overtakes China' fact.*

REFER Feb '26 · Polity & Governance

05.43 **B** **8th Central Pay Commission**T ☐ R ☐

The 8th Central Pay Commission has been constituted to revise central government pay.

MUST KNOW 8th Central Pay Commission constituted

STATIC Pay Commissions are set up by the Centre; they are not constitutional bodies

ANGLE *Constitutional vs non-constitutional body question.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.41 · Economy

C **QUICK-READ FACTS** 64 facts

- 05.C01 **'Your Money, Your Right' / unclaimed deposits** — Portals: RBI UDAM, IRDAI Bima Bharosa, SEBI MITRA, MCA IEPFA
Jan '26 · Polity; Apr QS '26 p.42 · Economy
- 05.C02 **Anti-dumping duties** — Industry sought a pause on anti-dumping probes on chemical intermediaries; governed by the WTO Anti-dumping Agreement Jun '26 · Economy

- **05.C03 Most-Favoured-Nation principle** — MFN (non-discrimination) is in Article I of GATT Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz
- **05.C04 Asian stock market indices** — Identification of major Asian stock indices Jul '26 · Quiz
- **05.C05 Bitumen price rise** — West Asia war raised bitumen prices, slowing Delhi road works May '26 · Economy
- **05.C06 Bonds, G-Secs and Treasury Bills** — Treasury bills mature in under one year (91, 182, 364 days) Mar '26 · Quiz
- **05.C07 Bull run** — Market term for a sustained rise in prices Apr QS '26 p.43 · Economy
- **05.C08 Central Counterparties** — Clearing and settlement bodies in markets Apr QS '26 p.47 · Economy
- **05.C09 Chipflation** — Rising memory-chip prices pushing up electronics costs Sep '26 · Economy
- **05.C10 Coal and lignite gasification scheme** — Cabinet approved Rs 37,500 crore for about 25 projects; target 75 MT gasification Jun '26 · Economy
- **05.C11 Coffee exports** — Karnataka is India's largest coffee producer Apr QS '26 p.35 · Economy
- **05.C12 Koraput coffee** — GI-tagged tribal coffee of Odisha Apr QS '26 p.40 · Economy
- **05.C13 Core inflation** — Inflation concept (excludes volatile items such as food and fuel) Mar '26 · Quiz
- **05.C14 Credit societies and cooperative banks** — Cooperative banks are regulated under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 Apr QS '26 p.49 · Economy
- **05.C15 Domestic solar cell mandate** — From 1 June, rooftop/net-metered solar (e.g., PM Surya Ghar) must use domestic cells Jul '26 · Economy; Jun '26 · Quiz
- **05.C16 ECLGS 5.0** — New tranche of about Rs 2.55 lakh crore, including Rs 5,000 crore for airlines Jun '26 · Polity & Governance
- **05.C17 Exchange Traded Funds** — Investment-instrument basics Mar '26 · Quiz
- **05.C18 FCNR(B) deposit swap window** — Banks can raise 3-5 year FCNR(B) deposits till September 2026 with hedging cost absorbed Jul '26 · Economy; Jul '26 · Quiz
- **05.C19 Foreign bank stakes in Indian banks** — Foreign shareholding limits in banks Apr QS '26 p.46 · Economy
- **05.C20 Foreign portfolio investors** — FPIs are regulated by SEBI Feb '26 · Quiz
- **05.C21 FPI access to government bonds** — FPI limits for FY27 kept at 6% (G-Secs), 2% (state securities), 15% (corporate bonds); Fully Accessible Route for G-secs May '26 · Economy; Jun '26 · Quiz

- **05.C22 Tax relief for foreign investors in G-secs** — Govt considered cutting ~20% withholding tax on non-residents' G-sec interest; capital-gains and withholding taxes later scrapped for FPIs holding G-secs
Jun '26 · Quiz; Jun '26 · Economy; Jul '26 · Economy
- **05.C23 Gold prices and ETFs** — Gold ETFs basics Feb '26 · Quiz
- **05.C24 World Gold Council** — HQ London Mar '26 · Quiz
- **05.C25 Goldilocks economy** — Term for an economy neither too hot nor too cold — steady growth with low inflation May '26 · Practice Quiz; Jan '26 · Quiz
- **05.C26 Household Consumption Expenditure Survey** — Next round from mid-2027; may use diary-based collection for gated societies
Sep '26 · Quiz; Sep '26 · Economy
- **05.C27 IMF Extended Fund Facility** — Pakistan's Extended Fund Facility is from the IMF (HQ Washington DC)
Jan '26 · Quiz; Apr QS '26 p.16 · International Relations & World Geography
- **05.C28 Income Tax 'NUDGE' campaign** — Tax-compliance campaign
Mar '26 · Quiz
- **05.C29 India a net exporter of petroleum products** — India exports refined products thanks to large refining capacity Sep '26 · Economy
- **05.C30 India's agricultural exports to the US** — Trade-deal angle
Mar '26 · Quiz
- **05.C31 India's chemical industry** — Sector fact Jun '26 · Quiz
- **05.C32 India's weight in the MSCI EM index** — Markets fact Jun '26 · Quiz
- **05.C33 India-Myanmar pulses agreement extended** — Pact for importing urad and tur extended for five more years Apr '26 · International
- **05.C34 IndiGo crisis** — Flight disruptions; pilot rest and fatigue framed as a safety issue; DGCA is the civil aviation regulator Jan '26 p.67
- **05.C35 Indonesia's B50 biodiesel and palm oil** — 50% palm biodiesel blend; India imports about \$8.5 bn of palm oil, over half from Indonesia
May '26 · Economy; May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **05.C36 Labour force participation rate** — Measured by PLFS (NSO)
Feb '26 · Quiz
- **05.C37 Lakadong turmeric / Mission Golden Spice** — Lakadong turmeric is from Meghalaya Aug '26 · Quiz
- **05.C38 LRS outflows dip** — LRS remittances fell about 12% in April 2026; limit \$250,000; LRS operates under FEMA, 1999 Jul '26 · Economy
- **05.C39 Man-made fibre duty cuts sought** — Textiles Ministry seeks customs duty cuts on MMF inputs as war hits PET supply May '26 · Economy
- **05.C40 MeitY electronics component scheme** — Large outlay for FY27-31 on two tracks Sep '26 · Economy
- **05.C41 Mission for Cotton Productivity** — Rs 5,659 crore for 2026-31; target ~755 kg/ha; ELS cotton and Kasturi Cotton Bharat brand
Jun '26 · Polity & Governance

- **05.C42 National Investment Policy for Urea 2026** — Gas-based urea policy with a 12-16% RoE band and forex-risk relief
Aug '26 · Polity & Governance; Aug '26 · Quiz
- **05.C43 NCDC (Amendment) Bill 2026** — Widens NCDC's remit to processed foodstuffs (NCDC Act 1962) Sep '26 · Polity and Governance
- **05.C44 New SOP for FDI proposals** — Timelines cut to about 12 weeks; MHA security clearance for sensitive sectors Jun '26 · Economy
- **05.C45 Nifty 500 Ahimsa Index** — NSE index excluding businesses causing harm; follows BSE Saatvik 100 Aug '26 · Economy
- **05.C46 Nobitex crypto exchange** — Iranian exchange reportedly used by the state and IRGC to move funds May '26 · Science & Technology
- **05.C47 Nuclear power / draft National Electricity Policy 2026** — Energy policy; Atomic Energy Act 1962 Feb '26 · Quiz
- **05.C48 Outward FDI** — Overseas investment is governed by FEMA, 1999
Apr QS '26 p.38 · Economy
- **05.C49 Payments banks** — Payments banks cannot lend or issue credit cards May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **05.C50 Petrochemical products and customs duty exemption** — Minor tariff fact Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz; May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **05.C51 Quick commerce** — New-economy term for very fast delivery
Apr QS '26 p.41 · Economy
- **05.C52 RBI State of the Economy report** — Projects inflation peaking in Q3 Sep '26 · Economy
- **05.C53 RELIEF scheme for exporters** — Rs 497 crore support for exporters hit by the West Asia disruption, under the Export Promotion Mission Apr '26 · Polity and Governance
- **05.C54 RESourceEU** — EU critical raw materials plan
Apr QS '26 p.11 · International Relations & World Geography
- **05.C55 SASCI tied to renewable energy** — 50-year interest-free capex loans to states, part linked to RE adoption; kept outside the 3% fiscal deficit limit Jun '26 · Economy
- **05.C56 SEBI IT Resilience Index** — Nine-parameter index for market entities from early 2027 Sep '26 · Economy
- **05.C57 SEBI reforms** — Revamp of securities lending; bond tokenisation pilot; SEBI became statutory in 1992 Sep '26 · Economy
- **05.C58 Tokenisation / Unified Markets Interface** — Asset tokenisation
Apr QS '26 p.39 · Economy
- **05.C59 Shipbuilding schemes notified** — Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme Rs 24,736 cr; Shipbuilding Development Scheme Rs 19,989 cr Feb '26 · Polity & Governance
- **05.C60 Special Rupee Vostro Account** — RBI enabled rupee trade settlement via SRVAs in 2022 Sep '26 · Quiz

- 05.C61 **Sugar export ban** — DGFT barred sugar exports till 30 September; DGFT is under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Jun '26 · Economy
- 05.C62 **Tripura mustard honey exports** — Exported to Dubai with APEDA support Sep '26 · Economy
- 05.C63 **Upper-layer NBFCs** — RBI's scale-based regulation of NBFCs Jul '26 · Quiz
- 05.C64 **US Fed FIMA Repo Facility** — Lets foreign central banks like the RBI repo US Treasuries for dollars May '26 · Economy

SUBJECT 06 / 16

06

Environment, Climate & Biodiversity

11 must-teach · 26 should-cover · 44 quick-read facts

A MUST TEACH 11 themes

06.01 A India's Ramsar sites climb from 96 to 101

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India added wetlands to the Ramsar list all through the year. The count rose from 96 (Jan) to 98 (Feb), 100 (Jul) and 101 (Sep) — use the latest count, 101, and treat earlier figures as out of date.

MUST KNOW

- Latest count: Glaw Lake (Arunachal Pradesh) became India's 101st Ramsar site (Sep 2026)
- 100th site: Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal), Ballia, UP — an oxbow lake on the Central Asian Flyway
- Feb 2026: Patna Bird Sanctuary (Etah, UP) and Chhari-Dhand (Kutch, Gujarat) took the total to 98
- Jan 2026: Siliserh Lake (Rajasthan, human-made, near Sariska) and Kopra Jalashay (Chhattisgarh's first) took it to 96
- Shekha Jheel (UP) also in news as a Ramsar site (May 2026)

STATIC LINK

- Ramsar Convention signed 1971 at Ramsar, Iran; India joined 1982
- World Wetlands Day: 2 February
- Kanwar Jheel, Begusarai, is Bihar's first Ramsar site

CLAT ANGLE

Count and state-site matching: 'Which is India's 100th/101st Ramsar site?' or 'Match the wetland to its state'. Earlier counts in older material are stale.

REFER Jan '26 · Environment · Feb '26 · Environment · Feb '26 · Quiz · May '26 · Practice Quiz · Jul '26 · Environment and Geography · Sep '26 · Environment and Geography

06.02



Delhi-NCR air pollution: causes and legal framework

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Delhi's winter smog returned, with vehicles, stubble burning, industry and coal plants as sources. The response mixes emergency action (GRAP), vehicle curbs, EV policy and a debate over exempting coal plants from sulphur scrubbers.

MUST KNOW

- Framework: Air Act 1981, NCAP, AQI, GRAP, CAQM
- About one-third of Delhi's PM_{2.5} is secondary aerosol, mainly ammonium sulphate from coal-plant SO₂ reacting with farm ammonia (CREA)
- Most coal plants were exempted from FGD (sulphur scrubbers) in 2025; IIT Delhi study says curbing SO₂ could avert about 1.25 lakh deaths a year
- From 18 Dec, non-BS-VI private vehicles registered outside Delhi barred; BS-VI mandatory nationwide from April 2020
- Delhi EV Policy 2.0 (from 1 July): only electric two-wheelers registered from April 2028; Rs 50,000 retrofit incentive for the first 1,000 cars converted to electric

STATIC LINK

- NCAP launched 2019
- CAQM for NCR created by statute in 2021
- GRAP has four stages, enforced in NCR by CAQM
- India leapfrogged from BS-IV to BS-VI, skipping BS-V
- Arts. 48A and 51A(g) — protection of environment

LEGAL HOOK

Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981; right to clean air read into Art. 21; Arts. 48A (DPSP) and 51A(g) (Fundamental Duty)

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on air pollution with a question on which authority/statute acts, or applying the Art. 21 right to a clean environment to a fact situation.

REFER Jan '26 p.52 · Jan '26 · Polity · Jan '26 · Environment · Jan '26 · Quiz · Feb '26 · Environment · Feb '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.31 · Jun '26 · Environment · Jul '26 · Environment and Geography · Aug '26 · Polity & Governance

06.03

A

India's climate targets: NDC 3.0 and 300 GW clean power

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India submitted new 2035 climate targets under the Paris Agreement and crossed 300 GW of non-fossil power capacity on the way to its 500 GW goal for 2030.

MUST KNOW

- NDC 3.0: cut emissions intensity of GDP by 47% by 2035
- NDC 3.0: 60% non-fossil power capacity and a larger carbon sink by 2035
- India crossed 300 GW of non-fossil capacity (Sep 2026)
- Target: 500 GW non-fossil capacity by 2030

STATIC LINK

- NDCs are submitted under the Paris Agreement (2015)
- 500 GW by 2030 was announced at COP26 (Glasgow)
- Paris Agreement aims to keep warming well below 2°C, pursuing 1.5°C

CLAT ANGLE

Number-matching on targets (47%, 60%, 2035; 500 GW, 2030) and 'which treaty requires NDCs'.

REFER Feb '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.39 · Apr '26 · Environment · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · Sep '26 · Environment and Geography

06.04

A

COP30 Belem and the Tropical Forest Forever Facility

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

At COP30 in Belem, Brazil launched a fund that pays tropical countries for keeping their forests standing, instead of paying only for projects.

MUST KNOW

- TFFF proposed by Brazil, launched at COP30 in Belem
- Pays countries for keeping forests standing
- Amazon and Congo basins are key carbon stores; role of Indigenous peoples stressed

STATIC LINK

- UNFCCC adopted 1992 and opened for signature at the Rio Earth Summit; secretariat in Bonn
- COP = Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC

CLAT ANGLE

Climate-finance passage: identify COP30 host city/country and what the TFFF pays for.

REFER Jan '26 p.30

06.05 **A** Western Ghats eco-sensitive area: Gadgil vs Kasturirangan

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Centre is moving to finalise a large eco-sensitive area (ESA) in the Western Ghats through a seventh draft notification, based on the Kasturirangan report rather than the stricter Gadgil report.

MUST KNOW

- Seventh draft notification proposes a large ESA across six states
- About 56,825 sq km of eco-sensitive area proposed
- Based on the Kasturirangan report
- Gadgil panel = Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP), headed by Madhav Gadgil

STATIC LINK

- Gadgil (WGEEP) report 2011; Kasturirangan report 2013
- ESAs/ESZs are notified by MoEFCC under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986
- Western Ghats are a UNESCO World Heritage Site (2012)

LEGAL HOOK

Environment (Protection) Act 1986 — power to notify eco-sensitive areas/zones

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on development vs conservation; questions on which committee said what and the statute used to notify ESAs.

REFER Feb '26 · Quiz · Jul '26 · Environment and Geography · Sep '26 · Environment and Geography

06.06 **A** Project Cheetah: new batches and numbers

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India's cheetah reintroduction continued, with a third batch arriving from Botswana after earlier batches from Namibia and South Africa.

MUST KNOW

- Eight cheetahs arrived from Botswana — the third batch
- Earlier cheetahs came from Namibia (Sept 2022) and South Africa
- Asiatic cheetah is Critically Endangered and survives only in Iran

- International Cheetah Day: 4 December

STATIC LINK

- Project Cheetah launched September 2022 at Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh

CLAT ANGLE

Species-reintroduction passage; questions on source countries, Kuno NP and the Asiatic vs African cheetah.

REFER Jan '26 · Events · Mar '26 · Quiz · Apr '26 · Environment

06.07 **A** Great Indian Bustard: first Gujarat chick and the climate-rights ruling

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

A Great Indian Bustard chick hatched in Gujarat for the first time in a decade using an egg brought from Jaisalmer. The bird is also the subject of the Supreme Court case that recognised a right against climate change.

MUST KNOW

- First GIB chick in a decade in Gujarat
- Hatched by the 'jumpstart' method using an egg from Jaisalmer

STATIC LINK

- GIB: IUCN Critically Endangered
- GIB is the state bird of Rajasthan

LEGAL HOOK

M.K. Ranjitsinh v. Union of India (2024) — SC recognised a right against the adverse effects of climate change under Arts. 14 and 21 (power lines vs GIB habitat)

CLAT ANGLE

Species passage paired with a Legal Reasoning question on the Ranjitsinh principle.

REFER Jan '26 · Quiz · Apr '26 · Environment · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz

06.08 **A** Great Nicobar project: NGT clearance and coral translocation

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Taught ☐ Revised ☐

An NGT special bench cleared the Great Nicobar mega-project, and the ZSI was tasked with moving thousands of coral colonies from Galathea Bay for the port.

MUST KNOW

- NGT special bench cleared the project
- Components: transshipment port, township, airport, power plant
- Conceived by NITI Aayog
- ZSI to translocate over 16,000 coral colonies at Galathea Bay for the port

STATIC LINK

- National Green Tribunal set up in 2010

LEGAL HOOK

National Green Tribunal Act, 2010

CLAT ANGLE

Development-vs-ecology passage; questions on project components and the forum that cleared it.

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Places in News · Jul '26 · Environment and Geography

06.09

A

Disappearing lakes and the public trust doctrine

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

A CAG audit found most lakes in J&K lost or shrunk, exposing weak enforcement of wetland law; courts use the public trust doctrine to protect such water bodies.

MUST KNOW

- CAG found 518 of 697 lakes in J&K lost or shrunk
- Framework: Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017 and NPCA (merging NLCP and NWCP)
- Swachh Association v State of Maharashtra (2025) cited

STATIC LINK

- M.C. Mehta v Kamal Nath (1997) applied the Public Trust Doctrine in India

LEGAL HOOK

Public Trust Doctrine (State holds natural resources as trustee for the public); Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017

CLAT ANGLE

Legal Reasoning passage: apply the public trust doctrine to a lake being encroached or handed to a private party.

REFER May '26 p.34

06.10 **A** Flash floods: causes beyond extreme rainTaught ☐ Revised ☐

A study found most flash floods in India are not caused by extreme rain alone — soil moisture, basin shape and terrain matter — as events rise with warming.

MUST KNOW

- IMD treats more than 100 mm of rain in an hour as a cloudburst
- IIT-Gandhinagar study (Nature Hazards): only about a quarter of flash floods trace directly to extreme rainfall
- Warmer air holds about 7% more moisture per 1°C of warming
- Jal Shakti data: flash-flood events rose from 132 to 184 (2020-22)
- National Flood Commission estimated about 40 Mha of India as flood-prone

STATIC LINK

- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
- NDMA, under the Disaster Management Act 2005, is chaired by the Prime Minister
- About 75% of India's rain falls in June-September

LEGAL HOOK

Disaster Management Act 2005

CLAT ANGLE

Statement-based questions: cloudburst vs flash flood; which factors drive flash floods; which measures are nature-based or early-warning.

REFER Aug '26 p.2

06.11 **A** Carbon pricing: India's carbon market and EU's CBAMTaught ☐ Revised ☐

The EU's carbon border tax (CBAM) began charging from January 2026, pushing Indian steel to decarbonise, while India builds its own Carbon Credit Trading Scheme with emission-intensity targets.

MUST KNOW

- EU's CBAM applies from January 2026
- India has a Green Steel Taxonomy (2024) with star ratings
- Steel routes: BF-BOF, DRI and EAF; levers include green hydrogen, scrap and CCUS

- India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme sets GHG emission-intensity targets

STATIC LINK

- Art. 6 of the Paris Agreement covers carbon markets
- India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme is notified under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (amended 2022)
- National Green Hydrogen Mission approved January 2023

LEGAL HOOK

Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (as amended 2022) — carbon credit trading

CLAT ANGLE

Climate-trade passage; questions on what CBAM taxes, its start date and the law behind India's carbon market.

REFER Mar '26 p.32 · Jun '26 · Quiz · Jul '26 · Quiz

B SHOULD COVER 26 themes ————— T = taught · R = revised

06.12 **B Climate finance gap: UNEP Adaptation Gap Report 2025** T ☐ R ☐

UNEP's report ('Running on Empty') says developing countries need far more money to adapt to climate change than they receive.

MUST KNOW Developing countries need about \$310 bn a year for adaptation by 2035 · About 12 times current flows · Linked to the NCQG (new climate-finance goal)

STATIC UNEP HQ Nairobi, est. 1972

ANGLE *Data question on the size of the adaptation gap; link to NCQG.*

REFER Jan '26 p.2

06.13 **B Warming data: WMO GHG Bulletin and Global Climate Indicators** T ☐ R ☐

Two reports tracked record greenhouse gases and warming above pre-industrial levels.

MUST KNOW CO₂ reached 423.9 ppm in 2024, up 3.5 ppm (WMO) · 2024 was about 1.55°C above pre-industrial levels (WMO) · Indicators of Global Climate Change report: record greenhouse-gas emissions

STATIC WMO HQ Geneva

ANGLE *Figure-reading question; note the two numbers refer to different years and methods — do not mix them.*

REFER Jan '26 p.2 · Jul '26 · Environment and Geography

06.14 **B Arctic thaw and India's Arctic presence**T ☐ R ☐

The Arctic is warming fast, opening sea routes and drawing big-power competition; India has a research station and an Arctic Policy.

MUST KNOW Based on NOAA Arctic Report Card 2025 · Northern Sea Route and China's 'Polar Silk Road' · India: Himadri station in Svalbard; Arctic Policy 2022

STATIC Arctic Council est. 1996 (Ottawa Declaration); India an observer since 2013 · Himadri — India's Arctic station at Ny-Alesund, Svalbard (2008) · NCPOR is in Goa

ANGLE *Arctic geopolitics passage; questions on India's station and Arctic Council status.*

REFER Jan '26 p.34

06.15 **B Forest and environmental clearances: Hasdeo Arand coal mining**T ☐ R ☐

Chhattisgarh's Hasdeo Arand forest saw fresh approvals to clear forest land for coal mining, including the Kente extension block, reviving the forest-vs-mining debate.

MUST KNOW In-principle approval to clear about 1,742 ha of forest in Chhattisgarh · For a Rajasthan utility's coal mining · Environmental clearance for the Kente extension coal block

STATIC EIA Notification, 2006 is issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

§ LEGAL Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (diversion of forest land); EIA Notification 2006 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

ANGLE *Passage on forest diversion; question on which law needs approval before forest land is used for mining.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.19 · Jun '26 · Environment · Jul '26 · Quiz · Aug '26 · Environment

06.16 **B Measuring forests: ISFR, Van Adhiniyam 2023 and halted alerts**T ☐ R ☐

How India counts its forests is under question after the 2023 change to forest law, and FSI's satellite forest-loss alerts stopped being issued.

MUST KNOW India State of Forest Report 2023 is prepared by the Forest Survey of India · Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 2023 amended forest law · FAO's Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025 used for global comparison · FSI's fortnightly 'Anavaran' forest-loss alerts not issued since Nov 2025

STATIC FSI HQ Dehradun, under MoEFCC · The 2023 Adhiniyam amended and renamed the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

§ LEGAL Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as amended in 2023; T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad v Union of India (1996) — 'forest' read in its

dictionary meaning

ANGLE *Legal Reasoning on the definition of 'forest' after the 2023 amendment vs Godavarman.*

REFER Mar '26 p.19 · Apr '26 · Science and Technology

06.17 **B** **Tiger conservation: Sariska roadmap, NTCA** T ☐ R ☐ **and reserves**

Tiger news included a Sariska tiger reintroduction roadmap, inter-reserve transfers, a tiger recorded at 3,010 m and a proposal to divert core land in a new reserve.

MUST KNOW Centre released a Sariska reintroduction roadmap; India's tiger count is 3,682 (All India Tiger Estimation 2022); 58 tiger reserves · Bengal tiger camera-trapped at 3,010 m in Sunderdhunga valley, Bageshwar (Uttarakhand) · SC-NBWL recommended diverting about 272 ha of Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve's core (MP) · Veerangana Durgavati TR notified 2023 from Nauradehi WLS

STATIC Project Tiger launched 1973 · NTCA constituted under the Wildlife (Protection) Act (2006 amendment) · Tiger: IUCN Endangered, CITES Appendix I · Sariska is in Alwar, Rajasthan · National Board for Wildlife is chaired by the Prime Minister · 3,682 is the All India Tiger Estimation 2022 figure

§ LEGAL Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 — NTCA and NBWL approval for use of protected-area land

ANGLE *Questions on tiger reserves by state, NTCA's legal basis and who approves diversion of reserve land.*

REFER Jan '26 · Environment · Mar '26 · Pointers — Places in News · Jul '26 · Quiz · Aug '26 · Environment

06.18 **B** **Aravallis: definition and mining** T ☐ R ☐

The Aravalli range was in news over how it is defined for protection and whether mining can continue, with the Supreme Court involved.

MUST KNOW Aravalli definition and mining were the issue

STATIC Highest peak of the Aravallis: Guru Shikhar (Mount Abu, Rajasthan)

ANGLE *Passage on protecting a mountain range from mining; identification of the highest peak.*

REFER Mar '26 · Quiz

06.19 **B** **New waste rules 2026: solid waste and tar balls** T ☐ R ☐

New Solid Waste Management Rules came into force and India issued its first draft rules on tar-ball pollution, which apply polluter-pays.

MUST KNOW SWM Rules 2026 in force from 1 April, replacing the 2016 rules · Four-stream segregation, higher landfill fees, RDF targets · Draft Tar-balls Management Rules 2026 — first ever · States may treat tar-ball pollution as a state disaster; tar balls may be used as cement fuel

STATIC Indian Council for Enviro-Legal Action v Union of India (1996) applied the polluter-pays principle

§ **LEGAL** Rules under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986; polluter-pays principle

ANGLE *Legal Reasoning: apply polluter-pays to a spill; factual question on the new rules.*

REFER May '26 · Environment

06.20 **B** Urban mining and the circular economy T ☐ R ☐

Recovering metals from e-waste, batteries and old vehicles is pitched as a source of critical minerals, but informal recycling dominates.

MUST KNOW Sources: e-waste, batteries, end-of-life vehicles, construction debris · Rules: E-Waste 2022, Battery Waste 2022, End-of-Life Vehicle 2025 · Informal recycling dominates; EPR has limits

STATIC National Critical Mineral Mission approved in 2025

§ **LEGAL** Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) under Environment (Protection) Act 1986 rules

ANGLE *Passage on circular economy; question on what EPR means.*

REFER Sep '26 p.56

06.21 **B** Gangetic dolphin: second range-wide survey T ☐ R ☐

MoEFCC carried out its second range-wide count of river dolphins under Project Dolphin.

MUST KNOW Second range-wide estimate under Project Dolphin · Uses hydrophones · River dolphins are IUCN Endangered

STATIC Gangetic dolphin declared National Aquatic Animal (2009)

ANGLE *Species identification: national aquatic animal and its status.*

REFER Feb '26 · Environment · Feb '26 · Quiz

06.22 **B** Vultures: Himalayan Griffon deaths T ☐ R ☐

25 Himalayan Griffon vultures were found dead near Dudhwa, likely poisoned, recalling India's vulture crash caused by the painkiller diclofenac.

MUST KNOW 25 Himalayan Griffons found dead near Dudhwa, suspected poisoning · Himalayan Griffon: Near Threatened · India has nine vulture species

STATIC Veterinary diclofenac banned in India in 2006

ANGLE *Question on the cause of vulture decline and the species' status.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.26 · May '26 · Environment · May '26 · Practice Quiz

06.23 **B** Hoolock gibbons: India's only apes

T ☐ R ☐

A western hoolock gibbon was recorded using an artificial canopy bridge over a railway in Assam — a world first.

MUST KNOW Hoolock gibbons are India's only apes · Western hoolock: Endangered, Schedule I; eastern hoolock: Vulnerable · First global record of a western hoolock using an artificial canopy bridge over a railway

STATIC Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary is in Assam

ANGLE *Species identification ('India's only ape') and sanctuary location.*

REFER Jun '26 · Environment

06.24 **B** Elephants: DNA-based all-India count

T ☐ R ☐

India's first DNA-based Synchronous All India Elephant Estimation put the population at about 22,446.

MUST KNOW DNA-based Synchronous All India Elephant Estimation · About 22,446 elephants

STATIC Project Elephant launched 1992

ANGLE *Census-method and number question.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.21 · Apr QS '26 p.32 · Sep '26 · Quiz

06.25 **B** Kaziranga: elevated corridor and wildlife passage

T ☐ R ☐

A 34.5 km elevated highway is planned so animals can cross between Kaziranga and the Karbi Anglong hills; a complaint was also made over illegal construction in the corridor.

MUST KNOW 34.5 km elevated stretch of NH-715 · For animal crossing between Kaziranga and Karbi Anglong hills · Complaint to the SC's Central Empowered Committee over alleged illegal construction in the corridor

STATIC Kaziranga NP, Assam — UNESCO World Heritage Site (1985), known for the one-horned rhino

ANGLE *Park identification and wildlife-infrastructure question.*

REFER Feb '26 · Polity & Governance · Feb '26 · Quiz · Jun '26 · Environment

06.26 **B** Contaminated drinking water and groundwater

T ☐ R ☐

Deaths from contaminated water in Indore and NGT action on arsenic and fluoride highlighted India's groundwater-quality crisis.

MUST KNOW Deaths from contaminated water in Indore's Bhagirathpura · CGWB Dynamic Groundwater Assessment 2025; Groundwater Quality

Report 2024 · Schemes: Atal Bhujal Yojana, Jal Shakti Abhiyan; BIS IS 10500 drinking-water standard · NGT took up arsenic and fluoride in groundwater

STATIC Water is a State List subject (Entry 17) · National Green Tribunal set up under the NGT Act, 2010

§ LEGAL Right to safe drinking water under Art. 21

ANGLE *Legal Reasoning on the State's duty to supply safe water; which list 'water' falls in.*

REFER Feb '26 p.19 · May '26 · Practice Quiz

06.27 [B] Extreme heat: disaster status and food security

T ☐ R ☐

The 16th Finance Commission recommended notifying heatwaves as disasters, and an FAO-WMO report warned extreme heat is hurting India's crops and farm workers.

MUST KNOW 16th Finance Commission recommends notifying heatwaves as disasters · IMD criteria define heatwaves · FAO-WMO report: terminal heat hits wheat in the Indo-Gangetic Plain; farm labour productivity falls · Adaptation: millets (Shree Anna), NDMA heat advisories · Wet Bulb Globe Temperature is a heat-stress metric

STATIC Disaster Management Act, 2005 · FAO HQ Rome; WMO HQ Geneva

§ LEGAL Disaster Management Act, 2005 — which events count as notified disasters

ANGLE *Passage on heat as a disaster; question on why heatwaves are not a notified disaster.*

REFER May '26 · Environment · Jun '26 p.47 · Jun '26 · Quiz

06.28 [B] AMOC slowdown and India's monsoon

T ☐ R ☐

A study projects the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation could weaken sharply by 2100, with knock-on effects on El Nino and India's monsoon.

MUST KNOW AMOC could weaken by up to 59% by 2100 · Effects on El Nino and India's monsoon

ANGLE *Climate-science question on what the AMOC is and why it matters to India.*

REFER Jun '26 · Environment

06.29 [B] Meghalaya rat-hole mine tragedy

T ☐ R ☐

25 people died in an illegal coal mine in East Jaintia Hills, even though rat-hole mining has been banned since 2014.

MUST KNOW Death toll 25 in an illegal mine, East Jaintia Hills · Rat-hole mining banned since 2014 but persists

§ **LEGAL** NGT ban on rat-hole mining (2014)

ANGLE *Passage on enforcement failure; question on who banned rat-hole mining.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Polity

06.30 **B** Saranda sal forest: SC order to notify a sanctuary

T ☐ R ☐

Jharkhand sought a review of the Supreme Court's order to notify the Saranda forest as a wildlife sanctuary.

MUST KNOW Saranda is in West Singhbhum, Jharkhand · Jharkhand sought review of the SC order to notify it as a wildlife sanctuary

§ **LEGAL** Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 — sanctuary notification; review petition before the Supreme Court

ANGLE *Legal Reasoning on court directions to the executive to notify protected areas.*

REFER Jun '26 · Environment

06.31 **B** Nagoya Protocol: India's first national report

T ☐ R ☐

India released its first national report on access and benefit-sharing (ABS) of biological resources.

MUST KNOW India's first national report under the Nagoya Protocol · Released by MoEFCC and the National Biodiversity Authority

STATIC Nagoya Protocol (2010) on ABS is under the Convention on Biological Diversity · NBA set up under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002; HQ Chennai

§ **LEGAL** Biological Diversity Act, 2002 — access and benefit-sharing

ANGLE *Treaty-matching question; benefit-sharing applied to a fact situation.*

REFER Apr '26 · International

06.32 **B** Curb on new HFC plants (Kigali Amendment)

T ☐ R ☐

India will give no new environmental clearances for new or expanded HFC plants beyond 2027, in line with its HFC phase-down commitment.

MUST KNOW No new environmental clearances for new or expanded HFC plants beyond 2027

STATIC Kigali Amendment (2016) to the Montreal Protocol phases down HFCs

ANGLE *Treaty question: which agreement phases down HFCs.*

REFER May '26 · Environment

06.33 **B** **Bonn Challenge: India's land-restoration progress**

T ☐ R ☐

India reported progress on its pledge to restore degraded land.

MUST KNOW India restored 21.7 million ha in 2011-20 · Target: 26 million ha by 2030

STATIC Bonn Challenge launched 2011

ANGLE *Number question on India's restoration pledge.*

REFER Jul '26 · Environment and Geography · Jul '26 · Quiz

06.34 **B** **Women in environmental movements**

T ☐ R ☐

Using the 2026 Goldman Prize as a hook, the passage traces women's role in Indian environmental movements.

MUST KNOW Hook: 2026 Goldman Environmental Prize winners · Movements: Bishnoi (Amrita Devi, Khejarli), Chipko 1973, Appiko, Silent Valley, Narmada Bachao · Thinkers: Vandana Shiva (ecofeminism), Bina Agarwal

STATIC Khejarli sacrifice led by Amrita Devi Bishnoi, 1730 · Chipko movement began 1973 in Uttarakhand (then UP)

ANGLE *Identification questions matching movements to places, years and leaders.*

REFER Jun '26 p.41

06.35 **B** **Climate-resilient cities and urban flooding**

T ☐ R ☐

Repeated urban floods in Indian cities have raised interest in 'sponge city' design.

MUST KNOW Repeated urban flooding and pollution in Indian cities · Global examples: Rotterdam water square, sponge cities · Economic Survey 2026 data on informality and slums

ANGLE *Passage on urban planning; question on what a sponge city does.*

REFER Sep '26 p.27

06.36 **B** **Small River Rejuvenation Framework and national waterways**

T ☐ R ☐

A draft NMCG framework targets polluted small rivers, alongside a primer on India's inland waterways law.

MUST KNOW Draft framework under NMCG for polluted rivers of 50-150 km · UP's 'One District-One River' · Laws: National Waterways Act 2016, Inland Vessels Act 2021

STATIC National Waterways Act 2016 declared 111 national waterways · NW-1 is the Ganga (Prayagraj-Haldia) · IWAI was set up in 1986

§ LEGAL National Waterways Act 2016; Inland Vessels Act 2021

ANGLE *Static questions on NW-1 and the number of national waterways.*

REFER Sep '26 p.32

06.37 **B** International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026

T ☐ R ☐

2026 is the UN year for rangelands and pastoralists; the passage covers India's pastoral communities and their rights.

MUST KNOW 2026 is the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists · Communities: Gujjar-Bakarwal, Gaddi, Raika · Calls for mobility-friendly governance (e.g., One Nation One Ration Card)

STATIC UNCCD adopted 1994 · Desertification and Drought Day is 17 June

§ LEGAL Forest Rights Act 2006 — community grazing rights

ANGLE *Society-environment passage; Legal Reasoning on community rights under FRA.*

REFER Sep '26 p.50

C QUICK-READ FACTS 44 facts

- 06.C01 **Lancet Countdown on plastics** — About 8 GT of plastic produced so far; more than 16,000 chemicals involved Jan '26 p.2
- 06.C02 **Yamuna toxic foam (TERI)** — Caused by sewage and detergents; no regulatory limit on surfactants Jan '26 · Environment
- 06.C03 **Rock eagle owl nest halts quarrying** — Quarrying in Telangana halted to protect a *Bubo bengalensis* nest (Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972) Jan '26 · Environment
- 06.C04 **Galaxy frogs vanish** — Seven *Melanobatrachus indicus* (Western Ghats, IUCN Vulnerable) disappeared after photographers disturbed their habitat Feb '26 · Environment
- 06.C05 **Orobanche aegyptiaca** — Parasitic weed cutting mustard yields; mustard is India's largest domestic edible-oil source Feb '26 · Environment
- 06.C06 **AI data centres and the environment** — Data centres raise electricity demand and water stress; small modular reactors suggested for clean power (AI Impact Summit context) Mar '26 p.2
- 06.C07 **Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve** — Located in Madhya Pradesh Apr QS '26 p.17
- 06.C08 **Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve** — Located in Rajasthan Aug '26 · Quiz
- 06.C09 **Seagrass** — A blue-carbon ecosystem that stores carbon in coastal sediments Apr QS '26 p.18

- **06.C10 Dugongs** — Seagrass-grazing marine mammal in conservation news
Apr QS '26 p.29
- **06.C11 White-bellied heron vs Kalai-II hydro project** — Kalai-II (Lohit river, Arunachal) clearance proposal omits the Critically Endangered white-bellied heron's habitat Jun '26 · Environment
- **06.C12 Andean glacier loss (Venezuela)** — Glacier loss in Venezuela's Andes cited as a climate-change marker Apr QS '26 p.24
- **06.C13 MSC ELSA 3 oil spill** — Container ship MSC ELSA 3 sank off Kerala, raising oil-spill concerns Apr QS '26 p.32
- **06.C14 Sustainable Aviation Fuel / CORSIA** — CORSIA is ICAO's aviation-emissions offset scheme; ICAO HQ Montreal Apr QS '26 p.34
- **06.C15 Solar parks scheme** — Run by MNRE Apr QS '26 p.46
- **06.C16 Floating solar** — Solar panels on reservoirs save land and cut evaporation Sep '26 · Quiz
- **06.C17 Carbon capture (CCUS)** — Methods to capture CO₂ and use or store it Apr QS '26 p.65
- **06.C18 Methane's global warming potential** — Methane traps far more heat than CO₂ per tonne, though it lasts less time in the air Apr '26 p.88
- **06.C19 Acid rain** — Caused mainly by sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides Apr '26 p.88
- **06.C20 PIK study on climate extremes** — Study of about 34,000 vertebrates: 36% of land habitats could face multiple extremes by 2085; heat-waves most widespread May '26 · Reports
- **06.C21 Schedule I freshwater turtles seized** — 16 Gangetic softshell turtles (Schedule I) seized in Greater Noida; MP police crackdown on rail-borne turtle smuggling May '26 · Environment; Aug '26 · Environment
- **06.C22 State of India's Bats 2024-25** — First assessment: about 135 species, 16 endemic, 7 threatened; West Bengal has the most species May '26 · Environment
- **06.C23 Marine Spatial Planning, Odisha** — Odisha is the first state in phase 2 of India-Norway Marine Spatial Planning (MoU with NCCR) May '26 · Environment
- **06.C24 Peacock (Gooty) tarantula** — *Poecilotheria metallica* (Critically Endangered) surveyed in Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve May '26 · Environment
- **06.C25 Jawai Leopard Reserve** — Rajasthan HC banned night safaris and drones in this Pali district reserve May '26 · Places in News
- **06.C26 Oak forests** — Himalayan oak forests hold soil moisture and feed springs May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **06.C27 Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor** — Passes near Rajaji National Park (Uttarakhand) — infrastructure-vs-wildlife debate May '26 · Practice Quiz

- **06.C28 Rusty-spotted cat in the Aravallis** — First photographic record near Delhi; Near Threatened; Schedule I Jun '26 · Environment
- **06.C29 Nilgiri tahr count** — Synchronised TN-Kerala survey counted 1,364, up about 5%; Tamil Nadu's state animal Jul '26 · Environment and Geography
- **06.C30 Delhi Bird Atlas** — Recorded 471 species — Delhi second only to Nairobi among capitals Jul '26 · Environment and Geography
- **06.C31 HKH Monsoon Outlook 2026** — ICIMOD (HQ Kathmandu) warns of below-normal rain in the Hindu Kush Himalaya; snow persistence at a two-decade low Jul '26 · Environment and Geography
- **06.C32 Heatwaves raise ground-level ozone** — Study linked over 830 Indian deaths in 2024 to heat-driven ozone Jul '26 · Environment and Geography
- **06.C33 Golden langurs rescued** — Trafficked golden langurs released into Sikhna Jwhlwao NP, Manas landscape, Assam Jul '26 · Environment and Geography
- **06.C34 Fly ash** — Coal-plant ash; rules push its use in bricks and cement Jul '26 · Quiz
- **06.C35 Grey hornbill in Gir** — Reintroduced in 2021, now breeding in Gujarat's Gir Aug '26 · Environment
- **06.C36 El Nino and the monsoon** — El Nino years usually bring weaker Indian monsoon rain Aug '26 · Quiz
- **06.C37 Kukrail Reserve Forest night safari** — Kukrail is in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Aug '26 · Quiz
- **06.C38 Nature-based solutions for farming** — Missions: NICRA, NMSA, National Mission on Natural Farming; India was the first country to adopt a National Agroforestry Policy (2014) Sep '26 p.37
- **06.C39 GOBARDhan National Circular Bioenergy Scheme** — Ten-year scheme (2026-27 to 2035-36) to scale up compressed biogas Sep '26 · Polity and Governance
- **06.C40 Wild buffalo to Chhattisgarh** — Chhattisgarh bringing wild water buffaloes from Assam; wild buffalo is its state animal Sep '26 · Environment and Geography
- **06.C41 CITES and the lar gibbon** — Lar gibbon is a CITES Appendix I primate; CITES signed 1973 (Washington), India a party since 1976 Sep '26 · Environment and Geography
- **06.C42 India's first guide to grasslands and ONEs** — Released at UNCCD COP17 Sep '26 · Environment and Geography
- **06.C43 Black-necked storks at Khijadiya** — Sighted at Khijadiya bird sanctuary, Gujarat Sep '26 · Environment and Geography
- **06.C44 Himalayan forest fires report** — A parliamentary committee reported on forest fires in the Himalaya Sep '26 · Quiz

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07.01

A**Vikram-1: India's first private orbital rocket (Skyroot)**✓ **Class 02**Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1 moved to Sriharikota and flew as India's first privately built orbital launch, marking the opening of launch services to private firms.

MUST KNOW

- Vikram-1 is built by Skyroot Aerospace
- Can carry up to 350 kg to low Earth orbit
- Rocket moved to Sriharikota before launch
- Mission name: Mission Aagaman

STATIC LINK

- Skyroot's Vikram-S (November 2022) was India's first privately built rocket launched (sub-orbital)
- IN-SPaCe was set up in 2020 to authorise private space activity

LEGAL HOOK

Space sector reforms; authorisation of private actors through IN-SPaCe; Outer Space Treaty 1967 (state responsibility for national activities, including private ones)

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on privatisation of space; questions on 'first private orbital' vs 'first private sub-orbital' and the regulator.

REFER Apr QS '26 p.59 · Science & Technology and Defence · May '26 · Science & Technology · Jul '26 · Quiz · Aug '26 · Science & Technology

07.02

A**Artemis II and India's role in NASA's Moon plans**✓ **Class 02**Taught ☐ Revised ☐

NASA's Artemis II flew a crew around the Moon, the first crewed lunar trip since Apollo; later NASA invited ISRO to take part in its planned Moon base.

MUST KNOW

- Artemis II launched on 1 April 2026 on the SLS rocket with the Orion capsule
- Crewed lunar flyby, not a landing
- Carried the first woman and the first non-American to travel to the Moon's vicinity
- NASA invited ISRO to join its Moon Base plans
- India joined the Artemis Accords in 2023

STATIC LINK

- Apollo 11 made the first crewed Moon landing, July 1969

LEGAL HOOK

Outer Space Treaty 1967: no national appropriation of the Moon; Artemis Accords are a non-binding set of principles

CLAT ANGLE

Space passage on the new Moon race; 'firsts' on the crew; match missions (Apollo, Artemis, Gaganyaan).

REFER Mar '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.53 · Science & Technology and Defence · May '26 · Science & Technology · May '26 · Practice Quiz · Sep '26 · Science and Technology · Sep '26 · Quiz

07.03



India's three-stage nuclear programme: PFBR criticality and thorium

✓ Class 02

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam reached criticality, moving India into stage two of a programme built to use its abundant thorium; SMRs and new fuels widen the picture.

MUST KNOW

- PFBR (500 MWe) at Kalpakkam reached criticality — key to stage two
- Stage 1 uses PHWRs, stage 2 the fast breeder (PFBR), stage 3 the AHWR on thorium
- Programme designed around limited uranium and abundant thorium from monazite sands
- Cameco deal supplies uranium
- Thorium-HALEU fuel ANEEL for PHWRs completed a high-burnup test at Idaho National Laboratory

STATIC LINK

- Three-stage programme conceived by Homi J. Bhabha
- PFBR is at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, built by BHAVINI

- Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant is in Tamil Nadu, built with Russian cooperation
- Atomic Energy Act 1962 governs nuclear power in India

LEGAL HOOK

Atomic Energy Act 1962; SHANTI Act opening nuclear power to private players

CLAT ANGLE

Science-policy passage on energy self-reliance; questions on stage-reactor matching and why thorium matters.

REFER Jan '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.65 · Science & Technology and Defence · Apr QS '26 p.44 · Economy · Apr QS '26 p.43 · Economy · Apr QS '26 p.63 · Science & Technology and Defence · Apr '26 p.31 · May '26 · Science & Technology · Jun '26 · Science & Technology

07.04



India Semiconductor Mission 2.0 and the first chip plants

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

After 12 plants were approved under ISM 1.0 and Micron's Sanand unit began work, the Cabinet approved a much larger ISM 2.0 to deepen India's chip supply chain.

MUST KNOW

- ISM 2.0: Cabinet approved Rs 1.27 lakh crore, a six-year scheme with differentiated capex support
- 12 plants approved under ISM 1.0
- Micron's ATMP unit at Sanand, Gujarat began operations — India's first semiconductor facility
- Rs 3,068 crore GaN mini/micro-LED display unit approved
- Foundation laid for the first 3D glass chip packaging unit in Bhubaneswar

STATIC LINK

- India Semiconductor Mission launched December 2021
- ISM functions under MeitY

CLAT ANGLE

Economy-tech passage on supply-chain resilience and industrial policy; outlay and 'first plant' questions.

REFER Apr QS '26 p.53 · Science & Technology and Defence · Apr '26 · Polity and Governance · May '26 · Science & Technology · Jun '26 · Science & Technology · Jun '26 · Quiz · Aug '26 · Polity & Governance

07.05

A

India's first hydrogen train and hydrogen transport

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India flagged off its first hydrogen fuel-cell train on the Jind-Sonipat route, after launching a hydrogen fuel-cell passenger vessel at Varanasi.

MUST KNOW

- First hydrogen train flagged off on 17 July 2026 on the Jind-Sonipat route
- Built by ICF
- Railway Board had approved the hydrogen-fuel-cell trainset
- Hydrogen types: grey, blue and green
- India's first hydrogen fuel-cell passenger vessel (LT-PEM) entered service at Namohat, Varanasi

STATIC LINK

- National Green Hydrogen Mission approved in 2023
- ICF (Integral Coach Factory) is in Chennai

CLAT ANGLE

Green-transition passage; 'India's first' and route questions; grey vs blue vs green hydrogen.

REFER Jan '26 · Science and Technology · Feb '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.53 · Science & Technology and Defence · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · Jun '26 · Science & Technology · Aug '26 · Science & Technology · Aug '26 · Quiz

07.06

A

India AI Impact Summit 2026: MANAV vision and public AI tools

✓ Class 01

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

At the India AI Impact Summit 2026 the PM set out the MANAV framework for human-centric AI and showcased government AI tools built on the IndiaAI Mission.

MUST KNOW

- MANAV: Moral and ethical systems, Accountable governance, National sovereignty, Accessible and inclusive, Valid and legitimate
- PM proposed a global trusted data framework and a 'glass box' approach to AI safety
- IndiaAI Mission includes subsidised GPU compute
- Government AI tools: Bharat-VISTAAR, Adi Vaani, BharatGen, BHASHINI, SabhaSaar, Chitralekha

- Bharat-VISTAAR: multilingual AI farm advisory, Rs 150 crore in Budget 2026-27, helpline 155261 with AI assistant 'Bharati'

STATIC LINK

- IndiaAI Mission approved by the Union Cabinet in March 2024

LEGAL HOOK

Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023

CLAT ANGLE

AI-governance passage; acronym expansion (MANAV) and match-the-tool questions.

REFER Mar '26 p.2 · Mar '26 · Quiz · Mar '26 · Pointers — Science and Technology

07.07

A

ISRO's launch record: LVM3's heaviest payload, PSLV-C62 failure, GISAT-1A

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

LVM3 lifted the heaviest payload ever carried by an Indian rocket on a commercial contract, but PSLV-C62 failed in January — PSLV's second failure in a row; GISAT-1A later replaced the lost GISAT-1.

MUST KNOW

- LVM3 launched AST SpaceMobile's BlueBird Block-2 (~6,100 kg), the heaviest by an Indian rocket, under an NSIL contract
- PSLV-C62 with EOS-N1 and 15 other payloads failed on 13 January 2026
- Second successive PSLV failure
- GISAT-1A: Earth observation satellite replacing the failed 2021 GISAT-1

STATIC LINK

- NSIL is ISRO's commercial arm under the Department of Space
- PSLV is a four-stage vehicle

CLAT ANGLE

Space passage weighing commercial success against reliability; 'heaviest payload' and vehicle-mission matching.

REFER Jan '26 · Science and Technology · Jan '26 · Quiz · Feb '26 · Science & Technology · Feb '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Science and Technology

07.08 **A** NavIC clock failures and GNSS jamming and spoofing

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Another atomic clock failure left India's NavIC with few fully working satellites, while GNSS jamming and spoofing are rising worldwide.

MUST KNOW

- Another IRNSS clock failed, leaving few fully working NavIC satellites
- GNSS interference is rising
- Jamming overpowers the signal; spoofing feeds a fake position or time

STATIC LINK

- NavIC (IRNSS) is ISRO's regional satellite navigation system
- GPS (US), GLONASS (Russia), Galileo (EU), BeiDou (China), NavIC (India)

CLAT ANGLE

Strategic-autonomy passage; jamming vs spoofing distinction; match navigation system to country.

REFER Jan '26 · Quiz · Jan '26 · Science and Technology · Apr QS '26 p.62 · Science & Technology and Defence · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · Aug '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Science and Technology

07.09 **A** RDI Fund of Rs 1 lakh crore under ANRF

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

A Rs 1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Fund under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation will give long-term, low-cost loans for deep-tech R&D.

MUST KNOW

- Rs 1 lakh crore fund under ANRF
- Long-term, low-cost loans for deep-tech R&D
- Routed through TDB and BIRAC

STATIC LINK

- ANRF set up under the ANRF Act 2023

LEGAL HOOK

Anusandhan National Research Foundation Act 2023

CLAT ANGLE

Policy passage on private R&D financing; fund size and implementing bodies.

REFER Sep '26 · Polity and Governance · Sep '26 · Quiz

B SHOULD COVER 16 themes ————— T = taught · R = revised07.10 **B AI data centres and India's energy governance** T ☐ R ☐✓ **Class 03**

AI data centres are pushing up electricity and water use, and tech firms are turning to nuclear and small modular reactors, raising questions for India's energy regulation.

MUST KNOW AI data centres driving up electricity and water use · Tech firms moving to nuclear and small modular reactors · Keywords: SHANTI Bill 2025, CERC, Draft Data Centre Policy 2020

STATIC Atomic Energy Act 1962 governs nuclear power in India

§ **LEGAL** Electricity Act 2003; SHANTI Act (nuclear opening)

ANGLE Tech-energy passage; inference questions on trade-offs between AI growth and sustainability.

REFER Jan '26 p.18

07.11 **B Data centres in space: Project Suncatcher and The Pathfinder** T ☐ R ☐

Google plans solar-powered data centres in orbit, and Pixxel with Sarvam AI plans India's first orbital data-centre satellite carrying GPUs.

MUST KNOW Google's Project Suncatcher: solar-powered data centres in space on TPU satellites, prototypes around 2027 · Pixxel and Sarvam AI to build 'The Pathfinder' · The Pathfinder: India's first orbital data-centre satellite carrying GPUs

ANGLE Emerging-tech identification; 'first' question on The Pathfinder.

REFER Jan '26 · Science and Technology · Apr QS '26 p.59 · Science & Technology and Defence · Jun '26 · Science & Technology

07.12 **B Strongest solar storm in two decades and Aditya-L1** T ☐ R ☐

An S4 radiation storm on 18-19 January 2026 followed the strongest X-class flare in 23 years, pushing auroras far from the poles.

MUST KNOW 18-19 January 2026 S4 radiation storm · Followed the strongest X-class flare in 23 years · Northern Lights seen far beyond polar regions · Aurora borealis (north) vs aurora australis (south)

STATIC Aditya-L1 (launched September 2023) is India's solar observatory at Lagrange point L1

ANGLE Space-weather passage; aurora terms and India's solar mission.

REFER Feb '26 · Environment · Apr QS '26 p.62 · Science & Technology and Defence · Sep '26 · Quiz

07.13 **B** **Eclipses of 2026: total solar eclipse of 12 August and the blood moon** T ☐ R ☐

A total solar eclipse on 12 August crossed mainland Europe (not visible from India); earlier a 3 March total lunar eclipse produced a red 'blood moon'.

MUST KNOW 12 August total solar eclipse: first total eclipse over mainland Europe in decades · Not visible from India · 3 March total lunar eclipse: Earth's shadow plus atmospheric refraction gave a red 'blood moon'

ANGLE *Concept questions: path of totality, why the Moon turns red.*

REFER Apr '26 · Science and Technology · Sep '26 · Environment and Geography · Sep '26 · Quiz

07.14 **B** **New telescopes in Ladakh: NLST at Merak and NLOT at Hanle** T ☐ R ☐

India plans two large telescopes in Ladakh — a solar telescope at Merak near Pangong Tso and an optical-infrared telescope at Hanle.

MUST KNOW 2-m National Large Solar Telescope at Merak (Pangong Tso) · 13.7-m National Large Optical-Near Infrared Telescope at Hanle

ANGLE *Location-matching question.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Science and Technology · Mar '26 · Quiz

07.15 **B** **Indigenous microprocessors: DHRUV64 and Vikram 3201** T ☐ R ☐

India unveiled homegrown processors — C-DAC's DHRUV64 and the space-grade Vikram 3201.

MUST KNOW DHRUV64: first homegrown 1.0 GHz 64-bit dual-core microprocessor · DHRUV64 built by C-DAC under the Microprocessor Development Programme · Vikram 3201: India's first fully indigenous 32-bit microprocessor

ANGLE *'India's first' match questions (bits, maker).*

REFER Jan '26 · Science and Technology · Apr QS '26 p.60 · Science & Technology and Defence

07.16 **B** **Sodium-ion batteries and India's lithium dependence** T ☐ R ☐

Sodium-ion batteries could cut India's reliance on lithium supply chains dominated by China and the Lithium Triangle.

MUST KNOW Can reduce dependence on lithium chains dominated by China and the Lithium Triangle · Advantages: lower cost, better safety and cold-weather performance · Relevant policies: PLI for ACC batteries, KABIL, National Critical Mineral Mission

STATIC Lithium Triangle — Argentina, Bolivia and Chile · KABIL (Khanij Bidesh India Ltd) is a JV of NALCO, HCL and MECL

ANGLE *Technology-and-strategy passage; advantages/limits inference questions.*

REFER Mar '26 p.40 · Apr QS '26 p.54 · Science & Technology and Defence · Jun '26 · Quiz

07.17 **B** E85 fuel, flex-fuel cars and ethanol blending T ☐ R ☐

With the E20 blending target achieved, India launched E85 fuel and a mass-market flex-fuel car.

MUST KNOW E20 target achieved · E85 fuel launched · Mass-market flex-fuel WagonR launched

ANGLE *Fuel-policy question on blend grades and what 'flex-fuel' means.*

REFER Jun '26 · Quiz · Jul '26 · Science and Technology · Jul '26 · Quiz

07.18 **B** Chandrayaan-3 finds Shiv Shakti soil resembles a lunar meteorite T ☐ R ☐

Data from Pragyaan's APXS show the soil at the Shiv Shakti landing point resembles lunar meteorite ALHA 81005.

MUST KNOW Pragyaan rover's APXS instrument · Shiv Shakti Point soil resembles lunar meteorite ALHA 81005

STATIC Chandrayaan-3 landed on 23 August 2023

ANGLE *Space-science result; landing-site name and rover instrument.*

REFER Jul '26 · Science and Technology

07.19 **B** Indigenous Cell Broadcast alerts linked to SACHET T ☐ R ☐

C-DOT's indigenous cell broadcast system for disaster alerts has been integrated with NDMA's SACHET platform.

MUST KNOW Indigenous cell broadcast system built by C-DOT · Integrated with NDMA's SACHET

§ LEGAL Disaster Management Act 2005 (NDMA)

ANGLE *Disaster-tech governance question.*

REFER May '26 · Science & Technology

07.20 **B** Kavach on the Delhi-Mumbai route T ☐ R ☐

Kavach, the indigenous train protection system, was commissioned on the Vadodara-Nagda section of the Delhi-Mumbai route.

MUST KNOW Indigenous train protection system · Commissioned on the Vadodara-Nagda section

ANGLE *Rail-safety tech identification.*

REFER May '26 · Science & Technology

07.21 **B** **LIGO-India stalled at Hingoli**

T ☐ R ☐

The LIGO-India gravitational-wave observatory at Hingoli, Maharashtra is delayed with its main tender unawarded.

MUST KNOW Gravitational-wave observatory at Hingoli, Maharashtra · Stalled with main tender unawarded

ANGLE *Science-project location question.*

REFER Apr '26 · Science and Technology

07.22 **B** **UN Independent International Scientific Panel on AI: first report**

T ☐ R ☐

The UN's new scientific panel on AI released a preliminary report focused on frontier and agentic AI.

MUST KNOW Co-chairs: Yoshua Bengio and Maria Ressa · Preliminary report on frontier and agentic AI

STATIC Maria Ressa won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2021

ANGLE *Global AI governance; identify co-chairs and focus.*

REFER Aug '26 · Reports & Indices

07.23 **B** **Sovereign cloud for critical sectors**

T ☐ R ☐

The government is weighing a mandatory Indian cloud for critical sectors after Microsoft cut off services to Nayara Energy.

MUST KNOW Mandatory Indian cloud under consideration · Trigger: Microsoft cut off Nayara Energy

ANGLE *Digital-sovereignty passage; cause-and-effect questions.*

REFER May '26 · Science & Technology

07.24 **B** **Multi-Lane Free Flow (barrier-free) tolling**

T ☐ R ☐

Barrier-free tolling using FASTag/RFID and ANPR cameras began on Delhi's UER-II and is planned across 4+ lane highways.

MUST KNOW Uses FASTag/RFID and ANPR cameras · Began on Delhi's UER-II · Planned across 4+ lane highways by 2029

ANGLE *Transport-tech identification.*

REFER May '26 · Science & Technology · May '26 · Practice Quiz · Jun '26 · Science & Technology

07.25 **B** **Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) communication**

T ☐ R ☐

V2V technology lets vehicles share speed and position through on-board units to prevent crashes.

MUST KNOW Vehicles share speed and position via on-board units · Range of about 300 m

ANGLE *Road-safety tech concept.*

REFER Feb '26 · Science & Technology · Feb '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.61 · Science & Technology and Defence

C QUICK-READ FACTS 51 facts

- **07.C01 3I/ATLAS** — Third known interstellar object after 'Oumuamua and 2I/Borisov; releasing unusually high methanol Jan '26 · Science and Technology
- **07.C02 Alaknanda galaxy** — Pune researchers used JWST to find a well-ordered spiral ~30,000 light-years across in the early universe
Jan '26 · Science and Technology
- **07.C03 AI agent gyms** — Simulated software environments used to train AI agents Sep '26 · Science and Technology
- **07.C04 AI-based hyper-local weather** — NCMRWF launched a 1-km forecast product; IITM Pune issues weekly district-level monsoon outlooks
Jun '26 · Polity & Governance
- **07.C05 AI-detection tools** — AI-text allegation against a Commonwealth Short Story Prize winner Jul '26 · Science and Technology
- **07.C06 AIS transponders going dark** — Tankers in Hormuz switched off AIS transponders, as shadow fleets do Jul '26 · Science and Technology
- **07.C07 Bacteria surviving chlorination** — Some bacteria survive chlorination as biofilms and spread antibiotic-resistance genes by horizontal gene transfer Aug '26 p.53
- **07.C08 BOHR satellite** — First commercial satellite powered by nuclear (tritium betavoltaic) energy Aug '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C09 Boss scam** — CEO-impersonation fraud using malicious ZIP files
Jul '26 · Science and Technology
- **07.C10 BSL-4 lab, Gandhinagar** — India's second civilian BSL-4 lab and first state-funded one (after NIV Pune) Feb '26 · Places in News
- **07.C11 CSIR-NIIST designer rice** — Broken rice reformed into fortified, high-protein, low-GI grains (not GM) May '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C12 Dimethyl ether (DME)** — CSIR-NCL catalyst makes DME from methanol; DME can be blended with LPG
Apr '26 · Science and Technology; Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz
- **07.C13 Drishti satellite** — GalaxEye's Opto-SAR satellite (optical + SAR) launched on a Falcon 9 Jun '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C14 First supermoon of 2026** — 3 January; ~30% brighter and ~14% larger than the smallest full moon Feb '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C15 GlowCas9** — Bose Institute made a glowing Cas9 to watch gene editing live (CRISPR-Cas9; Chemistry Nobel 2020) Jan '26 · Science and Technology

- **07.C16 Gujarat Sports Genomics Programme** — Whole-genome sequencing of athletes by GBRC and Sports Authority of Gujarat
May '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C17 Helium supply shock** — War-related cuts to Qatari helium raised MRI costs in India Apr '26 · Economy; Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz
- **07.C18 History of monsoon forecasting** — Blanford (1880s), Gilbert Walker (1904), Gowariker power-regression model (1988), two-stage forecast (2003) Jul '26 p.2
- **07.C19 Hygroscopic cloud seeding** — Uses salt particles; differs from glaciogenic seeding — tried for Delhi pollution
Apr QS '26 p.31 · Geography & Environment
- **07.C20 IBM sub-1 nm chip** — 0.7 nm (7 angstrom) node with 3D nanostack transistors Jul '26 · Science and Technology
- **07.C21 India International Science Festival 2025** — At CSIR-NIScPR, Pusa, New Delhi; theme 'Vigyan Se Samruddhi: for Aatmanirbhar Bharat'
Jan '26 · Events
- **07.C22 Aryabhata and India-Russia space ties** — India's first satellite Aryabhata (1975) was launched by a Soviet rocket Jan '26 · Quiz
- **07.C23 First non-GMO popcorn maize hybrid** — High-expansion popcorn hybrid released in Andhra Pradesh Sep '26 · Health
- **07.C24 First portable bedside MRI** — AIIMS New Delhi introduced a portable ultra-low-field MRI May '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C25 Thane Creek undersea rail tunnel** — India's first undersea rail tunnel, part of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train corridor Aug '26 · Quiz
- **07.C26 Induction vs infrared cooktops** — LPG shortage is driving a shift to electric cooking May '26 · Science & Technology; May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **07.C27 Google subsea gateway** — Google's India-America Connect Initiative includes a Visakhapatnam subsea gateway (AI Summit announcement) Mar '26 p.2
- **07.C28 Railway Intrusion Detection System** — Rs 208 crore fibre-based IDS over 1,158 route-km to prevent elephant collisions
Mar '26 · Pointers — Science and Technology
- **07.C29 J1007+3540** — Giant radio galaxy studied with the upgraded GMRT near Pune (NCRA-TIFR) Mar '26 · Pointers — Science and Technology
- **07.C30 Long March 10B** — China's first reusable rocket landing
Aug '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C31 Mars Sample Return cancelled** — ESA-NASA mission called off after NASA budget cuts Feb '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C32 Mission CosmoCube** — Proposed Indian lunar far-side mission to study the cosmic dark ages Sep '26 · Science and Technology
- **07.C33 Morel (gucchi) mushroom** — SKUAST Srinagar grew morels under controlled conditions for the first time May '26 · Environment

- **07.C34 mRNA melanoma vaccine** — Personalised neoantigen vaccine used with Keytruda Sep '26 · Health
- **07.C35 NARIT-AI** — Gujarat Police AI tool for NDPS Act, 1985 investigations May '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C36 NASA Swift orbit boost** — Private servicing craft to raise the ageing Swift observatory's orbit; last Pegasus XL flight Aug '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C37 NISAR** — NASA-ISRO SAR (SweepSAR) mission launched in 2025 on a GSLV Aug '26 · Quiz
- **07.C38 Photocatalytic smog-eating coatings** — Delhi-IIT Madras pilot of coatings that break down NO₂ and VOCs Apr '26 · Environment
- **07.C39 Placenta-on-chip** — ICMR-NIRWoH and IIT Bombay device to study drug transfer to the foetus Aug '26 · Health
- **07.C40 Project Glasswing** — Anthropic extended Project Glasswing and Claude Mythos Preview to select Indian organisations Jul '26 · Science and Technology
- **07.C41 Quantum testing facility, Amaravati** — Launched on World Quantum Day; linked to the National Quantum Mission May '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C42 Quantum science year** — 2025 was the UN International Year of Quantum Science and Technology Jan '26 · Quiz
- **07.C43 Raman effect** — Raman Effect (1928); C.V. Raman won the Physics Nobel in 1930; National Science Day is 28 February Feb '26 · Quiz
- **07.C44 Rare earth elements** — 17 rare earths: 15 lanthanides plus scandium and yttrium Apr QS '26 p.31 · Geography & Environment
- **07.C45 E-rickshaw battery shut-off apps** — Government ordered removal of apps used to remotely shut off e-rickshaw batteries Aug '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C46 Rosalind Franklin rover** — Mars rover of ESA's ExoMars programme May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **07.C47 Syngas and coal gasification** — Rs 37,500 crore coal gasification scheme; syngas is a fuel gas made by gasification Jun '26 · Quiz
- **07.C48 VERVE-102** — Single-dose gene edit switching off PCSK9; cut LDL cholesterol by about 62% Sep '26 · Health; Sep '26 · Quiz
- **07.C49 Voyager 1** — NASA switched off its Low-energy Charged Particles experiment to save power (launched 1977) Jun '26 · Science & Technology
- **07.C50 Vyommitra** — ISRO's half-humanoid robot for uncrewed Gaganyaan flights Apr QS '26 p.56 · Science & Technology and Defence
- **07.C51 Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope** — Solar observatory on Maui, Hawaii Sep '26 · Quiz

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Defence & Security

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A MUST TEACH 3 themes

08.01

A

INS Aridhaman: India's third SSBN and the nuclear triadTaught ☐ Revised ☐

INS Aridhaman, India's third nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, was inducted in April 2026, strengthening the sea leg of India's nuclear triad.

MUST KNOW

- Inducted 3 April 2026; about 7,000 tonnes
- Eight launch tubes for K-15 and K-4 SLBMs
- Follows INS Arihant (2016) and INS Arighaat (2024)

STATIC LINK

- Nuclear triad = ability to deliver nuclear weapons from land, air and sea

CLAT ANGLE

Identify India's SSBNs in order; explain the nuclear triad

REFER Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · May '26 · Defence · May '26 · Practice Quiz

08.02

A

India's arms trade: imports (SIPRI) and record exports (BrahMos, ASTRA)Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India remains a leading arms importer, but defence exports are rising: BrahMos has new customers in Vietnam and Indonesia, and the ASTRA missile made its first export.

MUST KNOW

- India is among the leading arms importers, with a diversified supplier mix; push for Atmanirbharta
- BrahMos: export deal with Vietnam; two batteries worth \$200 million to Indonesia
- Indonesia is BrahMos's third export customer
- ASTRA Mk 1 BVR air-to-air missile: first export, to Indonesia

STATIC LINK

- SIPRI is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden

- S-400 air defence system is supplied by Russia
- BrahMos: India-Russia JV named after the Brahmaputra and Moskva; Philippines was the first export customer
- ASTRA is developed by DRDO

CLAT ANGLE

Defence passage on self-reliance; export customers in order; SIPRI data

REFER Apr '26 p.40 · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · May '26 · Practice Quiz · Jun '26 · Defence & Security · Aug '26 · Defence

08.03

A

PRAHAAR: India's first national counter-terrorism policy

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Home Ministry released PRAHAAR, India's first national counter-terrorism policy, as the NIA and NSG built new national databases on terror, organised crime and IEDs.

MUST KNOW

- PRAHAAR: MHA's first national counter-terrorism policy, built on seven pillars
- NIA Anti-Terrorism Conference launched an updated crime manual, an Organised Crime Network Database and a Lost/Looted and Recovered Weapon Database
- NSG built the National IED Data Management System

STATIC LINK

- UAPA, 1967 is India's principal anti-terror law
- NIA constituted under the NIA Act 2008 after the 26/11 attacks

LEGAL HOOK

UAPA 1967; NIA Act 2008

CLAT ANGLE

Security-policy passage; which agency/law does what

REFER Jan '26 · Events · Feb '26 · Polity & Governance · Apr '26 · Defence

B SHOULD COVER 17 themes ————— T = taught · R = revised

08.04

B

Iran war: the military dimension at sea and in the air

T ☐ R ☐

The US-Iran conflict brought naval and air losses near Hormuz, including an Iranian frigate that had attended India's Fleet Review.

MUST KNOW Iranian frigate IRIS Dena, which attended India's International Fleet Review at Visakhapatnam, was sunk by a US submarine

· A US AH-64 Apache was downed near Hormuz; India operates 28 AH-64E · Iran's Arash-e Kamangir air defence reportedly downed a US MQ-9 Reaper · Iran's IRGC 'Mosquito Fleet' of fast boats and naval mines threatened shipping · US Nimitz-class carrier USS Abraham Lincoln in the news

ANGLE *Link questions: Iranian ship at India's Fleet Review; platform identification*

REFER Apr '26 · International · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · May '26 · Practice Quiz · Jun '26 · Defence & Security · Jul '26 · International Relations and Cooperation · Jul '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Defence and Security

08.05 **B** Air and missile defence shield: BMD, Kusha LR-SAM, Akash-NG, IADWS T ☐ R ☐

DRDO has tested a layered air-defence shield, from ballistic-missile defence against ICBM-class targets to the long-range Kusha SAM and the Akash-NG.

MUST KNOW DRDO demonstrated a multi-layered BMD able to engage ICBM-class targets · Project Kusha: first flight test of DRDO's long-range surface-to-air missile · Akash-NG: canisterised missile, range ~70 km; user trials done, cleared for IAF induction · Integrated Air Defence Weapon System tested by DRDO

ANGLE *Match system to type/range*

REFER Jan '26 · Defence · Jan '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.51 · Jul '26 · Quiz · Jul '26 · Defence and Security · Aug '26 · Defence · Aug '26 · Quiz

08.06 **B** Strike missiles and hypersonics: Agni-5 MIRV, LR-AShM, Pralay, scramjet, SFDR T ☐ R ☐

DRDO advanced India's strike and hypersonic capability with MIRV tests, a hypersonic anti-ship missile and new propulsion technologies.

MUST KNOW Agni-5 tested with MIRV technology · LR-AShM hypersonic anti-ship missile shown at the Republic Day parade · DRDO ran an actively cooled scramjet combustor for 1,200 seconds; new thermal barrier coating · Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet tested for long-range supersonic air-to-air missiles

STATIC Mission Divyastra (March 2024) was the first MIRV test of Agni-5 · DRDO established 1958

ANGLE *Identify missile from description*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Science and Technology · Apr QS '26 p.59 · Apr QS '26 p.61 · Apr QS '26 p.54 · Jun '26 · Science & Technology

08.07 **B** Navy's commissionings: Project 17A stealth frigates T ☐ R ☐

The Navy commissioned more Project 17A (Nilgiri-class) stealth frigates, along with a survey vessel and an anti-submarine craft.

MUST KNOW INS Taragiri: fourth P17A frigate, built by Mazagon Dock; commissioned at Visakhapatnam on 3 April; carries BrahMos and MRSAM · Tri-commissioning of INS Dunagiri (P17A), INS Sanshodhak (survey vessel), INS Agray (ASW shallow-water craft), all GRSE-built · INS Mahendragiri: sixth P17A frigate

STATIC Project 17A frigates are Nilgiri-class, built by MDL and GRSE

ANGLE *Warship-to-class/shipyard matching*

REFER May '26 · Defence · Jul '26 · Defence and Security · Jul '26 · Quiz · Aug '26 · Defence · Aug '26 · Quiz

08.08 **B** Military exercises 2026

T ☐ R ☐

A run of bilateral and multilateral exercises in 2026, from MILAN to Vayu Shakti, is classic match-the-partner material.

MUST KNOW KHANJAR: 13th India-Kyrgyzstan special forces exercise at Misamari, Assam · MAITREE: India-Thailand army exercise · MILAN 2026: 13th edition of the Navy's multilateral exercise, closed aboard INS Vikrant off Visakhapatnam · Vayu Shakti: IAF firepower demo at Pokhran recreating Operation Sindoor strikes · IMACC 2026: first edition hosted by the Indian Army; seven countries · India-US explosive-ordnance-disposal exercise at Kochi; Sea Dragon also in news

STATIC Pitch Black is hosted by Australia · Udara Shakti is an India-Malaysia air exercise · INS Vikrant is India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, commissioned 2022

ANGLE *Exercise-partner matching*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation · Mar '26 · Pointers — Events · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · Apr '26 · Defence · Sep '26 · Defence and Security

08.09 **B** Defence procurement: DAC, Javelin deal and MQ-9B lease

T ☐ R ☐

The Defence Acquisition Council cleared major buys; India signed for US Javelin missiles and leased more MQ-9B drones.

MUST KNOW India signed for US Javelin fire-and-forget anti-tank missiles · Two more MQ-9B Sea Guardian drones leased for 30 months

STATIC Defence Acquisition Council is chaired by the Defence Minister

ANGLE *Which body approves defence buys*

REFER Mar '26 · Quiz · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · Jul '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Defence and Security · Sep '26 · Quiz

08.10 **B** RELOS: India-Russia military logistics pact

T ☐ R ☐

Russia signed RELOS into law, giving India access to Russian military bases from Vladivostok to Murmansk.

MUST KNOW RELOS = Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Support · Gives India access to Russian bases, Vladivostok to Murmansk · Comparable to

India-US LEMOA, COMCASA, BECA

STATIC LEMOA 2016, COMCASA 2018, BECA 2020 — India-US foundational agreements

ANGLE *Logistics-pact comparison*

REFER Jan '26 · Quiz · Jan '26 · International Cooperation · Apr QS '26 p.9

08.11 **B** India commands CTF 154; Bahrain-based naval coalitions T ☐ R ☐

The Indian Navy took command of Combined Task Force 154 of the Bahrain-based Combined Maritime Forces for the first time.

MUST KNOW Indian Navy took command of CTF 154 for the first time (Cdre Milind Mokashi) · CTF 154 (est. 2023) trains partners under the Combined Maritime Forces · US Fifth Fleet is Bahrain-based under CENTCOM

STATIC Combined Maritime Forces is headquartered in Bahrain

ANGLE *India's first command of a CMF task force*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — International Cooperation · Mar '26 · Quiz · Jul '26 · International Relations and Cooperation · Aug '26 · Quiz

08.12 **B** Indian Maritime Doctrine 2025: 'no-war, no-peace' T ☐ R ☐

The Navy's new doctrine for the first time treats 'no-war, no-peace' as a separate state.

MUST KNOW Released by the Navy Chief · First recognises 'no-war, no-peace' as a separate state · Earlier editions 2004, 2009, 2015

ANGLE *Doctrine concept question*

REFER Jan '26 · Defence · Jan '26 · Quiz

08.13 **B** Aerospace indigenisation: C295, Aravalli engine and DRDO tech transfer T ☐ R ☐

The first Tata-assembled C295 is due, HAL and Safran are building the 'Aravalli' helicopter engine, and DRDO will transfer conventional missile technology to industry.

MUST KNOW C295: 56-aircraft deal (2021) with Airbus — 16 fly-away, 40 built by TASL · HAL-Safran 'Aravalli' helicopter engine · DRDO to transfer conventional missile technology to industry

STATIC C295 replaces the IAF's Avro fleet

ANGLE *Make-in-India defence identification*

REFER Feb '26 · Defence · Feb '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Defence and Security · Sep '26 · Quiz

08.14 **B** Army's first Integrated Battle Groups T ☐ R ☐

The Army will carve its first Integrated Battle Groups from XVII Corps.

MUST KNOW First IBGs to be carved from XVII Corps

ANGLE *Military restructuring*

REFER Aug '26 · Defence

08.15 **B** President's sortie on INS Vaghsheer

T ☐ R ☐

President Murmu sailed on a Kalvari-class submarine, the second President to do so after Kalam.

MUST KNOW Sailed on Kalvari-class (P-75 Scorpene) submarine INS Vaghsheer from Karwar · Second President after Kalam (2006)

STATIC President is Supreme Commander of the armed forces (Art. 53(2))

§ LEGAL Art. 53(2) — supreme command of the Defence Forces vests in the President

ANGLE *'Second President' fact*

REFER Jan '26 · Defence

08.16 **B** India-EU Security and Defence Partnership

T ☐ R ☐

The India-EU summit launched a security and defence partnership.

MUST KNOW Covers maritime security, defence industry, cyber/hybrid threats, space, counter-terrorism · Talks launched on a Security of Information Agreement

ANGLE *Scope of the defence pact*

REFER Feb '26 p.2

08.17 **B** US strikes on Venezuela and the global drug supply chain

T ☐ R ☐

The US framed its Venezuela action as a strike on a 'narco-state', putting India's own role in drug precursor supply in focus.

MUST KNOW US action against Venezuela's alleged 'narco-state' (Cartel of the Suns) · India exposed as a source of fentanyl precursors and a transit hub · India's response: NDPS Act 1985, Narcotics Control Bureau

STATIC Golden Crescent: Afghanistan-Iran-Pakistan; Golden Triangle: Myanmar-Laos-Thailand · UNODC HQ Vienna

§ LEGAL NDPS Act 1985

ANGLE *Narco-trafficking passage with India's NDPS framework*

REFER Feb '26 p.39

08.18 **B** Mecca Joint Defence Agreement: Saudi-Turkey-Pakistan pact

T ☐ R ☐

Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan signed a joint defence pact.

MUST KNOW Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan signed a defence pact

ANGLE *Regional security pact*

REFER Sep '26 · International Relations

08.19 **B** BSF jurisdiction and Centre-state friction T ☐ R ☐

The BSF's jurisdiction and powers in border states remain a point of Centre-state friction.

STATIC BSF raised 1965; under the Ministry of Home Affairs

§ LEGAL Border Security Force Act, 1968

ANGLE *BSF jurisdiction question*

REFER Jun '26 · Quiz

08.20 **B** Operation Sagar Bandhu: aid to Sri Lanka T ☐ R ☐

India ran a HADR operation for Sri Lanka after Cyclone Ditwah.

MUST KNOW Aid to Sri Lanka after Cyclone Ditwah · Used INS Vikrant and INS Udaigiri

ANGLE *HADR operation identification*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.11

C QUICK-READ FACTS 23 facts

- 08.C01 **AN-32 crash at Jorhat** — IAF AN-32 crashed at Jorhat; Ukrainian upgrade and MTA programme stalled Jul '26 · Defence and Security
- 08.C02 **Ayni airbase** — India withdrew from Ayni airbase in Tajikistan
Apr QS '26 p.14
- 08.C03 **China's Atlas drone swarm** — Truck-launched system can launch up to 96 drones in under 300 seconds May '26 · Defence
- 08.C04 **DRDO Vikram VT 21** — Wheeled and tracked armoured platform with an indigenous 30 mm crewless turret May '26 · Defence
- 08.C05 **Fighter escape system test** — DRDO rocket-sled ejection test at TBRL Chandigarh with ADA and HAL Jan '26 · Science and Technology
- 08.C06 **GhostPairing** — CERT-In warned of WhatsApp hijacking without passwords or SIM swap; CERT-In is nodal agency under s.70B IT Act 2000
Jan '26 · Science and Technology
- 08.C07 **Gray-zone coercion** — Coercion below the threshold of open war
Sep '26 · Quiz
- 08.C08 **Hmar People's Convention-Democratic** — Insurgent group of the Northeast — identify in a list May '26 · Practice Quiz
- 08.C09 **ICGS Samudra Pratap** — First indigenously designed pollution-control vessel; largest Coast Guard ship; built by Goa Shipyard Feb '26 · Defence
- 08.C10 **INAS 335 'Ospreys'** — Navy's second MH-60R squadron, at INS Hansa, Goa; the first, INAS 334, is at Kochi Jan '26 · Defence; Jan '26 · Quiz

- **08.C11 INS Malvan (Mahe-class)** — Second Mahe-class anti-submarine shallow water craft, built by Cochin Shipyard Aug '26 · Defence; Aug '26 · Quiz
- **08.C12 Maritime piracy hotspots** — Know the major piracy hotspots and Indian Navy deployments Apr QS '26 p.2
- **08.C13 Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres** — MRCCs in India are run by the Indian Coast Guard Sep '26 · Quiz
- **08.C14 NGOPV 'Shruti'** — Next-generation offshore patrol vessel launched in Kolkata Sep '26 · Defence and Security
- **08.C15 Operation Ghazab Lil Haq** — Pakistan's retaliatory military operation against Afghanistan Apr '26 · International
- **08.C16 Operation Safed Sagar** — IAF's operation in the 1999 Kargil war; now a web series on its photo-reconnaissance missions Sep '26 · Quiz; Sep '26 · International Relations
- **08.C17 Operation Trident** — 1971 Indian Navy strike on Karachi harbour; marked as Navy Day, 4 Dec Jan '26 · Quiz
- **08.C18 Oreshnik missile** — Russia used the hypersonic Oreshnik ballistic missile on Kyiv Jun '26 · Defence & Security
- **08.C19 Rapid Action Force** — RAF is a CRPF unit raised in 1992 Aug '26 · Polity & Governance
- **08.C20 Shadow fleets** — Ageing tankers used to evade oil sanctions Jun '26 · Quiz
- **08.C21 SMOPS-2026** — Defence event in the news — identify by name May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **08.C22 TARA glide kit** — DRDO-IAF kit turning unguided munitions into precision-guided glide weapons; first flight trial Jun '26 · Defence & Security
- **08.C23 ULPGM-V3** — DRDO completed final trials in air-to-ground and air-to-air modes Jun '26 · Quiz; Jun '26 · Defence & Security

SUBJECT 09 / 16

09

Society, Health, Education & Schemes

4 must-teach · 17 should-cover · 36 quick-read facts

A MUST TEACH 4 themes

09.01 A VB-G RAM G Act replaces MGNREGA

✓ Class 03

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Parliament passed the VB-G RAM G law to replace MGNREGA; it took effect on 1 July 2026 with 125 guaranteed days of work and a larger state share of funding.

MUST KNOW

- Replaced MGNREGA from 1 July
- Guaranteed days raised from 100 to 125, with notified wage rates
- 40% state funding share; 60-day pause in peak farm seasons
- Draft convergence framework links schemes through a Viksit Gram Panchayat Plan

STATIC LINK

- MGNREGA enacted 2005 (100 days of wage employment)
- Art. 41 — right to work (DPSP)
- Gram Panchayat planning rests on Art. 243G and the 11th Schedule (73rd Amendment 1992)

LEGAL HOOK

VB-G RAM G Act 2025 repeals/replaces MGNREGA 2005; statutory right to work

CLAT ANGLE

New-law passage: days of work, Centre-state funding, what it replaced.

REFER Jan '26 · Polity · Jun '26 · Quiz · Aug '26 · Polity & Governance · Sep '26 p.43

09.02

A

'Missing women' and NFHS-6's omission of sex-ratio data

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

NFHS-6 left out sex-ratio indicators, reviving debate on son preference and 'missing women'.

MUST KNOW

- NFHS-6 omitted sex-ratio indicators
- Census 2011 child sex ratio: 919
- Research links son preference to patrilocality and maternal education

STATIC LINK

- PC-PNDT Act 1994 bans sex-selective practices
- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao launched 2015 (Panipat)
- Amartya Sen ('missing women' thesis) won the Economics Nobel in 1998

LEGAL HOOK

Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC-PNDT) Act 1994

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on sex-ratio trends; inference and static questions.

REFER Aug '26 p.27

09.03 **A Food safety: FSS Act, FSSAI and its gaps**Taught ☐ Revised ☐

A feature on food safety explained the legal framework, the types of contamination and the enforcement gaps at FSSAI.

MUST KNOW

- Food safety is distinct from food security
- Contamination types: adulteration, chemical residues such as pesticides, biological hazards
- Turnover-based licensing overhaul from 1 April; concerns over ultra-processed foods
- Eat Right India, Eat Right Station, State Food Safety Index

STATIC LINK

- Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 and FSS Rules 2011; FSSAI under the Health Ministry
- Codex Alimentarius Commission set up by FAO and WHO (1963)

LEGAL HOOK

Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 — liability for adulteration

CLAT ANGLE

Passage on food safety vs food security; LR on adulteration liability.

REFER Sep '26 p.11

09.04 **A Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill: single higher-education regulator**Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Cabinet approved a bill for a single higher-education regulator replacing UGC, AICTE and NCTE, as recommended by NEP 2020.

MUST KNOW

- Single regulator to replace UGC, AICTE and NCTE
- Recommended by NEP 2020 (earlier HECI Bill)

STATIC LINK

- UGC established by the UGC Act 1956
- Education moved to the Concurrent List by the 42nd Amendment (1976)

LEGAL HOOK

Proposed repeal of the UGC Act 1956; Entry 66, List I (coordination and standards in higher education)

CLAT ANGLE

Centre-state and regulator-design passage.

REFER Jan '26 · Polity

B SHOULD COVER 17 themes ————— T = taught · R = revised**09.05 [B] Tobacco control and the 40% GST** T ☐ R ☐

A 40% GST on tobacco from February 2026 reopened the debate on taxing tobacco to cut use.

MUST KNOW 40% GST on tobacco from February 2026 · WHO benchmark: tax at 75% of retail price · Household tobacco spending measured in HCES 2023-24

STATIC WHO FCTC (2003) — first treaty negotiated under WHO

§ **LEGAL** COTPA 2003; GST under Art. 246A (101st Amendment, 2016)

ANGLE *Public-health passage; numbers questions.*

REFER Mar '26 p.44

09.06 [B] Nipah virus and bats as reservoirs T ☐ R ☐

Nipah cases led neighbours to reintroduce airport screening, and a feature explained why bats carry zoonotic viruses.

MUST KNOW Zoonotic, bat-borne, no specific antiviral · First outbreak: Malaysia, 1998; later Bangladesh and India (Kerala, West Bengal) · Pteropus fruit bats are the natural reservoir; Nipah is a paramyxovirus · Transmission from animals to humans is called spillover

STATIC Kerala outbreaks since 2018

ANGLE *Health passage; vector/reservoir questions.*

REFER Feb '26 · Health · Feb '26 · Quiz · Mar '26 p.36

09.07 [B] Ebola outbreak declared a PHEIC T ☐ R ☐

WHO declared the Bundibugyo-strain Ebola outbreak in DR Congo and Uganda a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

MUST KNOW WHO declared the Bundibugyo-strain Ebola outbreak in DR Congo and Uganda a PHEIC · Large outbreak with over 1,700 deaths

STATIC PHEIC is declared under the International Health Regulations (2005) · WHO HQ Geneva, established 1948

§ **LEGAL** International Health Regulations (2005)

ANGLE *Global-health question.*

REFER Jun '26 · Health · Sep '26 · Health

09.08 [B] Jal Jeevan Mission extended to 2028 T ☐ R ☐

The rural tap-water mission was extended to 2028 with new conditions and a Sujal Gaon digital ID for villages.

MUST KNOW Mission extended to 2028 · Funds tied to state MoUs and Sujal Gaon ID mapping · Proof of 15 days' continuous supply required

STATIC Jal Jeevan Mission (Har Ghar Jal) launched 2019

ANGLE *Scheme-extension question.*

REFER Feb '26 · Polity & Governance · Apr QS '26 p.47 · Economy · Apr '26 · Polity and Governance · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz

09.09 **B** **PM-KISAN extended to 2030-31**

T ☐ R ☐

PM-KISAN income support was continued for 2026-27 to 2030-31.

MUST KNOW Continued for 2026-27 to 2030-31 · Scheme dates from 2019

STATIC PM-KISAN: Rs 6,000 a year in three instalments

ANGLE *Scheme features.*

REFER Aug '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

09.10 **B** **Nationwide HPV vaccination campaign**

T ☐ R ☐

India began a nationwide single-dose HPV vaccination campaign for 14-year-old girls to prevent cervical cancer.

MUST KNOW Single-dose HPV vaccination for 14-year-old girls · Aims to prevent cervical cancer

ANGLE *Public-health scheme question.*

REFER Apr '26 · Health

09.11 **B** **Early childhood development and human capital**

T ☐ R ☐

ASER data on early learning gaps framed a piece on why early childhood investment matters.

MUST KNOW ASER data show early learning gaps · Policy tools: NEP 2020 ECCE, Balvatika, NIPUN Bharat, Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 · Heckman equation cited on returns to early investment

STATIC NEP 2020 replaced 10+2 with a 5+3+3+4 structure · ASER is published by the NGO Pratham

ANGLE *Education passage.*

REFER Jun '26 p.36

09.12 **B** **International Year of the Woman Farmer 2026**

T ☐ R ☐

As men migrate out, women increasingly anchor Indian agriculture, but largely unpaid and without land.

MUST KNOW UN has declared 2026 the International Year of the Woman Farmer · Women's share of the farm workforce is rising as men migrate out · Women farmers are largely unpaid and own little land

ANGLE *Society/economy passage.*

REFER Mar '26 p.23

09.13 **B** Water crisis through a gender lens T ☐ R ☐

Women bear the unpaid burden of fetching water, but also lead local water revival.

MUST KNOW Women bear the unpaid burden of fetching water · 'Water wives' and jal sahelis illustrate distress and women-led revival · Sources: UNU-INWEH Global Water Bankruptcy report and NITI Aayog CWMI 2019

ANGLE *Social passage; inference questions.*

REFER May '26 p.30

09.14 **B** Women's digital agency: NFHS-6 internet data T ☐ R ☐

NFHS-6 shows women's internet use roughly doubled but still trails men's.

MUST KNOW Women's internet use roughly doubled but still trails men · Rural-urban gaps in women's internet use persist · GSMA Mobile Gender Gap Report 2025 cited

STATIC NFHS is conducted by IIPS Mumbai for the Health Ministry

ANGLE *Gender digital divide passage.*

REFER Aug '26 p.30

09.15 **B** Unpaid housework and care work T ☐ R ☐

The Time Use Survey 2024 shows women do most unpaid domestic and care work; courts have begun to value it.

MUST KNOW Time Use Survey 2024: women carry most unpaid domestic and care work · Delhi HC and SC have recognised the value of housework (motor-accident compensation, 2021)

STATIC Art. 15(3) permits special provisions for women and children

§ **LEGAL** Notional income of homemakers in motor-accident compensation — Kirti v Oriental Insurance (SC, 2021); Arts. 14 and 15

ANGLE *Legal-social passage.*

REFER Apr '26 p.36

09.16 **B** NEET-linked student suicides and mental health T ☐ R ☐

Student suicides linked to NEET pressure raised questions about the duties of institutions and society.

MUST KNOW Pressure on exam aspirants and duties of institutions and society · Mental health of students

§ **LEGAL** Mental Healthcare Act 2017 s.115 — presumption of severe stress in attempted suicide

ANGLE *Ethics/policy passage.*

REFER Jul '26 p.61

09.17 **B** Drug bans: nimesulide and fixed-dose combinations

T ☐ R ☐

The government banned high-dose nimesulide on ICMR advice; fixed-dose combination drugs remain under regulatory scrutiny.

MUST KNOW Immediate-release oral nimesulide above 100 mg banned on ICMR advice · Reason: liver toxicity

STATIC Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940

§ **LEGAL** Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940 s.26A — power to prohibit drugs

ANGLE *Statute question.*

REFER Feb '26 · Health · Jul '26 · Quiz

09.18 **B** Vibrant Villages Programme-II

T ☐ R ☐

Phase II of the border-village development scheme was launched in Cachar, Assam.

MUST KNOW Phase II launched in Cachar (Assam); Rs 6,839 cr till 2028-29 for 1,954 border villages · Phase I (2023, Kibithoo) covered 662 northern-border villages

ANGLE *Scheme-number question.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Polity · Mar '26 · Quiz

09.19 **B** WHO's first guidance on GLP-1 obesity drugs

T ☐ R ☐

WHO issued its first guidance on GLP-1 medicines such as semaglutide for obesity.

MUST KNOW WHO's first guidance on GLP-1 medicines · Recommends long-term use with behavioural therapy · About 1 bn people live with obesity

ANGLE *Health-policy fact.*

REFER Jan '26 · International Cooperation · Jan '26 · Quiz · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz

09.20 **B** Brain-eating amoeba infections in Kerala

T ☐ R ☐

Kerala reported a surge in amoebic meningoencephalitis cases and deaths.

MUST KNOW Kerala: 133 cases and 33 deaths in five months · Mostly Acanthamoeba-caused GAE rather than Naegleria PAM · PAM is caused by Naegleria fowleri; not communicable

ANGLE *Disease identification.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.50 · Science & Technology and Defence · Jul '26 · Health

09.21 **B** Seafarers' welfare amid Strait of Hormuz attacks T ☐ R ☐

The Shipping Ministry's Seafarer-First initiative set out measures for Indian seafarers in conflict zones.

MUST KNOW Seafarer-First: measures for seafarers amid Strait of Hormuz attacks

ANGLE *Welfare-measure question.*

REFER Jul '26 · Quiz · Aug '26 · Polity & Governance

C QUICK-READ FACTS 36 facts

- **09.C01 Air Suvidha 2.0** — Travel-facilitation portal for air passengers.
Jul '26 · Quiz
- **09.C02 Andhra Pradesh child-birth incentives** — Andhra Pradesh announced incentives to encourage more births (population policy).
Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz; Jun '26 · Quiz
- **09.C03 Antimicrobial resistance** — JNU study found high airborne levels of antibiotic-resistant staph in Delhi, peaking in winter.
Feb '26 · Health; Apr QS '26 p.55 · Science & Technology and Defence
- **09.C04 Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY** — Health insurance scheme launched in 2018. Jul '26 · Quiz
- **09.C05 B'nei Menashe** May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **09.C06 Bodhan AI** — Not-for-profit to build a Bharat EduAI Stack as education DPI. Mar '26 · Pointers — Science and Technology
- **09.C07 CBSE On-Screen Marking controversy** — Raised questions of accountability and public trust in exam bodies. Jun '26 p.63
- **09.C08 Chandipura virus** — Sandfly-borne rhabdovirus; cases in Rajasthan and Gujarat. Aug '26 · Quiz; Sep '26 · Health
- **09.C09 Codeine syrup abuse in Bihar** — Codeine syrups used as a substitute under Bihar's prohibition. Jul '26 · Science and Technology
- **09.C10 Cyclosporiasis outbreak in the US** — US outbreak of Cyclospora parasite infection. Aug '26 · Health
- **09.C11 E-passport** — New chip-based passport; governed by the Passports Act 1967. Feb '26 · Quiz
- **09.C12 E. coli in railway water coolers** — CAG flagged contamination. Sep '26 · Health
- **09.C13 EPFO E-PRAAPTI portal** — Aadhaar-based portal to trace inoperative EPF accounts without a UAN. May '26 · Polity
- **09.C14 Hantavirus outbreak** — Cluster on cruise ship Hondius caused three deaths; rodent-borne (HPS and HFRS). Jun '26 · Health

- **09.C15 Budget 2026: health and education** — Five regional medical hubs; NIMHANS-2; girls' hostels in every district. Mar '26 p.48
- **09.C16 Legionnaires' disease** — Caused by Legionella bacteria. Aug '26 · Quiz
- **09.C17 Lormalzi (donanemab)** — Eli Lilly's monthly donanemab for early Alzheimer's launched in India. Jun '26 · Health
- **09.C18 Rare genetic diseases and a national biobank**
Mar '26 · Quiz; Apr QS '26 p.66 · Science & Technology and Defence
- **09.C19 Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture**
Jul '26 · Quiz
- **09.C20 Naya Safar Yojana** — Delhi implements the Centre's scheme to replace old commercial vehicles with tax concessions. Aug '26 · Polity & Governance
- **09.C21 News-channel TRPs withheld** — TRPs for news channels suspended for four weeks over sensational war coverage; BARC runs TV ratings. Apr '26 · Polity and Governance
- **09.C22 Ni-kshay platform** Feb '26 · Quiz
- **09.C23 Non-communicable diseases**
Apr QS '26 p.63 · Science & Technology and Defence
- **09.C24 Odisha free higher education** Jul '26 · Quiz
- **09.C25 PCOS renamed PMOS** — PCOS renamed Polyendocrine Metabolic Ovarian Syndrome (PMOS). Jun '26 · Health
- **09.C26 PM SVANidhi** — Street-vendor credit scheme (launched June 2020) restructured with higher loan limits. Apr QS '26 p.36 · Economy
- **09.C27 PMAY-Gramin** Apr QS '26 p.37 · Economy
- **09.C28 PMKVY** — Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, launched 2015 under Skill India. Jan '26 · Quiz
- **09.C29 Qdenga: first approved dengue vaccine** — India's first approved dengue vaccine, made by Takeda. Aug '26 · Health
- **09.C30 SARTHAK-PDS** Jun '26 · Quiz
- **09.C31 SEHAT initiative** — Joint ICMR-ICAR programme on biofortified crops, occupational health, NCDs and One Health. Jun '26 · Polity & Governance
- **09.C32 Shigella outbreak in Kerala** — 146 confirmed cases; faecal-oral infection. Jul '26 · Health
- **09.C33 Swine flu in Delhi** — Rising H1N1 cases; the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 is the relevant law. Sep '26 · Health
- **09.C34 Thalassaemia children infected with HIV** — MP inquiry found lapses at a blood centre; thalassaemia has alpha and beta types. Jan '26 · Diseases
- **09.C35 UDAN 2.0** — Modified regional air connectivity scheme: Rs 28,840 crore for 2026-27 to 2035-36. Apr '26 · Polity and Governance
- **09.C36 Vaccine-derived poliovirus in Ghaziabad sewage** — Does not affect India's polio-free status (WHO certified India polio-free in 2014). Aug '26 · Health

SUBJECT 10 / 16

10

History, Art & Culture

8 must-teach · 19 should-cover · 37 quick-read facts

A MUST TEACH 8 themes

10.01

A

UNESCO World Heritage: Sarnath becomes India's 45th site

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Sarnath, where the Buddha gave his first sermon, was inscribed at the 48th World Heritage Committee session in Busan as India's 45th site, a year after the Maratha Military Landscapes became the 44th.

MUST KNOW

- Sarnath: India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site and Uttar Pradesh's fourth
- Inscribed at the 48th World Heritage Committee session in Busan
- Same session added D-Day beaches of Normandy, Mount Olympus, Asuka-Fujiwara (Japan) and South Sudan's first site; Lebanese sites put on the danger list
- Maratha Military Landscapes inscribed (India's 44th)
- Lucknow named a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy

STATIC LINK

- UP's other WHS: Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri
- Sarnath is where the Buddha gave his first sermon
- UNESCO World Heritage Convention adopted 1972; UNESCO HQ in Paris
- Mountain Railways of India: Darjeeling (1999), extended to Nilgiri (2005) and Kalka-Shimla (2008)

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 49 (DPSP) — protection of monuments of national importance; AMASR Act 1958

CLAT ANGLE

Heritage passage; count-based and 'which state/which session' questions; list India's recent inscriptions.

REFER Mar '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.78 · History, Art & Culture · Apr QS '26 p.19 · Geography & Environment · Aug '26 · Art & Culture · Sep '26 · Art and Culture

10.02

A

Deepavali on UNESCO's Intangible Heritage list; India hosts ICH Committee

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India hosted UNESCO's 20th Intangible Cultural Heritage Committee at the Red Fort for the first time, and Deepavali was inscribed, taking India to 16 elements.

MUST KNOW

- 20th ICH Committee held at Red Fort, 8-13 December 2025 — first time in India
- Deepavali inscribed
- India now has 16 elements
- List runs from Kutiyattam and Vedic chanting (2008) to Garba (2023)

STATIC LINK

- 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
- UNESCO founded 1945, HQ Paris

CLAT ANGLE

Heritage passage; count and 'which of these is on India's ICH list' questions.

REFER Jan '26 · International Cooperation · Jan '26 · Quiz

10.03

A

INSV Kaundinya: stitched ship sails Porbandar to Muscat

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Navy's INSV Kaundinya, a stitched-plank sailing ship rebuilt from an Ajanta painting, made its maiden voyage from Porbandar to Muscat, reviving India's ancient maritime tradition.

MUST KNOW

- Stitched-plank sail ship modelled on a 5th-century Ajanta painting
- Sailed Porbandar to Muscat from 29 December 2025
- Sails carry Gandabherunda and Sun motifs

STATIC LINK

- Ajanta Caves (Maharashtra) are a UNESCO World Heritage Site

CLAT ANGLE

Maritime-heritage passage; source painting, route and technique questions.

REFER Jan '26 · Quiz · Feb '26 · History & Culture · Feb '26 · Quiz

10.04

A

Somnath Swabhiman Parv: 1,000 years since Ghazni's raid

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Somnath Swabhiman Parv (8-11 January 2026) marked 1,000 years since Mahmud of Ghazni's 1026 raid on the Somnath temple.

MUST KNOW

- Held 8-11 January 2026
- Marks 1,000 years since Mahmud of Ghazni's 1026 raid
- Somnath is at Prabhas Patan, Gujarat

CLAT ANGLE

Anniversary passage on medieval history; date arithmetic and ruler identification.

REFER Feb '26 · Places in News

10.05

A

GI tags of 2025-26: Tamil Nadu's five, Jodhpuri Mojari and more

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

A steady stream of products won Geographical Indication tags, from five Tamil Nadu goods to Rajasthan's Jodhpuri Mojari and several West Bengal sweets and crafts.

MUST KNOW

- Tamil Nadu's five new GIs: Woraiyur cotton sari, Kavindapadi jaggery powder, Namakkal soapstone cookware, Thooyamalli rice, Ambasamudram wooden toys — state total 74
- Jodhpuri Mojari: Rajasthan's embroidered leather footwear made by the Jinagar community
- West Bengal: Jolbhora Sandesh, Janai Manohara, Balagarh boats; MP: Mandu's Khurasani Imli (baobab); AP: Ponduru Khadi
- Queen pineapple is Tripura's GI-tagged state fruit
- Rupa Tarakasi (Cuttack silver filigree) and Muga silk (Assam) are GI products

STATIC LINK

- GI Registry is in Chennai
- Darjeeling Tea was India's first GI (2004)

LEGAL HOOK

Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act 1999; GI as intellectual property under the TRIPS Agreement

CLAT ANGLE

Match GI product to state; Legal Reasoning passage on who can use a GI and what infringement means.

REFER Jan '26 · Art & Culture · Jun '26 · Art & Culture · Jun '26 · Quiz · Jul '26 · Quiz · Jul '26 · Polity and Governance · Aug '26 · Art & Culture

10.06 **A** Jyotirao Phule bicentenary

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Bicentenary tributes to Jyotirao Phule revisit his fight against caste and for women's education.

MUST KNOW

- Founded the Satyashodhak Samaj (1873)
- Wrote Gulamgiri (1873) and Shetkaryacha Asood
- Opened a girls' school in Pune in 1848 with Savitribai Phule
- Deposed before the Hunter Commission, 1882

STATIC LINK

- Born 1827

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 15(4) and Art. 17 — the constitutional answer to the caste discrimination Phule fought

CLAT ANGLE

Anniversary passage on social reform; book, organisation and year matching.

REFER May '26 · Practice Quiz · Jun '26 p.14

10.07 **A** Return of India's antiquities: Chola plates, Chola idols, Piprahwa relics

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Netherlands returned the 11th-century Anaimangalam Chola copper plates and an Australian museum returned three Chola-era idols, part of a wider push to bring back India's heritage.

MUST KNOW

- Netherlands returned the 11th-century Anaimangalam (Leiden) copper plates
- Plates record Rajaraja I's grant to the Chulamanivarman-vihara at Nagapattinam, built by Sailendra king Maravijayottungavarman in his father Chulamanivarman's name
- Text in Sanskrit and Tamil; 21 large and 3 small plates

- Australian museum returned a Nandi, a Bhadrakali trident and a six-headed Karthikeya
- India to return First Nations ancestral relics from Chennai's Government Museum

STATIC LINK

- Chola bronzes were cast by the lost-wax (cire perdue) technique
- Piprahwa is in Siddharthnagar, UP; relics excavated in 1898 by William Peppe

LEGAL HOOK

Antiquities and Art Treasures Act 1972; 1970 UNESCO Convention on illicit trafficking of cultural property

CLAT ANGLE

Restitution passage; dynasty/ruler identification; legal questions on ownership of cultural property.

REFER Jan '26 · Quiz · Feb '26 · Quiz · Jun '26 · Art & Culture · Jun '26 · Quiz · Aug '26 · Art & Culture

10.08

A

Harappan heritage in the news: Rakhigarhi, Dancing Girl, 15 Budget sites

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Rakhigarhi got Rs 500 crore and its skeletal remains went to the Anthropological Survey, the Budget picked 15 archaeological sites for development, and the Dancing Girl image returned to an NCERT textbook.

MUST KNOW

- Rakhigarhi (Hisar, Haryana): Rs 500 crore allocated
- ASI handed skeletal remains from eight burials to the Anthropological Survey of India
- Budget 2026: 15 archaeological sites to be developed, including Lothal, Dholavira and Rakhigarhi
- Dancing Girl: ~10.8 cm bronze made by lost-wax casting, found in 1926
- NCERT restored the Dancing Girl's image in a Class 9 textbook

STATIC LINK

- Dholavira (Gujarat) — UNESCO World Heritage Site, 2021
- Lothal (Gujarat) — Harappan dockyard site

CLAT ANGLE

Ancient-history passage anchored in news; site-state matching and artefact identification.

REFER Jan '26 · Places in News · Mar '26 p.48 · Jul '26 · Quiz · Jul '26 · Places in News · Jul '26 · Art and Culture

B SHOULD COVER 19 themes ————— T = taught · R = revised

10.09 **B UNESCO Memory of the World: Gita, Natyashastra and Xuanzang's records** T ☐ R ☐

The Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra were inscribed on UNESCO's Memory of the World Register, and India and China plan a joint nomination of Xuanzang's travel account.

MUST KNOW Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra inscribed on the Memory of the World Register · India-China joint nomination planned for Xuanzang's 7th-century account · Nalanda link; BRICS culture meeting at Varanasi

ANGLE *Distinguish Memory of the World from World Heritage and ICH lists.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.81 · History, Art & Culture · Jul '26 · Art and Culture

10.10 **B Indic influence in South-East Asia and the Prambanan conservation project** T ☐ R ☐

Indian religious and political ideas shaped Angkor, Borobudur and Prambanan; the ASI will now help conserve Prambanan under a 10-year India-Indonesia project.

MUST KNOW Angkor Wat built under Suryavarman II; Bayon under Jayavarman VII · Borobudur linked to the Sailendras; Prambanan and My Son (Champa) also discussed · Devaraja (god-king) cult · ASI-led 10-year India-Indonesia joint conservation of Prambanan

STATIC Angkor Wat is in Cambodia; Borobudur and Prambanan are in Java, Indonesia · Prambanan is a Hindu temple complex and a UNESCO World Heritage Site

ANGLE *Culture-diplomacy passage; monument-country-ruler matching.*

REFER Jul '26 p.15 · Aug '26 · Places in News · Aug '26 · Quiz

10.11 **B Zehanpora: Kushan-era Buddhist site in Baramulla** T ☐ R ☐

A roughly 2,000-year-old Kushan-era Buddhist complex was identified at Zehanpora in Baramulla, prompted by an old photograph in a French museum.

MUST KNOW ~2,000-year-old Kushan-era Buddhist complex in Baramulla, J&K · Prompted by an old photo in a French museum

STATIC Kanishka (Kushan) convened the Fourth Buddhist Council in Kashmir

ANGLE *Archaeology-in-news identification (dynasty, place).*

REFER Feb '26 · History & Culture · Feb '26 · Quiz

10.12 **B** ASI excavations at eight Tamil Nadu sites T ☐ R ☐

The ASI approved excavations at eight Tamil Nadu sites, including Keeladi and Adichanallur.

MUST KNOW Approval for digs at eight sites · Include Keeladi, Adichanallur and Vellalore

ANGLE *Site-state matching.*

REFER Apr '26 · Places in News

10.13 **B** Gandhi's writings and their global relevance T ☐ R ☐

Gandhi's Hind Swaraj and autobiography remain central to debates on modern civilisation and non-violence.

MUST KNOW Hind Swaraj (1909) written in Gujarati aboard a ship · Critique of modern civilisation and violent nationalism · Autobiography 'The Story of My Experiments with Truth' serialised in the 1920s

STATIC Champaran Satyagraha (1917) was Gandhi's first satyagraha in India

ANGLE *Book-author-year identification; reading passage on Gandhian thought.*

REFER Feb '26 p.9

10.14 **B** How British rule reshaped Indian education T ☐ R ☐

Colonial policy replaced pathshalas, tols and madrasas with an English-medium system; colonial surveys and Dharampal's work show how wide pre-colonial learning was.

MUST KNOW Pre-colonial learning in pathshalas, tols, madrasas and mak-tabs · Macaulay's Minute (1835) and the English Education Act · Munro survey (Madras, 1820s) and William Adam reports (1835-38) · Dharampal's The Beautiful Tree on the reach of indigenous schooling

STATIC Charter Act 1813 set aside Rs 1 lakh for education · Wood's Despatch (1854) — the 'Magna Carta of English education in India' · Macaulay chaired the first Law Commission, which drafted the IPC (enacted 1860)

§ LEGAL Indian Penal Code 1860, drafted by Macaulay's Law Commission, now replaced by the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023

ANGLE *Modern-history passage; chronology of education milestones.*

REFER Jan '26 · Quiz · May '26 p.11 · Jul '26 p.12

10.15 **B** India-Persia cultural exchange through history T ☐ R ☐

India and Persia share links from Vedic-Avestan gods to Persian as the Mughal court language, and conflict such as Nader Shah's 1739 raid.

MUST KNOW Shared Vedic-Avestan deities such as Mitra (Avestan Mithra) · Achaemenid Darius I ruled India's northwest (Behistun inscription) · Persian served as the Mughal court language · Nader Shah's 1739 raid took the Koh-i-Noor and the Peacock Throne

STATIC Nader Shah defeated Mughal emperor Muhammad Shah at Karnal, 1739

ANGLE *Culture passage; identification of rulers, events and artefacts.*

REFER Jun '26 p.11

10.16 **B** Natyashastra vs Aristotle: Greek influence on Indian theatre T ☐ R ☐

Scholars debate Greek influence on Indian drama, contrasting the Natyashastra's rasa theory with Aristotle's catharsis.

MUST KNOW 'Yavanika' (stage curtain) cited as a possible Greek link · Rasa theory contrasted with Aristotle's catharsis and three unities · Stock figures: Sutradhara and Vidushaka

STATIC Natyashastra is attributed to Bharata Muni

ANGLE *Comparative culture passage; identify Sutradhara/Vidushaka.*

REFER Aug '26 p.7

10.17 **B** Thirukkural and its lasting relevance T ☐ R ☐

Thiruvalluvar's Thirukkural remains a widely read ethical text.

MUST KNOW 1,330 couplets in 133 chapters · Three books: Aram (virtue), Porul (wealth), Inbam (love) · Translated into English by G.U. Pope

ANGLE *'Which of the following' on its books, structure and translator.*

REFER Mar '26 p.12

10.18 **B** Southward spread of Buddhism, Jainism and Hinduism T ☐ R ☐

Edicts, stupas and inscriptions trace how Buddhism, Jainism and Brahmanical religion spread into the Deccan and the far south.

MUST KNOW Ashokan edicts at Maski, Brahmagiri, Yerragudi · Amaravati and Nagarjunakonda stupas · Jain presence at Shravanabelagola; Tamil-Brahmi inscriptions

STATIC Maski edict was the first discovered edict to name Ashoka directly · Shravanabelagola (Karnataka) has the Gommateshwara (Bahubali) statue

ANGLE *Ancient-history passage; site-religion matching.*

REFER Sep '26 p.20

10.19 **B** **Dadabhai Naoroji's 200th birth anniversary** T ☐ R ☐

The bicentenary of Dadabhai Naoroji recalls the early nationalist who set out the drain theory.

MUST KNOW 200th birth anniversary · Proponent of the drain theory

STATIC First Indian elected to the British House of Commons (1892)

ANGLE *Anniversary identification of an early nationalist.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.77 · History, Art & Culture

10.20 **B** **C. Sankaran Nair and the Jallianwala Bagh aftermath** T ☐ R ☐

Renewed interest in C. Sankaran Nair, who resigned over Jallianwala Bagh and was sued for libel by Michael O'Dwyer.

MUST KNOW Resigned over Jallianwala Bagh · Wrote 'Gandhi and Anarchy' · Sued by O'Dwyer

STATIC INC President, 1897 (Amraoti session)

§ **LEGAL** Libel (defamation) suit — O'Dwyer v. Nair

ANGLE *Freedom-struggle personality; possible defamation-principle hook.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.81 · History, Art & Culture

10.21 **B** **Rani Abbakka's 500th anniversary** T ☐ R ☐

The 500th anniversary of Rani Abbakka, the Ullal queen who resisted the Portuguese.

MUST KNOW Queen of Ullal · Resisted the Portuguese · 500th anniversary

ANGLE *Anniversary identification of a resisting ruler.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.78 · History, Art & Culture

10.22 **B** **Centenary of Pather Dabi** T ☐ R ☐

Sarat Chandra's 1926 novel Pather Dabi, banned by the British, marks its centenary in 2026.

MUST KNOW Written by Sarat Chandra · 1926 novel, banned · Centenary in 2026

ANGLE *Author-work matching; censorship theme.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.78 · History, Art & Culture

10.23 **B** **Mangarh Dham and the 1913 Bhil massacre** T ☐ R ☐

The government clarified that Mangarh Dham in Rajasthan, site of the 1913 Bhil massacre, is not a national monument.

MUST KNOW Site of the 1913 Bhil massacre in Rajasthan · Government clarified it is not a national monument

STATIC Govind Guru led the Bhils at Mangarh

§ **LEGAL** AMASR Act 1958 — declaration of monuments of national importance

ANGLE *Tribal-history passage; legal question on what makes a 'national monument'.*

REFER Sep '26 · Polity and Governance

10.24 **B** Punjab declares three 'Holy Cities'

T ☐ R ☐

Punjab declared Amritsar, Anandpur Sahib and Talwandi Sabo — seats of three Sikh Takhts — holy cities, with bans on liquor, tobacco and meat.

MUST KNOW Amritsar, Anandpur Sahib, Talwandi Sabo declared holy cities · Seats of three Sikh Takhts · Bans on liquor, tobacco and meat

STATIC Five Takhts: Akal Takht (Amritsar), Kesgarh Sahib (Anandpur), Damdama Sahib (Talwandi Sabo), Patna Sahib, Hazur Sahib (Nanded)

§ **LEGAL** Art. 19(1)(g) (trade) vs Art. 25 (religion) — reasonable restrictions

ANGLE *Takht-city matching; rights-balancing question on the bans.*

REFER Jan '26 · Places in News

10.25 **B** Granth Kutir and India's 11 classical languages

T ☐ R ☐

Rashtrapati Bhavan opened Granth Kutir, a library of manuscripts and books in India's 11 classical languages.

MUST KNOW New library at Rashtrapati Bhavan · Manuscripts and books in 11 classical languages

STATIC 11 classical languages: Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Odia, Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, Bengali

ANGLE *List/count of classical languages.*

REFER Feb '26 · Places in News

10.26 **B** Hornbill Festival, Nagaland

T ☐ R ☐

Nagaland's 26th Hornbill Festival, the 'Festival of Festivals', began on 1 December.

MUST KNOW 26th edition, began 1 December · Called the 'Festival of Festivals' · Named after the Great Hornbill (IUCN Vulnerable, WPA Schedule I) · Great Hornbill is the state bird of Arunachal Pradesh and Kerala

STATIC Nagaland became a state on 1 December 1963

ANGLE *Festival-state matching.*

REFER Jan '26 · Art & Culture · Jan '26 · Quiz

10.27 **B** Protecting monuments: AMASR Act and Article 49

T ☐ R ☐

Heritage protection rests on the AMASR Act 1958 and Article 49, as seen at sites like the Satavahana-era Naneghat caves.

MUST KNOW Naneghat caves at Junnar, Pune carry a 1st-century BCE Satavahana-era Brahmi inscription

STATIC ASI founded 1861 (Alexander Cunningham) · Art. 49 (DPSP) — protection of monuments

§ **LEGAL** Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act 1958; Art. 49

ANGLE *Legal Reasoning passage on protected areas and construction bans near monuments.*

REFER Feb '26 · Quiz · Mar '26 · Pointers — Places in News

C QUICK-READ FACTS 37 facts

- **10.C01 Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi's 1066th Jayanthi** — President inaugurated it at Malavalli (Mandya); the 10th-century saint founded Suttur Math on the Kapila river Jan '26 · Events
- **10.C02 Agamas** — Temple scriptures on rituals; courts consult them on priest appointments (Arts. 25-26, essential religious practices)
Apr QS '26 p.80 · History, Art & Culture
- **10.C03 Bagurumba** — Bodo folk dance of Assam; 10,000 dancers performed in Guwahati Feb '26 · History & Culture; Apr QS '26 p.79 · History, Art & Culture
- **10.C04 Balirajgarh, Bihar** — ASI excavation in Madhubani linked to ancient Mithila/Videha May '26 · Places in News
- **10.C05 C. Rajagopalachari** — First and only Indian Governor-General of India; among the first Bharat Ratna recipients (1954)
Apr QS '26 p.77 · History, Art & Culture
- **10.C06 Charyapada and Alvar-Nayanar hymns** — Charyapada: Buddhist songs in sandhya-bhasha; Alvars (Vaishnava) and Nayanars (Shai-va) Tamil hymns May '26 p.14
- **10.C07 Rajendra Chola I** — Chola anniversary; Gangaikonda Cholapuram is part of the Great Living Chola Temples WHS Apr QS '26 p.80 · History, Art & Culture
- **10.C08 Constituent Assembly on women's quotas** — Hansa Mehta and Renuka Ray argued against reserved seats for women May '26 p.2
- **10.C09 Crafts in the Independence Day invitation** — Kaavi art, Bastar bell metal, Maheshwari weaves, Azulejo tiles Sep '26 · Art and Culture
- **10.C10 Firozabad glass museum** — New museum in UP's 'Glass City'
Feb '26 · Places in News
- **10.C11 International Spice Routes Conference** — First edition at Kochi (Bolgatty Palace), 6-8 January 2026, under the Muziris Heritage Project
Feb '26 · Events and Summits; Feb '26 · Quiz

- **10.C12 Indian National Cine Academy** — Umbrella body launched in Mumbai linking 12 regional film industries Feb '26 · Polity & Governance
- **10.C13 Jamma Bane land tenure** — Hereditary Kodagu lands granted for military service; Karnataka Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Act 2025 Feb '26 · Polity & Governance; Feb '26 · Quiz
- **10.C14 Kabuki** — Japanese all-male theatre from the 17th century; female-role actors are onnagata May '26 · Art & Culture
- **10.C15 Kalaripayattu** — Martial art of Kerala Apr '26 · Art and Culture
- **10.C16 Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0** — Began in Varanasi on 2 December; theme 'Tamil Karkalam'; first edition 2022 Jan '26 · Events
- **10.C17 Kheer Bhawani temple** — Tulmulla, Kashmir — Zyeshtha Ashtami mela of Kashmiri Pandits Jul '26 · Places in News
- **10.C18 Konark Sun Temple** — Built by Narasimhadeva I of the Eastern Ganga dynasty (13th century); UNESCO WHS May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **10.C19 Konkan petroglyphs** — Maharashtra using AI to study prehistoric rock carvings Aug '26 · Places in News
- **10.C20 Lakkundi gold hoard** — Found in a Kalyana Chalukya-era village in Gadag, Karnataka Apr '26 · Places in News
- **10.C21 M.N. Roy** — Figure linked to the CPI centenary Apr QS '26 p.79 · History, Art & Culture
- **10.C22 Magh Mela, Prayagraj** — Annual bathing festival at the Sangam; the Maha Kumbh recurs every 12 years Feb '26 · History & Culture
- **10.C23 Maulana Barkatullah** — Linked to the 1915 Provisional Government of India in Kabul; Bhopal university named after him proposed for renaming Jun '26 · Quiz; Jul '26 · Persons in News
- **10.C24 Mihir Bhoj** — Gurjara-Pratihara king May '26 · Persons in News
- **10.C25 Monsoon in art and texts** — Rains depicted in Indian literature and miniature painting Jul '26 p.2
- **10.C26 PM's gift diplomacy** — Muga and Shirui Lily silk, Meenakari-Kundan jewellery, Tarakasi silver boat, Kutch Rogan art Jun '26 · Art & Culture
- **10.C27 Rajghat (Varanasi) site** — Ganga-Varuna confluence site; 1957 excavation boxes opened at BHU Sep '26 · Art and Culture; Sep '26 · Quiz
- **10.C28 Rig Vedic society** — Early Vedic economy was pastoral; Purusha Sukta (10th Mandala) is an early seed of varna Apr '26 p.9
- **10.C29 Samrat Samprati** — Ashoka's grandson and patron of Jainism; museum at Koba, Gandhinagar May '26 · Persons in News; May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **10.C30 Integration of Sikkim** — 36th Amendment (1975) made Sikkim a full state; Art. 371F May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **10.C31 Panchsheel** — Five principles of peaceful coexistence, in the 1954 India-China agreement Apr QS '26 p.16 · International Relations & World Geography
- **10.C32 Origins of the UN** — Atlantic Charter 1941, Moscow Declaration 1943, UN Charter signed at San Francisco 1945 Jul '26 · Quiz

- 10.C33 **Tantya Mama Bhil** — Substandard statue of the Bhil tribal hero in Khargone, MP drew criticism Feb '26 · Persons in News
- 10.C34 **Vaishya Tekri stupa** — Large Ashokan-era stupa near Ujjain with a rammed murum core; fresh excavation Sep '26 · Art and Culture; Sep '26 · Quiz
- 10.C35 **Veera Pasi** — Dalit 1857 fighter who served Rana Beni Madhav Baksh Singh; statue in Raebareli Jun '26 · Persons in News
- 10.C36 **Virat Ramayana Temple** — 210-tonne, 33-ft granite Shiva Lingam from Mahabalipuram installed at Kaithwalia, East Champaran, Bihar Feb '26 · Places in News
- 10.C37 **Writers' Building attack** — 1930 attack by Benoy, Badal and Dinesh Apr QS '26 p.79 · History, Art & Culture

SUBJECT 11 / 16

11

Geography & Places in News

5 must-teach · 17 should-cover · 35 quick-read facts

A MUST TEACH 5 themes

11.01

A

Strait of Hormuz and India's maritime chokepoints

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The West Asia war disrupted shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, exposing how much of India's oil and trade passes through a few narrow sea lanes.

MUST KNOW

- Hormuz links the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman
- Hormuz carries 20-25% of global oil; about 40% of India's crude moved via Hormuz
- Merchant ships were attacked and Hormuz shipping disrupted by the war
- Key chokepoints: Hormuz, Malacca, Bab el-Mandeb, Suez and Panama canals
- India's responses: MAHASAGAR maritime vision, IMEC and reserve buffers

STATIC LINK

- Strait of Malacca lies between the Malay Peninsula and Sumatra
- Bab el-Mandeb links the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden

LEGAL HOOK

UNCLOS — right of transit passage through straits used for international navigation

CLAT ANGLE

Map-based passage: 'Which strait connects X and Y?'; Legal Reasoning on whether a coastal state can close an international strait.

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Places in News · Mar '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.12 · Apr QS '26 p.17 · Apr QS '26 p.40 · Apr '26 p.12 · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · Jun '26 · Quiz

11.02

A

West Asia war map: Iran's energy and nuclear sites

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Strikes in the Iran war hit nuclear and energy sites across the Gulf, several of which matter directly to India's energy supply.

MUST KNOW

- Natanz: IAEA confirmed entrances to the underground enrichment facility were bombed
- South Pars: world's largest gas field, shared by Iran and Qatar; struck by Israel
- Ras Laffan: Qatar's LNG hub and India's main LNG source; hit by Iranian missiles
- Kharg Island: Iran's key crude export terminal in the Persian Gulf; heavily bombed

STATIC LINK

- IAEA established 1957; HQ Vienna
- Qatar's part of South Pars is called the North Field

CLAT ANGLE

Place-identification questions ('Kharg Island is associated with...'), and India's energy-security angle.

REFER Apr QS '26 p.18 · Apr '26 · Places in News · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz

11.03

A

New seismic map: Zone VI in the revised code

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

BIS revised India's earthquake design code and created a new highest-hazard Zone VI along the Himalaya.

MUST KNOW

- BIS revised earthquake design code IS 1893 (2025)
- New highest-hazard Zone VI along the Himalaya
- Uses probabilistic seismic hazard assessment

STATIC LINK

- NDMA constituted under the Disaster Management Act 2005; PM is chairperson
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030

LEGAL HOOK

Disaster Management Act 2005

CLAT ANGLE

Disaster passage; question on the new zone and which body issues building codes.

REFER Jan '26 p.47

11.04 **A Monsoon 2026: below-normal forecast and its drivers**

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

IMD forecast a below-normal 2026 monsoon, and the RBI warned of the economic impact. The passage covers how the monsoon works and what drives it.

MUST KNOW

- IMD forecast a below-normal 2026 monsoon in late May; RBI cautioned about its economic impact
- Long Period Average (LPA) about 87 cm (1971-2020 average)
- Tamil Nadu gets nearly half its rain from the north-east monsoon
- Drivers: ENSO/El Nino, ITCZ shift, MJO pulses, Indian Ocean Dipole, western disturbances
- IMD uses green/yellow/orange/red colour-coded alerts

STATIC LINK

- IMD established 1875; under the Ministry of Earth Sciences

CLAT ANGLE

Science-economy passage; questions on LPA, SW vs NE monsoon and IOD/ENSO.

REFER Jul '26 p.2 · Jul '26 · Quiz

11.05 **A Greenland: US claims and Arctic geopolitics**

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

US claims over Greenland were revived, putting the Danish territory and its US space base at the centre of Arctic geopolitics.

MUST KNOW

- World's largest island; territory under Denmark; capital Nuuk
- Home rule 1979, self-government 2009

- Hosts the US Pituffik Space Base
- US interest in acquiring it revived

STATIC LINK

- Greenland is an autonomous territory within the Kingdom of Denmark

CLAT ANGLE

Arctic-geopolitics passage; questions on sovereignty and self-determination.

REFER Feb '26 · Places in News · Feb '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.7

B SHOULD COVER 17 themes ————— T = taught · R = revised

11.06 **B Bab el-Mandeb and the Red Sea: Houthi strikes** T ☐ R ☐

The Houthis' entry into the war threatened Bab el-Mandeb, and they later struck Saudi Red Sea oil ports and an Aramco facility.

MUST KNOW Bab el-Mandeb lies between Yemen and the Horn of Africa; vital to India-Europe trade · Houthi strikes on Saudi Red Sea oil ports Jazan and Yanbu · Houthis struck an Aramco facility in Jazan

STATIC Bab el-Mandeb links the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden · Gulf of Aden lies between Yemen and Somalia; Djibouti at its western end

ANGLE *Map question on which strait/gulf connects which seas.*

REFER Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · May '26 · Places in News · Jul '26 · Quiz · Aug '26 · Places in News · Sep '26 · International Relations

11.07 **B Diego Garcia and the Chagos dispute** T ☐ R ☐

Iran fired missiles at the US-UK base on Diego Garcia, in the Chagos Archipelago that Mauritius claims.

MUST KNOW US-UK base in the Chagos Archipelago · Iran fired missiles at it

STATIC ICJ advisory opinion (2019) held the UK's continued administration of Chagos unlawful

§ LEGAL ICJ advisory opinion on Chagos (2019) — decolonisation and self-determination

ANGLE *Place identification plus an international-law question on the ICJ opinion.*

REFER Apr '26 · Places in News · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz

11.08 **B Shaksgam Valley: Chinese construction** T ☐ R ☐

India objected to Chinese construction in the Shaksgam Valley, territory Pakistan handed to China in 1963.

MUST KNOW Ladakh LG objected to Chinese construction · Trans-Karakoram Tract ceded by Pakistan to China in 1963

ANGLE *India-China-Pakistan border question: who ceded Shaksgam to whom, and when.*

REFER Feb '26 · Places in News · Feb '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.23

11.09 **B** Himalayan border passes and trade: Lipulekh, Shipki La

T ☐ R ☐

India and China agreed to reopen border trade through passes such as Lipulekh, which Nepal disputes.

MUST KNOW India-China border trade via Lipulekh to reopen; suspended since 2020 · Nepal disputes the Lipulekh area · Shipki La border trade in news

STATIC Lipulekh Pass is in Uttarakhand, on the Kailash Mansarovar route · Shipki La is in Himachal Pradesh (Kinnaur) · Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh border China

ANGLE *Map questions matching passes to states and 'which states border China'.*

REFER Jul '26 · Places in News · Jul '26 · Quiz · Sep '26 · Quiz

11.10 **B** Strategic tunnels: Shyok, Zojila and the Brahmaputra tunnel

T ☐ R ☐

New tunnels in Ladakh, Kashmir and Assam give all-weather access in border and river regions.

MUST KNOW Shyok Tunnel: 920 m cut-and-cover tunnel on the DS-DBO road near the LAC, eastern Ladakh · Zojila tunnel breakthrough links Sonamarg (Kashmir) and Minamarg (Ladakh); built using NATM · India's first underwater road-cum-rail tunnel, under the Brahmaputra, links Gohpur and Numaligarh (Assam); Rs 18,662 cr twin-tube

STATIC DS-DBO = Darbuk-Shyok-Daulat Beg Oldi road; built by BRO

ANGLE *'India's first' and location-matching questions.*

REFER Jan '26 · Places in News · Jan '26 · Quiz · Mar '26 · Pointers — Places in News · Mar '26 · Quiz · Jul '26 · Places in News

11.11 **B** Tsunami preparedness: Tsunami Ready villages

T ☐ R ☐

India is getting 100+ villages certified as UNESCO-IOC 'Tsunami Ready' and plans a regional tsunami centre in the Andamans.

MUST KNOW 100+ villages to be certified under UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready — first in the Indian Ocean region · INCOIS coordinates · Regional Service Centre planned at Vijaynagar, Swaraj Dweep (A&N); able to detect non-seismic tsunamis

STATIC INCOIS is in Hyderabad

ANGLE *'First in the region' and institution-location questions.*

REFER Jan '26 · Environment · Mar '26 · Pointers — Environment

11.12 **B** Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance: Tulbul project revived T ☐ R ☐

With the Indus Waters Treaty suspended, India revived the Tulbul navigation project on the Jhelum.

MUST KNOW Tulbul project revived after suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty

STATIC Indus Waters Treaty signed 1960, brokered by the World Bank · Tulbul project is on the Jhelum at Wular Lake

§ LEGAL Law of treaties — suspension of a bilateral treaty

ANGLE *Passage on the treaty's suspension; river-project location question.*

REFER Mar '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.20

11.13 **B** South China Sea: Scarborough Shoal and the Paracels T ☐ R ☐

China declared a nature reserve on the disputed Scarborough Shoal and is building a military base in the Paracels.

MUST KNOW Scarborough Shoal disputed mainly between China and the Philippines · China declared management measures for a nature reserve on the shoal · China building a large military base near Antelope Reef, Paracel Islands

STATIC Arbitral tribunal (PCA) ruled for the Philippines in 2016 · Vietnam also claims the Paracels

§ LEGAL UNCLOS 1982 maritime entitlements; 2016 arbitral award (Philippines v China)

ANGLE *International-law question on the 2016 award and UNCLOS.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.4 · Sep '26 · Places in News

11.14 **B** Gaza crossings: Rafah and the Yellow Line T ☐ R ☐

The Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt was set to reopen under Israeli limits.

MUST KNOW Rafah is the southern Gaza crossing on the Egypt border · To reopen with Israeli limits · Other crossings: Erez, Kerem Shalom · 'Yellow Line' in news as a Gaza ceasefire demarcation

ANGLE *Map identification of Gaza's crossings and borders.*

REFER Feb '26 · Places in News · Apr QS '26 p.4 · Aug '26 · Quiz

11.15 **B** Ceuta and Melilla: EU's land border with Africa T ☐ R ☐

Spain's North African exclaves saw a migrant surge.

MUST KNOW Spanish North African exclaves · EU's only land border with Africa · Saw a migrant surge

STATIC Both lie on the Moroccan coast

ANGLE *Map question: 'Which is the EU's only land border with Africa?'*

REFER Sep '26 · Places in News · Sep '26 · Quiz

11.16 **B** Shrinking Caspian Sea

T ☐ R ☐

The Caspian is losing area and volume as Volga inflow falls and temperatures rise, hurting endemic species.

MUST KNOW Reduced Volga inflow and warming shrink the Caspian · Endemic species hit: Caspian seal, beluga sturgeon · Governed by the Tehran Convention (2003)

STATIC Caspian littoral states: Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Azerbaijan · Caspian is the world's largest enclosed inland water body · Volga is Europe's longest river

ANGLE *Map question on littoral states; link to INSTC trade route.*

REFER Aug '26 p.60

11.17 **B** Kuril Islands row: Iturup

T ☐ R ☐

Putin's visit to Iturup prompted a Russia-Japan diplomatic row over the Kurils.

MUST KNOW Putin's visit to Iturup prompted a Russia-Japan row · Kuril Islands are a Russia-Japan territorial dispute

ANGLE *Territorial-dispute matching question.*

REFER Sep '26 · Places in News

11.18 **B** Black Sea: Snake Island and littoral states

T ☐ R ☐

The Black Sea stayed in news through the Russia-Ukraine war.

MUST KNOW Snake Island is a Ukrainian Black Sea island · Black Sea linked to the Mediterranean via the Bosphorus and Dardanelles

STATIC Black Sea littoral states: Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Russia, Georgia

ANGLE *Map-based identification of littoral states.*

REFER May '26 · Places in News · Aug '26 · Quiz

11.19 **B** Kalpasar project and the Dutch Afsluitdijk

T ☐ R ☐

Gujarat plans to dam the Gulf of Khambhat to create a freshwater reservoir, drawing on the Dutch Afsluitdijk, which the PM visited.

MUST KNOW Kalpasar: dam the Gulf of Khambhat to create a freshwater reservoir for Saurashtra · Inspired by the 32-km Dutch Afsluitdijk barrier

dam · LoI signed for Dutch cooperation on Kalpasar; ecological concerns raised

ANGLE *Place question on the Gulf of Khambhat project.*

REFER Jun '26 · Places in News · Jul '26 p.38

11.20 [B] India's land borders with neighbours

T ☐ R ☐

Border tensions and fencing kept India's eastern borders in the news.

MUST KNOW Siliguri Corridor ('Chicken's Neck') links the North-East to the rest of India

STATIC Siliguri Corridor is in West Bengal · India-Bangladesh border is India's longest land border (about 4,096 km) · Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram border Myanmar

ANGLE *Map questions on border states and lengths.*

REFER Jan '26 · Quiz · May '26 · Practice Quiz · Aug '26 · Quiz

11.21 [B] Thailand-Cambodia border clash and Preah Vihear

T ☐ R ☐

Border fighting between Thailand and Cambodia revived the temple dispute decided by the ICJ.

MUST KNOW Thailand-Cambodia border conflict places in news

STATIC ICJ (1962) held the Preah Vihear temple lies in Cambodia

§ LEGAL ICJ, Temple of Preah Vihear (Cambodia v Thailand), 1962

ANGLE *International-law question on the ICJ ruling.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.10

11.22 [B] Indira Point and Galathea Bay (Great Nicobar)

T ☐ R ☐

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India's southernmost tip and the Great Nicobar port site stayed in news; the Ports ministry proposed protection works at Indira Point.

MUST KNOW Indira Point, on Great Nicobar Island, is India's southernmost point · Ports ministry proposes protection works there · Galathea Bay is the Great Nicobar port site

ANGLE *Location questions linked to the Great Nicobar project.*

REFER Mar '26 · Quiz · Apr QS '26 p.19 · Aug '26 · Places in News

[C] QUICK-READ FACTS 35 facts

- 11.C01 **Sokoto state, Nigeria** — US struck IS-linked militants (incl. Lakurawa) in NW Nigeria at Nigeria's request Jan '26 · Places in News

- **11.C02 Cyclones and typhoons in news** — Cyclone Dittwah (North Indian Ocean names come from the WMO/ESCAP Panel list); Typhoon Noul hit Guangdong, China; Typhoon Dolphin struck Okinawa, Japan
Jan '26 · Quiz; Sep '26 · Environment and Geography
- **11.C03 Storm types** — Tropical cyclones form over warm seas; a 'bomb cyclone' is a storm whose pressure drops very fast Apr QS '26 p.26, p.28
- **11.C04 Hadramout / Mukalla, Yemen** — Saudi-backed government forces retook Mukalla from separatists Feb '26 · Places in News
- **11.C05 Ice Memory archive** — World's first mountain ice-core archive at Concordia station, Antarctica Feb '26 · Places in News
- **11.C06 Polar vortex** — Band of cold winds around the poles; when it weakens, Arctic cold spills south Feb '26 · Quiz; Apr QS '26 p.23
- **11.C07 Sela Lake** — Near Sela Pass, Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh Feb '26 · Quiz
- **11.C08 Western Disturbances** — Extra-tropical storms from the Mediterranean region that bring winter rain and snow to north-west India
Feb '26 · Quiz; Apr '26 p.88
- **11.C09 Durand Line** — Separates Afghanistan and Pakistan; drawn in 1893 (Mortimer Durand) Apr QS '26 p.3
- **11.C10 Baltic Sea** — Undersea-cable concerns among Baltic littoral states
Apr QS '26 p.8
- **11.C11 Landlocked Central Asia** — Uzbekistan is doubly landlocked; the region is rich in natural resources Apr QS '26 p.15; Sep '26 · Quiz
- **11.C12 Agalega island (Mauritius)** — India-built airstrip and St James Jetty on North Agalega Apr QS '26 p.18
- **11.C13 Aconcagua** — Highest peak of South America, in Argentina
Apr QS '26 p.23
- **11.C14 Volcanoes in news** — Ethiopia's Hayli Gubbi eruption sent ash to India; Mount Dukono is in Indonesia (Halmahera) Apr QS '26 p.28; Jun '26 · Quiz
- **11.C15 Teesta river basin** — Teesta water-sharing is a long-pending India-Bangladesh issue Apr QS '26 p.32
- **11.C16 Venezuela's oil reserves** — Venezuela has the world's largest proven oil reserves Apr QS '26 p.45
- **11.C17 Golestan Palace, Tehran** — UNESCO-listed Qajar-era palace damaged by nearby strikes Apr '26 · Places in News
- **11.C18 Isfahan** — Iranian city in news during the war May '26 · Practice Quiz
- **11.C19 Israel and Lebanon places in the war** — Dimona and Arad (Israeli towns near a nuclear facility) hit by Iranian missiles; Eilat and Ashkelon are Israeli ports; Israel targeted Litani River crossings (Lebanon's longest river) and Tyre Apr '26 · Places in News; Apr '26 p.88
- **11.C20 Wheat** — Wheat is a rabi crop Apr '26 p.88
- **11.C21 Bering Strait dam idea** — Study suggests damming the Bering Strait could help prevent AMOC collapse May '26 · Environment

- 11.C22 **Mekong pollution** — Rare-earth mining runoff from Myanmar and Laos, hitting Thailand hardest May '26 · Environment
- 11.C23 **Gourami fossil in the Siwaliks** — India's first gourami fish fossil found near Saharanpur, UP May '26 · Places in News
- 11.C24 **Kirandul-Bacheli iron ore** — Part of the Bailadila range, Dantewada, Chhattisgarh May '26 · Practice Quiz
- 11.C25 **Colosseum** — Rome's 1st-century amphitheatre, visited by Modi and Meloni; UNESCO site and New Seven Wonder Jun '26 · Places in News
- 11.C26 **Vijayapuram-3 gas discovery** — Gas discovery in the Andaman offshore area Jun '26 · Quiz
- 11.C27 **Jonnagiri gold mine** — India's largest private gold mine, at Jonnagiri, Kurnool (AP), in the Eastern Dharwar Craton Jul '26 · Economy
- 11.C28 **Earthquakes in news** — Venezuela 'seismic doublet' — M7.2 and M7.5 seconds apart on a strike-slip boundary; M7.4 quake in Colombia's Choco region Jul '26 · IR; Sep '26 · IR
- 11.C29 **Everest Camp IV** — Waste piles at Everest's South Col camp below the 'death zone' Jul '26 · Places in News
- 11.C30 **Northeast downpours** — Mon (Nagaland) downpour of 19 July did not meet the cloudburst threshold; Assam floods cited as recent flash-flood events Aug '26 p.2
- 11.C31 **Vizhinjam customs port** — CBIC notified Kerala's deepwater transshipment port (near Thiruvananthapuram) as a customs port Aug '26 · Economy
- 11.C32 **Kerala landslides and floods** — Heavy rain triggered landslides in early August; Kerala suspended the Wayanad twin tunnel pending review Aug '26 · Places in News; Sep '26
- 11.C33 **Punjab's regions** — Majha, Doaba and Malwa; Doaba lies between the Beas and Sutlej Aug '26 · Quiz
- 11.C34 **Nepal Bhote Koshi floods** — A glacial collapse sent floods down the Bhote Koshi Sep '26 · Environment and Geography
- 11.C35 **Dolma La Pass** — High pass on the Kailash-Mansarovar route in Tibet Sep '26 · Places in News

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Reports & Indices

9 must-teach · 15 should-cover · 7 quick-read facts

A MUST TEACH 9 themes

12.01

A

World Inequality Report 2026 (World Inequality Lab)

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The third World Inequality Report, from the World Inequality Lab, shows extreme concentration of income, wealth and land in India and globally, and proposes responses such as wealth taxation.

MUST KNOW

- Publisher: World Inequality Lab; third edition
- India: top 10% take 58% of income; bottom 50% get 15%
- India: top 10% hold 65% of wealth; top 1% about 40%
- Globally the top 10% own about three-quarters of wealth
- Proposes policy responses such as wealth taxation

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 39(b)-(c) DPSPs on distribution of material resources and preventing concentration of wealth

CLAT ANGLE

Inequality passage with India's income/wealth shares; inference questions on wealth taxation.

REFER Jan '26 p.2 · Jan '26 · Report · Jul '26 p.49

12.02

A

World Happiness Report 2025 and 2026

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Finland topped the World Happiness Report again; India ranked 118th in the 2025 edition and improved slightly to 116th in 2026.

MUST KNOW

- Published with the Oxford Wellbeing Research Centre and Gallup
- Finland first (8th straight year in 2025) and again in 2026
- India 118th in 2025 (Pakistan 109th; Afghanistan last, 147th)
- India 116th in 2026

STATIC LINK

- Released around the International Day of Happiness, 20 March

CLAT ANGLE

Classic rank question: top-ranked country, India's rank, and neighbour comparison.

REFER Jan '26 p.2 · Apr '26 · Reports and Indices

12.03 **A** Corruption Perceptions Index (Transparency International)

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Transparency International's CPI 2025 ranked 182 countries; Denmark topped and India improved to 91st.

MUST KNOW

- Publisher: Transparency International (Berlin)
- CPI 2025: 182 countries; Denmark top (score 89)
- India 91st with score 39 (up from 96th, score 38)

STATIC LINK

- Transparency International — Berlin-based, founded 1993

LEGAL HOOK

Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988

CLAT ANGLE

Rank question on India's CPI position and the top-ranked country; publisher identification.

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Index · Jan '26 · Quiz

12.04 **A** World Press Freedom Index 2026 (RSF)

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Reporters Without Borders ranked India 157th in 2026, in the 'very serious' category, as the global average fell to a 25-year low.

MUST KNOW

- Publisher: Reporters Without Borders (RSF), Paris
- India slipped to 157th ('very serious' category)
- Global average at a 25-year low
- Norway first, Eritrea last

STATIC LINK

- RSF is headquartered in Paris

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 19(1)(a) — freedom of speech and expression (includes press freedom); reasonable restrictions under Art. 19(2)

CLAT ANGLE

Index passage with India's rank; Art. 19 questions on press freedom.

REFER Jun '26 · Reports & Indices

12.05 **A** WEF Global Gender Gap Report 2025

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The 19th Global Gender Gap Report found 68.8% of the global gap closed, with full parity about 123 years away; India ranked 131st of 148.

MUST KNOW

- Publisher: World Economic Forum; 19th edition
- Global gap 68.8% closed; parity about 123 years away
- Iceland top for the 16th year
- India 131st of 148

STATIC LINK

- WEF founded 1971; HQ Cologne (Geneva)

LEGAL HOOK

106th Constitutional Amendment (2023) — one-third reservation for women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies

CLAT ANGLE

Gender-gap rank; links to women's reservation passages.

REFER Jan '26 p.2

12.06 **A** UNDP Human Development Report 2025

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The 2025 HDR, themed on people and choices in the age of AI, ranked India 130th with an HDI of 0.685.

MUST KNOW

- Publisher: UNDP
- Theme: people and choices in the age of AI
- India 130th, HDI 0.685

STATIC LINK

- HDI combines health (life expectancy), education and income (GNI per capita)
- First HDR published in 1990

CLAT ANGLE

HDI rank and theme as question facts; what HDI measures.

REFER Jan '26 p.2

12.07

A

SIPRI Yearbook 2026: India's military spending and nuclear arsenal

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

SIPRI ranked India the fifth-largest military spender and the second-largest arms importer in 2021-25, with an estimated 190 nuclear warheads against Pakistan's 170.

MUST KNOW

- Publisher: SIPRI (Stockholm)
- India fifth-largest military spender (~\$92.1 bn)
- India ~190 warheads vs Pakistan ~170
- India second-largest arms importer in 2021-25

STATIC LINK

- SIPRI is based in Stockholm

CLAT ANGLE

Report question: India's rank in spending, warheads and arms imports.

REFER Jul '26 · Reports and Indices

12.08

A

Environmental Performance Index 2026

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The EPI 2026 covered 177 nations; Estonia topped and India ranked 176th, second from last.

MUST KNOW

- Covers 177 nations
- Estonia tops, Laos last
- India 176th

STATIC LINK

- EPI is prepared by Yale and Columbia universities

CLAT ANGLE

India's rank and top country; publisher identification.

REFER Sep '26 · Reports and Indices

12.09

A

WIPO Global Innovation Index 2025

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Switzerland topped the GII 2025; India ranked 38th and first among lower-middle-income economies.

MUST KNOW

- Publisher: WIPO
- Switzerland first
- India 38th; first among lower-middle-income economies

STATIC LINK

- WIPO HQ Geneva; a UN specialised agency

CLAT ANGLE

India's GII rank and income-group lead.

REFER Jan '26 p.2

B SHOULD COVER 15 themes T = taught · R = revised

12.10 **B IQAir World Air Quality Report 2024** T ☐ R ☐

Delhi was the world's most polluted capital for the sixth year running, and Byrnihat the most polluted city.

MUST KNOW Publisher: IQAir (Swiss air-quality technology company) · Delhi most polluted capital for the 6th year running · Byrnihat most polluted city · Five most polluted countries: Chad, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Congo, India

§ LEGAL Art. 21 — right to a clean environment; Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981

ANGLE *Pollution passage with 'most polluted capital/city' questions.*

REFER Jan '26 p.2

12.11 **B Global Peace Index 2025** T ☐ R ☐

The 19th Global Peace Index from the Institute for Economics and Peace covered 163 countries; Iceland was most peaceful and India 115th.

MUST KNOW Publisher: Institute for Economics and Peace; 19th edition · 163 countries · Iceland most peaceful; India 115th

ANGLE *Publisher and rank identification.*

REFER Jan '26 p.2

12.12 **B WEF Global Risks Report 2026** T ☐ R ☐

The WEF named geoeconomic confrontation the top near-term global risk; for India, cyber insecurity topped the list.

MUST KNOW Publisher: World Economic Forum · Geoeconomic confrontation — top near-term global risk · For India, cyber insecurity at the top

STATIC WEF founded 1971

ANGLE *Top-risk identification.*

REFER Feb '26 · Reports and Indices

12.13 [B] Global Water Bankruptcy report (UNU-INWEH)T ☐ R ☐

A UN University (UNU-INWEH) report said the world is in a state of 'water bankruptcy', with most major aquifers declining.

MUST KNOW Publisher: UNU-INWEH · World in a state of 'water bankruptcy' · About three-quarters of people live in water-insecure countries · Most major aquifers declining

ANGLE *New concept 'water bankruptcy' as a vocabulary/inference question.*

REFER Feb '26 · Reports and Indices

12.14 [B] UN World Water Development Report 2025: glaciers as water towersT ☐ R ☐

The UN World Water Development Report 2025 focused on mountains and glaciers as the world's water towers.

MUST KNOW Theme: mountains and glaciers as water towers · 21 March became the first World Day for Glaciers

STATIC World Water Day is 22 March

ANGLE *Theme and the new World Day as a 'which of the following' fact.*

REFER Jan '26 p.2

12.15 [B] WHO Global TB Report 2025T ☐ R ☐

India cut TB incidence by only 21% and deaths by 28% between 2015 and 2024, far short of the End TB 2025 milestones (50% and 75%); globally the fall was about 12% and 29%.

MUST KNOW Publisher: WHO · India 2015–2024: incidence –21%, deaths –28% · End TB 2025 milestones: incidence –50%, deaths –75% · Global 2015–2024: incidence –12%, deaths –29% · India: 27.1 lakh cases, 92% treatment coverage

STATIC WHO HQ Geneva, established 1948

ANGLE *TB-elimination passage; India's caseload and End TB gap.*

REFER Jan '26 p.2

12.16 [B] WMO climate reports: State of Global Climate 2025 and Asia 2025T ☐ R ☐

The WMO's State of the Global Climate 2025 highlighted Earth's energy imbalance, and its Asia report recorded record ocean heat content.

MUST KNOW Publisher: World Meteorological Organization · Global report theme: Earth's energy imbalance · Asia report: record ocean heat content

STATIC WMO HQ Geneva

ANGLE *Report identification.*

REFER Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz · Jul '26 · Reports and Indices

12.17 **B** **UN World Economic Situation and Prospects 2026**

T ☐ R ☐

UN DESA projected world growth of about 2.7% for 2026, with record military spending of about \$2.7 trillion in 2024.

MUST KNOW Publisher: UN DESA · World growth ~2.7% for 2026 · Record military spending ~\$2.7 tn in 2024

ANGLE *Publisher and projection.*

REFER Feb '26 · Reports and Indices

12.18 **B** **World Obesity Atlas 2026**

T ☐ R ☐

India ranks second after China for the number of children living with obesity.

MUST KNOW India second after China in number of children with obesity

STATIC Published by the World Obesity Federation

ANGLE *India's rank question.*

REFER Apr '26 · Reports and Indices

12.19 **B** **IRENA: India third in renewable capacity**

T ☐ R ☐

India is now third globally in installed renewable capacity, overtaking Brazil.

MUST KNOW India third globally in installed renewable capacity · Overtook Brazil

STATIC IRENA headquartered in Abu Dhabi

ANGLE *Rank question.*

REFER May '26 · Environment

12.20 **B** **NCRB Crime in India 2024**

T ☐ R ☐

NCRB recorded about 58.85 lakh cases in 2024, down about 6%, while cybercrime rose about 18%.

MUST KNOW About 58.85 lakh cases, down ~6% · Cybercrime up ~18% · Telangana highest rate of crimes against women

STATIC NCRB functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs

ANGLE *Data question on crime trends.*

REFER Jun '26 · Reports & Indices

12.21 **B** **SRS Statistical Report 2024**

T ☐ R ☐

The Sample Registration System put India's TFR at 1.9 and IMR at 24.

MUST KNOW National CBR 18.3, IMR 24, sex ratio at birth 918, TFR 1.9 · Bihar highest birth rate and TFR; Kerala lowest IMR

STATIC SRS is run by the Office of the Registrar General of India (MHA)

ANGLE *Demographic indicators (TFR, IMR, sex ratio).*

REFER Jun '26 · Reports & Indices

12.22 **B** NITI Aayog reports on school education and skilling T ☐ R ☐

NITI Aayog found school enrolment fell about 8% over a decade and that about 8.7 crore youth were not in education, employment or training.

MUST KNOW School enrolment fell ~8% (2014-15 to 2024-25); private share rose to ~39% · Secondary stage called the weakest link; dropout fell to 11.5% · About 8.7 crore youth aged 15-29 were NEET (not in education, employment or training) in 2021 · Few graduates in jobs matching their education

STATIC NITI Aayog replaced the Planning Commission in 2015

§ LEGAL Art. 21A — right to education (6-14 years)

ANGLE *Education/skills data passage.*

REFER Jun '26 · Reports & Indices · Sep '26 · Reports and Indices

12.23 **B** NITI Investment Friendliness Index 2026 T ☐ R ☐

Gujarat topped NITI Aayog's Investment Friendliness Index 2026 of states.

MUST KNOW Gujarat tops, followed by Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Goa, Odisha · 8 pillars, 84 indicators

STATIC NITI Aayog replaced the Planning Commission on 1 January 2015; PM is chairperson

ANGLE *Which state tops; number of pillars.*

REFER Aug '26 · Reports & Indices

12.24 **B** Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0 T ☐ R ☐

The index assessed about 2.6 lakh gram panchayats on 150 indicators; none reached 'Achiever', and Tripura led the 'Front Runners'.

MUST KNOW 2,59,867 gram panchayats on 150 indicators across 9 themes · None reached 'Achiever'; 3,635 'Front Runners' · Tripura led, with 80% of its GPs as Front Runners

STATIC 73rd Amendment (1992) — Part IX (Panchayats)

§ LEGAL Art. 243G — powers and responsibilities of panchayats

ANGLE *Index question on panchayat performance.*

REFER May '26 · Reports · May '26 · Practice Quiz

C QUICK-READ FACTS 7 facts

- 12.C01 **BMJ Global Health study on tobacco spending** — About 20.49 million households could move up an economic class by quitting tobacco; India has 267 million users (COTPA, 2003) May '26 · Reports
- 12.C02 **Global Burden of Disease study (Lancet)** — NCDs cause about two-thirds of deaths; released at the World Health Summit, Berlin Jan '26 p.2
- 12.C03 **Responsible Nations Index** — Singapore 1st; India 16th Feb '26 · Reports and Indices
- 12.C04 **Road accident data** — Published by MoRTH and NCRB Jun '26 · Quiz
- 12.C05 **NCB Annual Report 2025** — 747 foreigners arrested for drug offences (Nepal, Nigeria, Myanmar top); NDPS Act 1985 Aug '26 · Reports & Indices
- 12.C06 **Trade Watch Quarterly** — Published by NITI Aayog Apr QS '26 p.44 · Economy
- 12.C07 **WTO World Trade Report 2025** — AI could boost global trade by up to ~40% by 2040; WTO est. 1995, HQ Geneva Jan '26 p.2

SUBJECT 13 / 16

13

Awards, Honours & Persons in News

5 must-teach · 18 should-cover · 25 quick-read facts

A MUST TEACH 5 themes

13.01 A International Booker Prize 2025 and 2026

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Banu Mushtaq's Heart Lamp (translated from Kannada by Deepa Bhashthi) won in 2025; Yang Shuang-zi's Taiwan Travelogue (translated from Mandarin by Lin King) won in 2026.

MUST KNOW

- 2025: Heart Lamp by Banu Mushtaq, translated by Deepa Bhashthi — first Kannada work to win
- 2026: Taiwan Travelogue by Yang Shuang-zi, translated by Lin King
- 2026 is the first winner translated from Mandarin

STATIC LINK

- International Booker prize money is shared equally by author and translator

CLAT ANGLE

Classic awards question: winner, translator, language, and 'first' facts.

REFER Apr QS '26 p.78 · History, Art & Culture · Jun '26 · Quiz · Jun '26 · Awards

13.02 **A** Padma Awards 2026

✓ Round-up Jan

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The Padma Awards 2026 named 5 Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri recipients.

MUST KNOW

- 5 Padma Vibhushan, including Dharmendra and V S Achuthanandan (posthumously)
- 13 Padma Bhushan, 113 Padma Shri
- Order: Padma Vibhushan > Padma Bhushan > Padma Shri

STATIC LINK

- Padma awards instituted in 1954; announced on the eve of Republic Day

LEGAL HOOK

Art. 18 (abolition of titles) and Balaji Raghavan v Union of India (1995): national awards are not 'titles' and must not be used as prefixes/suffixes

CLAT ANGLE

Award counts and hierarchy; legal question on Art. 18 and whether awards are 'titles'.

REFER Feb '26 · Awards · Feb '26 · Quiz

13.03 **A** 72nd National Film Awards

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Article 370 won Best Feature Film at the 72nd National Film Awards.

MUST KNOW

- Article 370 — Best Feature Film
- Yami Gautam — Best Actress
- Kartik Aaryan and Mammooty shared Best Actor

CLAT ANGLE

Award winners match.

REFER Aug '26 · Awards

13.04 **A** Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei killed

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed in US-Israel strikes during the West Asia war.

MUST KNOW

- Killed in US-Israel strikes
- The Supreme Leader's role rests on the doctrine of velayat-e faqih (guardianship of the jurist)

CLAT ANGLE

Person-in-news inside a West Asia war passage.

REFER Apr '26 · Persons in News

13.05 **A** New leaders in India's neighbourhood: Nepal and Myanmar

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Balendra Shah became Nepal's youngest and first Madhesi Prime Minister, and Min Aung Hlaing was elected Myanmar's President by parliament.

MUST KNOW

- Balendra Shah — Nepal's youngest Prime Minister; first Madhesi PM
- Min Aung Hlaing elected President of Myanmar by parliament on 3 April

CLAT ANGLE

Neighbourhood leadership questions: who leads which country.

REFER Apr '26 · Persons in News · May '26 · Persons in News

B SHOULD COVER 18 themes ————— T = taught · R = revised

13.06 **B** Change of Prime Minister in the UK

T ☐ R ☐

Keir Starmer resigned as UK Prime Minister and Labour leader; Andy Burnham became Prime Minister on 20 July.

MUST KNOW Keir Starmer resigned as UK PM and Labour leader · Andy Burnham became UK PM on 20 July · Bihar-born MP Kanishka Narayan retained as UK Minister for AI

ANGLE *Heads of government in news.*

REFER Jul '26 · Persons in News · Aug '26 · Persons in News

13.07 **B Fields Medal 2026**T ☐ R ☐

The 2026 Fields Medals went to Yu Deng, Hong Wang, John Pardon and Jacob Tsimerman.

MUST KNOW Winners: Yu Deng, Hong Wang, John Pardon, Jacob Tsimerman · Hong Wang is the third woman to win

STATIC Awarded every four years by the International Mathematical Union to mathematicians under 40

ANGLE *Winners and 'firsts'.*

REFER Sep '26 · Awards

13.08 **B Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025: Educate Girls**T ☐ R ☐

Educate Girls became the first Indian organisation to win the Ramon Magsaysay Award.

MUST KNOW Educate Girls — first Indian organisation to win

STATIC Named after Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay; established 1957

ANGLE *First-time award question.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.82 · History, Art & Culture

13.09 **B Oscars and BAFTA 2026, including India's first BAFTA for Boong**T ☐ R ☐

One Battle After Another won six Oscars including Best Picture; the Manipuri film Boong won the BAFTA for Best Children's and Family Film, a first for an Indian production.

MUST KNOW 98th Academy Awards: One Battle After Another won six, including Best Picture · A new casting category was introduced at the Oscars · BAFTA 2026: Manipuri film Boong — Best Children's and Family Film; a first for an Indian production

ANGLE *Award winners; 'first Indian' fact.*

REFER Apr '26 · Awards

13.10 **B Arundhati Roy's memoir wins awards**T ☐ R ☐

Arundhati Roy's memoir *Mother Mary Comes to Me* won the Mathrubhumi Book of the Year 2026 and the National Book Critics Circle Award (autobiography).

MUST KNOW Mathrubhumi Book of the Year Award 2026 for '*Mother Mary Comes to Me*' · National Book Critics Circle Award in autobiography for her memoir

STATIC Roy won the Booker Prize in 1997 for *The God of Small Things*

ANGLE *Author-book-award match.*

REFER Feb '26 · Persons in News · Apr '26 · Awards

13.11 **B Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025 and Jnanpith** T ☐ R ☐ **laureate Vinod Kumar Shukla**

Sahitya Akademi honoured 24 writers; Vinod Kumar Shukla, the 59th Jnanpith awardee and first from Chhattisgarh, died aged 88.

MUST KNOW Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025: 24 writers, incl. Navtej Sarna (English) and Mamta Kalia (Hindi) · Vinod Kumar Shukla — 59th Jnanpith awardee, first from Chhattisgarh; died aged 88

STATIC Sahitya Akademi established 1954 · First Jnanpith (1965): G. Sankara Kurup (Malayalam)

ANGLE *Literary award by language; Jnanpith 'firsts'.*

REFER Apr '26 · Awards · Jan '26 · Persons in News

13.12 **B Asha Bhosle dies** T ☐ R ☐

Playback singer Asha Bhosle, a Dadasaheb Phalke awardee, died on 12 April aged 92.

MUST KNOW Died 12 April aged 92 · Dadasaheb Phalke awardee

STATIC Dadasaheb Phalke Award instituted in 1969

ANGLE *Obituary / award question.*

REFER May '26 · Persons in News

13.13 **B Teejan Bai, Pandavani singer, passes away** T ☐ R ☐

Teejan Bai, the Padma Vibhushan-winning exponent of Pandavani, died on 5 July.

MUST KNOW Pandavani singer; Padma Vibhushan awardee · Died 5 July

STATIC Pandavani is a folk narration of the Mahabharata from Chhattisgarh

ANGLE *Art form - artist - state match.*

REFER Aug '26 · Persons in News

13.14 **B Ram V Sutar, sculptor of the Statue of Unity, dies** T ☐ R ☐

Sculptor Ram V Sutar, who designed the Statue of Unity, died aged 100.

MUST KNOW Died aged 100 · Sculptor of the Statue of Unity (182 m) ·

Padma Bhushan 2016; Maharashtra Bhushan 2025

STATIC Statue of Unity (Sardar Patel) at Kevadia/Ekta Nagar, Gujarat, unveiled 2018

ANGLE *Obituary: sculptor-monument match.*

REFER Jan '26 · Persons in News

13.15 **B Madhav Gadgil dies** T ☐ R ☐

Ecologist Madhav Gadgil, who headed the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (2010), died on 7 January 2026.

MUST KNOW Headed the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (2010) · Died 7 January 2026

STATIC The Kasturirangan committee (2013) reviewed the Gadgil report

ANGLE *Obituary linked to the Western Ghats conservation debate.*

REFER Feb '26 · Persons in News

13.16 **FAO Agricola Medal to PM Modi**

T ☐ R ☐

The FAO conferred its Agricola Medal, a high honour for food-security contributions, on PM Modi.

MUST KNOW FAO's high honour for contributions to food security · Manmohan Singh received it in 2008

STATIC FAO HQ Rome, established 1945

ANGLE *Award question: which body gives the Agricola Medal.*

REFER Jun '26 · International Relations · Jun '26 · Quiz

13.17 **Independence Day gallantry awards**

T ☐ R ☐

78 gallantry awards were announced on Independence Day, including nine Kirti Chakras.

MUST KNOW 78 awards including nine Kirti Chakras

STATIC Ashoka Chakra is the highest peacetime gallantry award, followed by the Kirti Chakra

ANGLE *Award hierarchy question.*

REFER Sep '26 · Awards · Sep '26 · Quiz

13.18 **Siddhi Jain: first woman to win the President's Medal at NDA**

T ☐ R ☐

Siddhi Jain became the first woman cadet to win the President's Medal for overall merit at the National Defence Academy.

MUST KNOW First woman cadet to win the President's Medal for overall merit at NDA · Women admitted to NDA after a 2021 Supreme Court order

§ LEGAL Supreme Court order (2021) allowing women into the NDA — equality under Arts. 14 and 15

ANGLE *'First woman' fact with an equality-law link.*

REFER Jan '26 · Persons in News

13.19 **Narges Mohammadi given more prison time**

T ☐ R ☐

Iran handed 2023 Nobel Peace laureate Narges Mohammadi seven more years in prison.

MUST KNOW 2023 Nobel Peace laureate · Given seven more years in prison by Iran

ANGLE *Identify the jailed Nobel laureate; human-rights angle.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Persons in News

13.20 **B** **2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry: metal-organic frameworks**

T ☐ R ☐

The 2025 Chemistry Nobel honoured work on metal-organic frameworks.

MUST KNOW Subject: metal-organic frameworks

STATIC 2025 Chemistry Nobel: Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, Omar Yaghi

ANGLE *Nobel topic and laureates.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.55 · Science & Technology and Defence

13.21 **B** **Bihar gets a new Chief Minister: Samrat Choudhary**

T ☐ R ☐

Samrat Choudhary became Chief Minister of Bihar, heading the first BJP-led government in the state, as Nitish Kumar moved to the Rajya Sabha.

MUST KNOW Heads the first BJP-led government in Bihar · Nitish Kumar moved to the Rajya Sabha

ANGLE *State leadership question.*

REFER May '26 · Persons in News

13.22 **B** **Peter Magyar wins Hungary election**

T ☐ R ☐

Peter Magyar's Tisza party won a two-thirds majority in Hungary, ending Viktor Orban's rule.

MUST KNOW Tisza party won a two-thirds majority · Ended Viktor Orban's rule

ANGLE *World-leader change.*

REFER May '26 · Persons in News

13.23 **B** **C. Rajagopalachari statue at Rashtrapati Bhavan**

T ☐ R ☐

A statue of C. Rajagopalachari was installed at Rashtrapati Bhavan, replacing Lutyens' bust.

MUST KNOW Statue installed at Rashtrapati Bhavan replacing Lutyens' bust

STATIC Rajagopalachari was the last Governor-General of India and the only Indian to hold the post · Among the first Bharat Ratna recipients (1954)

ANGLE *Historical figure identification.*

REFER Apr '26 · Persons in News

C QUICK-READ FACTS 25 facts

- **13.C01 2026 Grammy Awards** — 68th edition, Los Angeles; the Dalai Lama won his first Grammy (audiobook); Bad Bunny album of the year
Mar '26 · Pointers — Awards
- **13.C02 National e-Governance Awards** — 29th edition: 17 projects awarded; conference in Jaipur on AI for Viksit Bharat
Jul '26 · Polity and Governance; Jun '26 · Quiz
- **13.C03 Anil Menon's first ISS mission** — NASA astronaut aboard Soyuz MS-29 Aug '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C04 Anita Chaudhary wins Machchli National Award** — Forest guard at Shergarh sanctuary, Rajasthan; WWF award May '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C05 Commonwealth Short Story Prize 2026** — Overall winner Jamir Nazir (Trinidad); Asia winner Sharon Aruparayil (India) Aug '26 · Awards
- **13.C06 Indian scientists honoured abroad** — Annapurni Subramaniam — COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal, first Indian woman recipient; Deepak Dhar — Dirac Medal co-recipient (earlier Boltzmann Medal) Sep '26 · Awards
- **13.C07 Donald Trump: FIFA peace prize** — Received FIFA's first peace prize at the 2026 World Cup draw Jan '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C08 Dr Tessy Thomas** — Received the 8th Paulos Mar Gregorios Award Jan '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C09 Fr Thomas V Kunnunkal dies** — Former CBSE chairman (1980-87) died aged 99 Feb '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C10 Global Teacher Prize** — J&K artist-educator Rouble Nagi won the \$1 mn Varkey Foundation prize Mar '26 · Pointers — Awards
- **13.C11 Kaamya Karthikeyan** — At 18, youngest Indian to ski to the South Pole Feb '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C12 Khaleda Zia dies** — Bangladesh's first woman PM and BNP chief died 30 December 2025 Feb '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C13 Major Abhilasha Barak** — Won UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year while serving with UNIFIL (UN force in Lebanon)
Jul '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C14 Marjane Satrapi dies** — Iranian-French author of Persepolis, aged 56 Jul '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C15 Mark Tully dies** — Veteran BBC India correspondent, aged 90
Feb '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C16 Miss India World 2026** — Sadhvi Satish Sail crowned
May '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C17 National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026** — 15 nursing professionals honoured on International Nurses Day (12 May); instituted 1973
Jun '26 · Awards
- **13.C18 National Panchayat Awards 2025** — 42 panchayats from 17 states honoured; Karnataka led Jul '26 · Polity and Governance

- **13.C19 Nirmal Purja dies** — Record-setting Nepali mountaineer died in an avalanche on Broad Peak Sep '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C20 Nnena Kalu wins Turner Prize** — First artist with a learning disability to win the Turner Prize (est. 1984) Jan '26 · Persons in News
- **13.C21 PM Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2025** — 20 children awarded on 26 December; ages 5-18, six categories; maximum 25 awards a year Jan '26 · Polity
- **13.C22 Poola Anthony** — India's first Dalit cardinal; elected President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India Mar '26 · Pointers — Persons in News
- **13.C23 President's Police Colour to Sikkim Police** — Highest honour for a police force, conferred by President Murmu Jun '26 · Polity & Governance
- **13.C24 Pritzker Prize** — Architecture's top honour; B.V. Doshi (2018) was the first Indian winner Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz
- **13.C25 Sunita Williams retires** — Retired at the end of 2025 after a long ISS stay that ended in March 2025 Feb '26 · Persons in News

SUBJECT 14 / 16

14

Sports

4 must-teach · 10 should-cover · 18 quick-read facts

A MUST TEACH 4 themes

14.01 A India wins the T20 World Cup 2026

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India beat New Zealand in the final in Ahmedabad to retain the T20 World Cup.

MUST KNOW

- Beat New Zealand in the final in Ahmedabad
- First team to defend the T20 World Cup title
- First team to win the T20 World Cup at home

CLAT ANGLE

Major event with 'firsts': winner, runner-up, venue.

REFER Apr '26 · Sports

14.02 A FIFA World Cup 2026: Spain are champions

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Spain beat Argentina 1-0 in extra time to win the first 48-team World Cup, co-hosted by the USA, Canada and Mexico.

MUST KNOW

- Spain beat Argentina 1-0 in extra time

- Co-hosted by Canada, Mexico and the US
- Adidas 'Trionda' ball with an inertial sensor for connected-ball offside technology

STATIC LINK

- 2026 edition is the first with 48 teams

CLAT ANGLE

Winner, hosts and format questions.

REFER Aug '26 · Sports · Jul '26 · Sports · Jun '26 · Quiz

14.03 **A** Commonwealth Games 2026, Glasgow

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India finished fourth with 39 medals at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games; Ahmedabad will host the 2030 Games.

MUST KNOW

- India fourth with 39 medals
- Ahmedabad hosts the 2030 Commonwealth Games
- Gulveer Singh won 10,000 m silver; Tejaswin Shankar won a decathlon medal

CLAT ANGLE

India's tally and the next host city.

REFER Sep '26 · Sports

14.04 **A** IOC's SRY gene screening for the female category

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The IOC now requires a one-time SRY gene test for athletes in the female category, barring trans and DSD athletes from female events at LA 2028.

MUST KNOW

- One-time SRY gene screening required for the female category
- Trans and DSD athletes barred from LA 2028 female events

LEGAL HOOK

Equality and non-discrimination vs fairness in sport; bodily privacy and dignity

CLAT ANGLE

Rights-vs-fairness passage: principle-application questions on eligibility rules.

REFER Apr '26 · Sports · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz

B SHOULD COVER 10 themes ————— T = taught · R = revised14.05 **B India wins a record sixth U-19 Cricket World Cup** T ☐ R ☐

India beat England by 100 runs to win a record sixth U-19 World Cup under captain Ayush Mhatre.

MUST KNOW Record sixth U-19 World Cup title · Beat England by 100 runs; captain Ayush Mhatre · Vaibhav Sooryavanshi scored 175

ANGLE *Cricket record question.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Sports · Mar '26 · Quiz

14.06 **B Women's cricket: WPL 2026 and Women's T20 World Cup** T ☐ R ☐

RCB won their second WPL title, and Australia won a seventh Women's T20 World Cup by beating England.

MUST KNOW WPL 2026: RCB beat Delhi Capitals for their second title; Mandhana Orange Cap, Sophie Devine Purple Cap · Women's T20 World Cup: Australia's seventh title, beating England

ANGLE *Winner/runner-up questions.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Sports · Aug '26 · Sports

14.07 **B Grand Slam tennis 2026** T ☐ R ☐

The 2026 singles champions: Australian Open — Elena Rybakina and Carlos Alcaraz; French Open — Mirra Andreeva and Alexander Zverev; Wimbledon — Linda Noskova and Jannik Sinner.

MUST KNOW Australian Open: Rybakina; Alcaraz beat Djokovic to complete a career Grand Slam · French Open: Mirra Andreeva and Alexander Zverev · Wimbledon: Jannik Sinner and Linda Noskova · A Paris heatwave dried Roland Garros' clay courts; calcium chloride used

STATIC French Open is played on clay at Roland Garros, Paris · Wimbledon is played on grass

ANGLE *Champion-tournament-surface match.*

REFER Feb '26 · Sports · Jul '26 · Sports · Aug '26 · Sports · Jun '26 · Sports

14.08 **B Chess 2026: Praggnanandhaa's wins and Carlsen's titles** T ☐ R ☐

R Praggnanandhaa won Norway Chess 2026 and the Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz; Magnus Carlsen won the first official FIDE Freestyle title and a sixth World Rapid title.

MUST KNOW Praggnanandhaa won the Norway Chess open event; Bibisara Assaubayeva won the women's event · Praggnanandhaa won the Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz · Carlsen won the first official FIDE Freestyle (Chess960) title, beating Fabiano Caruana · World Rapid (Doha): Carlsen's 6th title; Arjun Erigaisi and Koneru Humpy bronze; Goryachkina women's title

STATIC FIDE is headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland

ANGLE *Chess winners, especially Indian medallists.*

REFER Jul '26 · Sports · Sep '26 · Sports · Mar '26 · Pointers — Sports · Jan '26 · Sports

14.09 **B** PV Sindhu wins the Japan Open

T ☐ R ☐

PV Sindhu won the Japan Open, a BWF Super 750 event.

ANGLE *Indian 'first' in badminton.*

REFER Aug '26 · Sports

14.10 **B** Thomas and Uber Cup 2026

T ☐ R ☐

At Horsens, Denmark, India lost the Thomas Cup semi-final to France; China and South Korea won the titles.

MUST KNOW Held in Horsens, Denmark · India lost the Thomas Cup semi-final to France · China and South Korea won

STATIC India won the Thomas Cup for the first time in 2022

ANGLE *Tournament result question.*

REFER May '26 · Sports

14.11 **B** India wins the Squash World Cup

T ☐ R ☐

India beat Hong Kong 3-0 in Chennai to win its first Squash World Cup.

MUST KNOW Beat Hong Kong 3-0 in Chennai · First Asian country, and fourth overall, to win

ANGLE *'First' sports fact.*

REFER Jan '26 · Sports

14.12 **B** FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup 2025

T ☐ R ☐

Germany beat Spain for an eighth title in Chennai and Madurai; India won bronze.

MUST KNOW Germany beat Spain for 8th title · Held in Chennai and Madurai · India won bronze

ANGLE *Winner/host/India's medal.*

REFER Jan '26 · Sports

14.13 **B** Operation Upstream: WADA and CBI against doping supply

T ☐ R ☐

WADA and the CBI launched a joint effort against doping supply chains; India tops WADA's list of violators.

MUST KNOW Joint WADA-CBI effort against doping supply chains · India tops WADA's list of violators

STATIC WADA is headquartered in Montreal

ANGLE *Anti-doping question.*

REFER May '26 · Sports

14.14 **B** Sports Governance Conclave and India's Olympic targets

T ☐ R ☐

A Sports Governance Conclave in Ahmedabad on 9 January 2026 set medal targets for the 2036 and 2048 Olympics.

MUST KNOW Ahmedabad, 9 January 2026 · Medal targets for the 2036 and 2048 Olympics · Built around the National Sports Governance Act and Khelo Bharat Niti

§ LEGAL National Sports Governance Act

ANGLE *Sports-policy roadmap question.*

REFER Feb '26 · Events and Summits

C QUICK-READ FACTS 18 facts

- **14.C01 2026 Asian Rifle/Pistol Championships** — Held in New Delhi; India topped with 94 medals incl. 51 gold Mar '26 · Pointers — Sports
- **14.C02 All England Open 2026** — Lakshya Sen runner-up to Chinese Taipei's Lin Chun-Yi Apr '26 · Sports
- **14.C03 Anahat Singh** — First Indian world junior squash champion Aug '26 · Sports
- **14.C04 Ashmita Chaliha** — Reached a Super 300 final in Korea Sep '26 · Sports
- **14.C05 Asian Boxing Championships** — India won 16 medals incl. 5 golds at Ulaanbaatar; second behind Kazakhstan May '26 · Sports
- **14.C06 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships** — Tejaswin Shankar won heptathlon gold, India's only gold Mar '26 · Pointers — Sports
- **14.C07 BWF World Tour Finals** — An Seyoung first to earn over \$1 mn in a season; Christo Popov first French men's champion Jan '26 · Sports
- **14.C08 Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship** — 22nd edition in Delhi, mascot 'Mayur' Aug '26 · Sports
- **14.C09 FIH Women's Junior World Cup** — Netherlands won a third straight (sixth overall) title in Santiago, Chile Jan '26 · Sports
- **14.C10 Formula 1 2026 rules** — Lighter cars, about 50% electric power, active aerodynamics, fully sustainable fuel Apr '26 · Sports

- **14.C11 ICC World Test Championship** — New Zealand won the first WTC final (2021) Sep '26 · Quiz
- **14.C12 Khelo India Winter Games 2026** — Army won the team title; Himachal Pradesh runner-up Apr '26 · Sports
- **14.C13 National Sports Development Fund** — Inflows fell from ~Rs 85 crore (2023-24) to ~Rs 37 crore (2025-26), per RTI data
Jun '26 · Polity & Governance
- **14.C14 Ranji Trophy** — Jammu and Kashmir won its first-ever Ranji title
Apr '26 · Sports
- **14.C15 Santosh Trophy** — National football championship for state teams
Jan '26 · Quiz
- **14.C16 Devika Sihag: Thailand Masters** — Third Indian woman after Sindhu and Saina to win a Super 300 singles title Mar '26 · Pointers — Sports
- **14.C17 U20 World Athletics** — India's best-ever haul: jumpers won silver and bronze; javelin silver Sep '26 · Sports
- **14.C18 Women's Test cricket** — Format in news Aug '26 · Quiz

SUBJECT 15 / 16

15

Important Days, Events & Anniversaries

2 must-teach · 11 should-cover · 17 quick-read facts

A MUST TEACH 2 themes

15.01 A Jotirao Phule birth bicentenary

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

The bicentenary year of social reformer Jotirao Phule began on 11 April 2026.

MUST KNOW

- Bicentenary year began 11 April 2026 (born 11 April 1827; 200th birth anniversary falls on 11 April 2027)
- Founded the Satyashodhak Samaj (1873)
- Opened a girls' school in Pune (1848)

STATIC LINK

- Author of Gulamgiri (1873)

LEGAL HOOK

Arts. 15, 17 and 46 — non-discrimination, abolition of untouchability, promotion of weaker sections' interests

CLAT ANGLE

Anniversary passage on caste and gender reform; author-work and organisation-founder matches.

REFER May '26 · Persons in News

15.02 **A** Human Rights Day and the UDHR

Taught ☐ Revised ☐

Human Rights Day on 10 December marks the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Paris in 1948.

MUST KNOW

- Observed 10 December — day the UDHR was adopted in Paris (1948)
- 2025 theme: 'Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials'

STATIC LINK

- NHRC set up under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993

LEGAL HOOK

Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993

CLAT ANGLE

UDHR anniversary passage with NHRC questions.

REFER Jan '26 · Events

B SHOULD COVER 11 themes T = taught · R = revised15.03 **B** International Day of Persons with Disabilities

T ☐ R ☐

Observed on 3 December since 1992, the day in 2025 focused on disability-inclusive societies.

MUST KNOW Observed 3 December since 1992 (UNGA resolution 47/3) · 2025 theme: disability-inclusive societies for social progress

STATIC Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 recognises 21 disabilities · UN CRPD adopted 2006

§ **LEGAL** Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

ANGLE *Day-date-theme question; RPwD Act facts.*

REFER Jan '26 · Events

15.04 **B** International Anti-Corruption Day and UNCAC

T ☐ R ☐

Observed on 9 December; the 11th session of the UN Convention against Corruption States Parties met in Doha.

MUST KNOW Observed 9 December; theme on youth and integrity · 11th session of UNCAC States Parties in Doha, 15-19 December

STATIC UN Convention against Corruption adopted 2003

§ **LEGAL** Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988; Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013

ANGLE *Day + convention question; anti-corruption law.*

REFER Jan '26 · Events

15.05 **B** **Kakori Train Action centenary**

T ☐ R ☐

The 1925 Kakori action by the Hindustan Republican Association marked its centenary in 2025.

MUST KNOW 1925 HRA action; centenary in 2025

STATIC Ram Prasad Bismil and Ashfaqulla Khan were hanged

ANGLE *Centenary of a revolutionary action; person-event match.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.77 · History, Art & Culture

15.06 **B** **Army Day and Armed Forces Veterans' Day: the Cariappa link**

T ☐ R ☐

Army Day (15 January) marks K M Cariappa taking over as Commander-in-Chief in 1949; Veterans' Day (14 January) marks his retirement in 1953.

MUST KNOW 78th Army Day, 15 January; parade in Jaipur · Army Day marks Cariappa taking over as C-in-C in 1949 · 10th Armed Forces Veterans' Day, 14 January, marks Cariappa's retirement (1953)

STATIC Cariappa was the first Indian Commander-in-Chief

ANGLE *Day-person-date match.*

REFER Feb '26 · Events and Summits

15.07 **B** **Veer Bal Diwas**

T ☐ R ☐

Observed on 26 December since 2022, it honours Guru Gobind Singh's younger sons Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh, executed on Wazir Khan's orders.

MUST KNOW Observed 26 December since 2022 · Honours Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh, executed on Wazir Khan's orders

STATIC Guru Gobind Singh founded the Khalsa in 1699

ANGLE *Day-date and Sikh history.*

REFER Jan '26 · Events

15.08 **B** **State formation days: Himachal Pradesh and Odisha**

T ☐ R ☐

Himachal Pradesh became a full state on 25 January 1971; Odisha became a separate province on 1 April 1936 (Utkal Divas).

MUST KNOW Himachal Pradesh — full state on 25 January 1971 · Odisha — separate province on 1 April 1936 (Utkal Divas)

§ LEGAL Arts. 3 and 4 — Parliament's power to form new states and alter boundaries (used for Himachal Pradesh via the State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970; Odisha's 1936 province pre-dates the Constitution)

ANGLE *State-formation date questions.*

REFER May '26 · Practice Quiz · Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz

15.09 **B** 2026: International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists T ☐ R ☐

The UN named 2026 the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, the focus of Desertification and Drought Day 2026.

MUST KNOW UN International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists — 2026 · Desertification and Drought Day 2026 themed on rangelands

STATIC UNCCD adopted 1994; Desertification and Drought Day is 17 June

ANGLE *UN International Year identification.*

REFER Apr QS '26 p.6 · International Relations & World Geography · Jul '26 · Quiz

15.10 **B** 80th Independence Day: 'Sapta Dhara' T ☐ R ☐

On the 80th Independence Day the PM outlined 'Sapta Dhara', seven streams of development.

MUST KNOW 'Sapta Dhara' — seven development streams · Includes AI training, semiconductor projects and a sports talent hunt

ANGLE *Announcement identification.*

REFER Sep '26 · Important Events · Sep '26 · Quiz

15.11 **B** Republic Day parade 2026 awards T ☐ R ☐

Maharashtra's Ganeshotsav tableau won the Republic Day parade prize.

MUST KNOW Maharashtra's Ganeshotsav tableau first; J&K 2nd, Kerala 3rd · Ministry of Culture best central tableau; Navy best marching contingent

ANGLE *Tableau winners.*

REFER Feb '26 · Polity & Governance

15.12 **B** World Wetlands Day and the Ramsar Convention T ☐ R ☐

World Wetlands Day on 2 February marks the signing of the Ramsar Convention in 1971.

MUST KNOW Observed on 2 February

STATIC 2 February marks the signing of the Ramsar Convention (1971) at Ramsar, Iran

ANGLE *Date question tied to the Ramsar Convention.*

REFER Mar '26 · Pointers — Events

15.13 **B** World TB Day and TB MukT BharatT ☐ R ☐

World TB Day on 24 March marks Robert Koch's 1882 discovery of the TB bacillus; India's campaign uses AI-enabled handheld X-rays.

MUST KNOW 24 March — Robert Koch's 1882 discovery of the TB bacillus · TB MukT Bharat campaign uses AI-enabled handheld X-rays

ANGLE *Health day plus India's TB elimination campaign.*

REFER Apr '26 · Important Days and Events

C QUICK-READ FACTS 17 facts

- 15.C01 **Good Governance Day** — 25 December, Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birth anniversary, since 2014 (Bharat Ratna 2015) Jan '26 · Events
- 15.C02 **International Day of Forests** — 21 March; 2026 theme links forests and economies Apr '26 · Important Days and Events
- 15.C03 **International Day of Yoga 2026** — 21 June; main event in Kolkata; theme 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing'; declared by UNGA in 2014 Jun '26 · Events
- 15.C04 **Kargil Vijay Diwas** — 26 July; 27th anniversary of the 1999 Kargil victory (Operation Vijay) Aug '26 · Events
- 15.C05 **Largest underwater Indian flag** — Guinness record on 2 May: 60 m x 40 m flag at Swaraj Dweep (Havelock Island), Andamans May '26 · Economy
- 15.C06 **National Handloom Day** — 7 August; recalls the 1905 Swadeshi movement; first observed 2015 Sep '26 · Important Events
- 15.C07 **National Safety Day** — 4 March Apr '26 p.88 · Practice Quiz
- 15.C08 **National Space Day** — 23 August — Chandrayaan-3's landing near the lunar south pole (2023) Apr QS '26 p.51 · Science & Technology and Defence
- 15.C09 **National Startup Day** — 16 January; marks 10 years of Startup India (DPIIT) Feb '26 · Events and Summits
- 15.C10 **National Youth Day** — 12 January, Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary (Chicago address, 1893) Feb '26 · Events and Summits
- 15.C11 **Navy Day** — 4 December — Operation Trident (1971) strike on Karachi harbour Jan '26 · Events
- 15.C12 **World Cancer Day** — 4 February; theme 'United by Unique' (2025-27); IARC (WHO) is in Lyon Mar '26 · Pointers — Events
- 15.C13 **World Environment Day** — 5 June; led by UNEP, first observed 1973; first World Yogasana Championship held in Ahmedabad Jul '26 · Important Days and Events
- 15.C14 **World Food Safety Day** — 7 June, since a 2018 UNGA decision Sep '26 p.11
- 15.C15 **World Sparrow Day** — 20 March Apr '26 · Important Days and Events

- 15.C16 **World Water Day** — 22 March; 2026 theme on water and gender
Apr '26 · Important Days and Events
- 15.C17 **World Water Week 2026** — Stockholm event organised by SIWI
Sep '26 · Important Events

SUBJECT 16 / 16

16

Appointments & Institutions

1 must-teach · 4 should-cover · 9 quick-read facts

A MUST TEACH 1 theme

16.01 A **New military leadership: CDS, Army chief and Navy chief**Taught ☐ Revised ☐

India got a new Chief of Defence Staff, Navy chief and Army chief in mid-2026.

MUST KNOW

- Lt Gen N S Raja Subramani appointed Chief of Defence Staff and Secretary, DMA
- Vice-Adm Krishna Swaminathan becomes Navy chief
- Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth took over as 31st Chief of Army Staff on 1 July 2026 — first armoured-corps chief in ~30 years
- Army chief's 'VIJAY' roadmap of priorities

STATIC LINK

- CDS post created in 2019; Gen Bipin Rawat was the first CDS

CLAT ANGLE

Who's-who questions.

REFER Jun '26 · Persons in News · Jul '26 · Persons in News · Aug '26 · Defence

B SHOULD COVER 4 themes T = taught · R = revised

16.02 B **Raj Kumar Goyal sworn in as Chief Information Commissioner**T ☐ R ☐

Raj Kumar Goyal became Chief Information Commissioner.

MUST KNOW Sworn in as Chief Information Commissioner · Commission can have up to 10 Information Commissioners

STATIC CIC constituted under the RTI Act 2005 · Appointed by the President on recommendation of a committee of the PM, the Leader of Opposition and a Union Minister

§ LEGAL RTI Act 2005, s.12

ANGLE *Appointment + RTI static.*

REFER Jan '26 · Persons in News · Jan '26 · Quiz

16.03 **B** CEC Gyanesh Kumar chairs International IDEA T ☐ R ☐

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar took over as 2026 chair of International IDEA.

MUST KNOW Took over as 2026 chair of International IDEA · India a member since 1995

STATIC International IDEA HQ Stockholm

ANGLE *Appointment + organisation.*

REFER Jan '26 · Persons in News

16.04 **B** NITI Aayog reconstituted T ☐ R ☐

NITI Aayog got an interim CEO, a new Vice Chairman and four new full-time members.

MUST KNOW Ashok Kumar Lahiri appointed Vice Chairman, replacing Suman Berry · Four new full-time members · Interim CEO appointed after the previous CEO's tenure ended

STATIC NITI Aayog set up 1 January 2015, replacing the Planning Commission; PM is ex officio Chairperson; Governing Council chaired by the PM

ANGLE *Institution question.*

REFER Apr '26 · Polity and Governance · May '26 · Polity · Jul '26 · Quiz

16.05 **B** Barham Salih to head UNHCR T ☐ R ☐

Former Iraqi President Barham Salih will head the UN refugee agency.

MUST KNOW Former Iraqi President will head UNHCR · India is not party to the 1951 Refugee Convention or its 1967 Protocol

STATIC UNHCR HQ Geneva, established 1950

ANGLE *Head of UN body; refugee-law static.*

REFER Jan '26 · Persons in News

C QUICK-READ FACTS 9 facts

- 16.C01 **Cabinet and Home Secretaries get extensions** — T V
Somanathan and Govind Mohan given one-year extensions.
Sep '26 · Persons in News
- 16.C02 **Central Vigilance Commission** — Set up on the Santhanam Committee's recommendation (1964); statutory under the CVC Act 2003.
Feb '26 · Quiz

- 16.C03 **ED Director's tenure extended; ED's laws** — Rahul Navin's tenure extended to 2027. ED (Department of Revenue, Finance Ministry) enforces PMLA 2002, FEMA 1999 and the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act 2018. Apr QS '26 p.70 · Polity & Governance; Sep '26 · Persons in News
- 16.C04 **Han Seong-sook** — Nominated as South Korea's Prime Minister. Jul '26 · Persons in News
- 16.C05 **Harivansh re-elected RS Deputy Chairman** — Elected unopposed for a third term on 17 April; office under Art. 89 (VP is ex officio Chairman). May '26 · Polity
- 16.C06 **High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes** — MHA panel chaired by Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar. Jun '26 · Polity & Governance
- 16.C07 **Mahesh Dixit** — Appointed Director of the Intelligence Bureau, succeeding Tapan Deka. Jul '26 · Persons in News
- 16.C08 **Manoj Kumar Sharma** — Became Nepal's 33rd Chief Justice, superseding senior judges. Jun '26 · Persons in News
- 16.C09 **RBI leadership and Central Board** — RBI has four Deputy Governors; new part-time directors named to the Central Board. Jun '26 · Quiz; Sep '26 · Economy

APPENDIX A

A

Legal current affairs for Legal Reasoning

Every theme that carries a statute, Article or judgment — grouped by subject

CODE	THEME	LEGAL HOOK
01 · Polity, Constitution & Governance — 28 legal hooks		
01.01	Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls	Art. 324 and Representation of the People Act 1950 — power to revise electoral rolls; SC review of the SIR; appeals process
01.02	The failed 131st Amendment Bill: Lok Sabha of 850 and delimitation	Art. 368(2) special majority; Arts. 81, 82, 170, 329(a)
01.03	Women's reservation: the 106th Amendment and women in Parliament	106th Constitutional Amendment (2023); Art. 15(3) protective discrimination; Art. 368 special majority

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01.04	Census 2027: first digital, caste-inclusive census	Seventh Schedule, Union List Entry 69; Census Act 1948
01.05	16th Finance Commission report (2026-31)	Art. 280
01.06	Tenth Schedule and the anti-defection law	Tenth Schedule; Arts. 75(1B), 164(1B), 361B; Kihoto Hollohan v Zachillhu (1992)
01.07	Parliamentary privilege: notices against the PM and LoP	Breach of privilege and contempt of the House (Arts. 105, 194)
01.08	Vande Mataram: protocol and new penal protection	Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act 1971; Art. 51A(a) — duty to respect national ideals and institutions
01.09	Kerala to be renamed 'Keralam'	Arts. 3 and 4
01.10	Money Bills and the Budget's constitutional articles	Art. 110(3): the Speaker's decision on whether a Bill is a Money Bill is final; Arts. 109-110 procedure
01.11	Emergency provisions and President's Rule	Arts. 352-360; S.R. Bommai v Union of India (1994) on Art. 356
01.12	Removal of the Lok Sabha Speaker	Arts. 94 and 96
01.13	Sixth Schedule and autonomous councils	Art. 244; Sixth Schedule autonomous district councils
01.14	Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority	Art. 371A
01.15	ECI and State Election Commissions meet	Arts. 324, 243K, 243ZA
01.16	Election symbols and party recognition	Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order 1968
01.17	Rajya Sabha nomination rejected over incomplete affidavit	Representation of the People Act 1951 — scrutiny of nominations

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01.18	Inter-state river water disputes (Mahanadi, Cauvery, Narmada, Yamuna)	Art. 262; Inter-State River Water Disputes Act 1956
01.19	Language provisions: Santali Constitution, Khasi and Garo	Eighth Schedule; Arts. 344, 345 and 351
01.20	Panchayat Devolution Index	73rd Constitutional Amendment — devolution to panchayats (Art. 243G)
01.21	Pressure groups and the NEET protests	Art. 19(1)(a)-(c) freedoms and reasonable restrictions under Art. 19(2)-(4)
01.22	Fire safety and urban governance	12th Schedule / Art. 243W municipal functions; BNS 2023 s.106 — causing death by negligence
01.23	Right to vote: India vs the US	Art. 326; RPA 1950; PUCL v Union of India (2013) — right to NOTA
01.24	Sanchar Saathi and SIM binding: telecom cyber-safety orders	K.S. Puttaswamy (2017) privacy under Art. 21; delegated legislation under the Telecommunications Act 2023
01.25	CAPF (General Administration) Bill 2026 vs an SC direction	Legislature may remove the basis of a judgment but cannot simply overrule a judicial decision
01.26	PM CARES Fund and questions in Parliament	Art. 118 (Rules of Procedure); public-fund accountability
01.27	President's address and the Budget session	Art. 87 — President's special address to both Houses assembled together
01.28	Gorkha statehood demand: MHA committee	Art. 3

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02 · Law, Judiciary & Landmark Judgments — 45 legal hooks		
02.01	SC on reservation: creamy layer test and open-category merit	Art. 16(4); Indra Sawhney (1992) framework — creamy-layer exclusion; meritorious reserved candidates migrate to the open category
02.02	SC status after conversion to Christianity	Art. 341; Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, para 3
02.03	Personality rights of celebrities (Delhi HC, R Madhavan)	Personality/publicity rights built from Art. 21 privacy, Copyright Act 1957 s.38A and the Trade Marks Act 1999
02.04	Right to be forgotten: Delhi HC on de-indexing personal data	Right to be forgotten; Art. 21 informational privacy (Puttaswamy 2017); DPDP Act 2023; GDPR Art. 17
02.05	Regulating social media: deepfakes, blocking orders and under-16 limits	Art. 19(1)(a) subject to Art. 19(2); IT Act s.79 (safe harbour conditional on due diligence) and s.69A; Shreya Singhal (2015); DPDP Act 2023 (children's data)
02.06	'Digital arrest' frauds and cyber-fraud remedies	BNSS 2023 arrest and summons procedure (no 'digital arrest' in law); IT Act 2000 s.66D; DPDP Act 2023
02.07	Removal proceedings against Justice Yashwant Varma	Judges (Inquiry) Act 1968; Arts. 124(4) and 217(1)(b)
02.08	Supreme Court strength raised from 34 to 38	Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act 1956; Arts. 124(1) and 123

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02.09	Separation of powers and the tribunals debate	Separation of powers and judicial independence as basic structure; judicial review of tribunal laws; Arts. 323A/323B
02.10	NEET paper leak and the Public Examinations (Unfair Means) law	Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act 2024 and the 2026 Amendment Bill; bail under special statutes; public-trust doctrine
02.11	Gender justice: landmark rulings and gender-sensitive courts	Vineeta Sharma (2020): daughters are coparceners by birth; Babita Puniya (2020): permanent commission for women officers; constitutional morality; Art. 15(3)
02.12	Reproductive autonomy and Article 21	MTP Act 1971 (amended 2021); Art. 21 bodily autonomy; Suchita Srivastava (2009); Puttaswamy (2017); Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016; parens patriae
02.13	Maternity benefit for adoptive mothers: age cap struck down	Art. 14 — unreasonable classification (child's age has no rational nexus with the object); Art. 21
02.14	SC: menstrual hygiene is part of the right to life	Art. 21 right to life with dignity; continuing mandamus (court keeps monitoring compliance)
02.15	Dignity in death: hanging upheld and the right to die	Art. 21 dignity in death; method of execution; Common Cause (2018)

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02.16	Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act 2026	Transgender Persons Act 2019 as amended; NALSA (2014); Arts. 14, 15, 21
02.17	Delhi riots bail: SC reads 'terrorist act' under UAPA broadly	UAPA s.15 (terrorist act) and s.43D(5) (bail bar if accusation is prima facie true); Art. 21 personal liberty
02.18	SHANTI Act 2025: private entry into nuclear power	SHANTI Act 2025 repeals and consolidates the Atomic Energy Act 1962 and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act 2010
02.19	Four labour codes in force	Four Labour Codes (2019-2020); Code on Social Security 2020 covers gig and platform workers
02.20	Online gaming law, 2026 Rules and retrospective GST	Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act 2025 and Rules 2026; SC ruling on retrospective GST
02.21	Aravalli hills: SC's 100 m definition and mining	Art. 21 right to a healthy environment; Art. 48A; environmental PILs — T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad and M.C. Mehta cases
02.22	Uniform Civil Code and state personal-law reform (Assam polygamy bill)	Art. 44; Art. 25(2)(b) lets the State legislate social reform; bigamy offence (IPC s.494, carried into the BNS)
02.23	Citizenship law: CAA, OCI and the 2026 Rules	Citizenship Act 1955 (modes of acquisition, s.7A OCI); Art. 11 — Parliament regulates citizenship; Art. 14 challenge to the CAA

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02.24	Split verdict on prior approval under s.17A, Prevention of Corruption Act	Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 s.17A; Subramanian Swamy v CBI (2014) struck down s.6A of the DSPE Act 1946 under Art. 14; a split verdict goes to a larger bench
02.25	Anticipatory bail (Pawan Khera case)	BNSS s.482 (CrPC s.438); Art. 21; Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia (1980)
02.26	Release of convicts: remission, parole and furlough	BNSS ss.473 and 475; Arts. 72 and 161; parole/furlough under state prison rules
02.27	Judges' recusal and the rule against bias	Nemo iudex in causa sua (no one should be a judge in their own cause); Ranjit Thakur v Union of India (1987)
02.28	Ordinances and re-promulgation	D.C. Wadhwa (1987) and Krishna Kumar Singh (2017): re-promulgation is a fraud on the Constitution
02.29	SC: safe footpaths are a fundamental right	Arts. 19(1)(d) and 21
02.30	UGC equity regulations 2026 stayed by the SC	Delegated legislation under the UGC Act 1956; Arts. 14, 15, 17
02.31	Courts and disputed religious sites (Thiruparankundram, Bhojshala)	Arts. 25-26 freedom of religion; HC writ jurisdiction (Art. 226); Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act 1991 context
02.32	Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025 in action: UMEED portal	Waqf Act 1995; Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025

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02.33	Consumer protection: misleading and surrogate advertising	Consumer Protection Act 2019 — misleading and surrogate advertisements; endorser liability
02.34	Insolvency law basics: CoC, haircuts, moratorium, homebuyers	IBC 2016 — Committee of Creditors' commercial wisdom; s.14 moratorium vs PMLA 2002; homebuyers as financial creditors
02.35	Bar Council of India's powers (NALSAR enrolment order)	Advocates Act 1961 — enrolment is done by State Bar Councils
02.36	Retrospective environmental clearance and the SC	Environment (Protection) Act 1986; EIA Notification 2006; environmental rule of law
02.37	SC stray-dog judgment and the NALSAR campus exception	Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960; SC stray-dog judgment (May 2026)
02.38	National Sports Governance Act 2025 partly in force	National Sports Governance Act 2025
02.39	Genocide Convention and The Gambia v Myanmar at the ICJ	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide 1948; ICJ provisional measures ordered in 2020
02.40	APAAR ID: parents may refuse Aadhaar-based consent	Informed consent and informational privacy (Puttaswamy 2017)
02.41	Doxxing: a gap in Indian law	BNS 2023 and IT Act 2000; informational privacy
02.42	Precautionary principle: development vs safety	Precautionary principle; Art. 21 right to life

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02.43	Entry into the subordinate judiciary: minimum practice rule	All India Judges Association case — minimum practice requirement for civil judge entry
02.44	Road-safety law: Good Samaritans and third-party insurance	Motor Vehicles Act s.134A (2019 amendment) protects Good Samaritans
02.45	Tighter FCRA regime for NGOs	Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 2010 (amended 2020)
03 · International Relations & Organisations — 8 legal hooks		
03.01	US-Israel war on Iran, Strait of Hormuz and the US-Iran MoU	UN Charter Art. 2(4) (prohibition on use of force) vs Art. 51 (self-defence); UNSC Resolution 2231 (JCPOA snapback)
03.02	US strikes Venezuela and captures Maduro: Monroe Doctrine revived	UN Charter Art. 2(4) (sovereignty, non-use of force) vs Art. 51 (self-defence)
03.05	India-US interim trade framework and US tariff tools	IEEPA — US presidential emergency economic powers; Section 301 of the US Trade Act 1974
03.09	Selection of the next UN Secretary-General	UN Charter Art. 97 — appointment of the Secretary-General
03.10	Chagos Archipelago: UK-Mauritius sovereignty deal	ICJ advisory opinion (2019) on the separation of Chagos — decolonisation and the right to self-determination
03.11	Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance: Chenab-Beas link tunnel	Treaty law: suspension/abeyance of a bilateral treaty

CODE	THEME	LEGAL HOOK
03.36	UN Commission of Inquiry on Gaza and the Genocide Convention	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 1948 — 'intent to destroy' element
03.48	India-Nepal mutual legal assistance treaty	Mutual legal assistance treaty in criminal matters
04 · Summits, Conferences & Treaties — 5 legal hooks		
04.04	Water treaties under strain: Ganga (Farakka) renewal and Indus Waters Treaty	Art. 253 — Parliament's power to implement international treaties; treaty suspension/abeyance
04.07	Law of armed conflict: environment as a casualty of war and ecocide	Rome Statute Art. 8(2) (b)(iv) — widespread, long-term and severe environmental damage as a war crime; Geneva Additional Protocol I
04.08	Law of the sea: UNCLOS, High Seas Treaty and transit passage	UNCLOS 1982, Part III — transit passage through international straits
04.14	28th CSPOC in New Delhi	Art. 93 — election of Speaker and Deputy Speaker
04.15	IICDEM 2026: election-management conference	Art. 324 — superintendence of elections
05 · Economy, Budget & Banking — 14 legal hooks		
05.01	Union Budget 2026-27: fiscal numbers and key announcements	Art. 110 (Money Bill); Arts. 112-117 (financial procedure in Parliament); Income-tax Act, 2025 replaces the Income-tax Act, 1961
05.02	16th Finance Commission and states' share of taxes	Art. 280 (Finance Commission); fiscal federalism

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05.04	RBI Monetary Policy Committee: repo held at 5.25%	RBI Act, 1934, s.45ZB (inserted 2016) — statutory MPC and flexible inflation targeting
05.05	RBI's record surplus transfer of Rs 2.87 lakh crore	RBI Act, 1934, s.47
05.09	Insurance FDI raised to 100%: Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha Bill, 2025	Amendment of the Insurance Act, 1938
05.14	US Section 301 tariffs and India's ban on forced-labour imports	Art. 23 — prohibition of traffic in human beings and forced labour
05.23	Bharat Taxi: cooperative ride-hailing	Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002
05.25	Masala bonds: ED's FEMA notice over KIIFB	FEMA 1999 — civil (not criminal) regime for foreign-exchange violations
05.26	State finances: cash transfers vs capital spending, and NITI's Fiscal Health Index	DPSPs (Arts. 38, 41) vs fiscal discipline (FRBM Act 2003); 'freebies' debate before the Supreme Court
05.29	Rural non-farm employment: prosperity or distress	Viksit Bharat—G RAM G Act replacing MGNREGA
05.31	India's road network: growth, financing and barrier-less tolling	Art. 21 (safe footpaths); Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013
05.34	FAST-DS: one-time foreign asset disclosure window	Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015

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05.36	IRDAI to monitor dark patterns in insurance	Consumer Protection Act 2019 — dark patterns as an unfair trade practice
05.37	Sijimali bauxite mining protests	Forest Rights Act, 2006; gram sabha consent (Niyamgiri, 2013)
06 · Environment, Climate & Biodiversity — 19 legal hooks		
06.02	Delhi-NCR air pollution: causes and legal framework	Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981; right to clean air read into Art. 21; Arts. 48A (DPSP) and 51A(g) (Fundamental Duty)
06.05	Western Ghats eco-sensitive area: Gadgil vs Kasturirangan	Environment (Protection) Act 1986 — power to notify eco-sensitive areas/zones
06.07	Great Indian Bustard: first Gujarat chick and the climate-rights ruling	M.K. Ranjitsinh v. Union of India (2024) — SC recognised a right against the adverse effects of climate change under Arts. 14 and 21 (power lines vs GIB habitat)
06.08	Great Nicobar project: NGT clearance and coral translocation	National Green Tribunal Act, 2010
06.09	Disappearing lakes and the public trust doctrine	Public Trust Doctrine (State holds natural resources as trustee for the public); Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017
06.10	Flash floods: causes beyond extreme rain	Disaster Management Act 2005
06.11	Carbon pricing: India's carbon market and EU's CBAM	Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (as amended 2022) — carbon credit trading

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06.15	Forest and environmental clearances: Hasdeo Arand coal mining	Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (diversion of forest land); EIA Notification 2006 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
06.16	Measuring forests: ISFR, Van Adhiniyam 2023 and halted alerts	Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as amended in 2023; T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad v Union of India (1996) — 'forest' read in its dictionary meaning
06.17	Tiger conservation: Sariska roadmap, NTCA and reserves	Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 — NTCA and NBWL approval for use of protected-area land
06.19	New waste rules 2026: solid waste and tar balls	Rules under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986; polluter-pays principle
06.20	Urban mining and the circular economy	Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) under Environment (Protection) Act 1986 rules
06.26	Contaminated drinking water and groundwater	Right to safe drinking water under Art. 21
06.27	Extreme heat: disaster status and food security	Disaster Management Act, 2005 — which events count as notified disasters
06.29	Meghalaya rat-hole mine tragedy	NGT ban on rat-hole mining (2014)
06.30	Saranda sal forest: SC order to notify a sanctuary	Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 — sanctuary notification; review petition before the Supreme Court

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06.31	Nagoya Protocol: India's first national report	Biological Diversity Act, 2002 — access and benefit-sharing
06.36	Small River Rejuvenation Framework and national waterways	National Waterways Act 2016; Inland Vessels Act 2021
06.37	International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026	Forest Rights Act 2006 — community grazing rights
07 · Science, Technology & Space — 7 legal hooks		
07.01	Vikram-1: India's first private orbital rocket (Skyroot)	Space sector reforms; authorisation of private actors through IN-SPACe; Outer Space Treaty 1967 (state responsibility for national activities, including private ones)
07.02	Artemis II and India's role in NASA's Moon plans	Outer Space Treaty 1967: no national appropriation of the Moon; Artemis Accords are a non-binding set of principles
07.03	India's three-stage nuclear programme: PFBR criticality and thorium	Atomic Energy Act 1962; SHANTI Act opening nuclear power to private players
07.06	India AI Impact Summit 2026: MANAV vision and public AI tools	Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023
07.09	RDI Fund of Rs 1 lakh crore under ANRF	Anusandhan National Research Foundation Act 2023
07.10	AI data centres and India's energy governance	Electricity Act 2003; SHANTI Act (nuclear opening)
07.19	Indigenous Cell Broadcast alerts linked to SACHET	Disaster Management Act 2005 (NDMA)

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