

Schemes (2)

- **PMKSY at 10: 'Har Khet Ko Pani, Per Drop More Crop'**
Body: Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (2015)
Detail: Umbrella irrigation scheme merging AIBP, Har Khet Ko Pani, PDMC (micro-irrigation) and watershed development to expand assured irrigation and water-use efficiency
Exam hook: PMKSY = 2015; 'Per Drop More Crop' = micro-irrigation (drip/sprinkler); AIBP for major/medium projects
- **Viksit UDAN deepens regional air connectivity (RCS)**
Body: Ministry of Civil Aviation
Detail: UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) is the Regional Connectivity Scheme making flights affordable via Viability Gap Funding and capped fares; revives unserved/under-served airports
Exam hook: UDAN launched 2016 under NCAP; VGF subsidises airlines; ~50% seats fare-capped; airports developed under RCS

Welfare (3)

- **ABDM crosses 104 crore health records; Unified Health Interface push**
Body: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare / National Health Authority (NHA)
Detail: Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (launched Sept 2021) has linked 100+ crore health records to ABHA IDs; the Unified Health Interface (UHI) is the 'UPI for health' connecting patients, doctors and labs
Exam hook: ABDM run by NHA; ABHA = 14-digit health ID; UHI = interoperable health-services layer; aids Universal Health Coverage
- **VB-G 'RAM-G' Act: 125 days of guaranteed rural work**
Body: Ministry of Rural Development
Detail: A rural-employment guarantee framework (building on MGNREGA's demand-driven wage-work model) offering guaranteed person-days and the 'right to work'
Exam hook: MGNREGA (2005) = legal right to 100 days' wage work; demand-driven; social audit by Gram Sabha; wages via DBT
- **NCW and the women's-safety architecture (Helpline 14490)**
Body: National Commission for Women (NCW)
Detail: NCW is a statutory body safeguarding women's rights; supported by Women Helpline, One Stop Centres (Sakhi), and the Nirbhaya Fund
Exam hook: NCW = statutory (NCW Act 1990), not constitutional; recommendatory powers; One Stop Centres under Mission Shakti

Polity/Bodies (4)

- **Gram Sabha & Panchayati Raj: 73rd Amendment revisited**
Body: Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Detail: The Gram Sabha (all village voters) is the foundation of grassroots democracy; the 73rd Constitutional Amendment (1992) gave panchayats constitutional status, added Part IX and the 11th Schedule (29 subjects)
Exam hook: Art 243A = Gram Sabha; 73rd Amendment 1992, in force 24 Apr 1993; 11th Schedule = 29 subjects; PESA 1996 for Scheduled Areas
- **FCRA 2.0 portal and e-OCI card rolled out**
Body: Ministry of Home Affairs
Detail: The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act governs foreign funding of NGOs/associations; a revamped FCRA portal plus e-OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) card digitise compliance and services
Exam hook: FCRA administered by MHA; OCI ≠ dual citizenship (India bars dual citizenship); OCI is a lifelong visa/status, not citizenship
- **CCI reviews combinations under the Competition Act**
Body: Competition Commission of India (CCI)
Detail: CCI regulates anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominance and 'combinations' (M&A above thresholds); a statutory body under the Competition Act 2002; 2023 amendment added a deal-value threshold
Exam hook: CCI = statutory (Competition Act 2002, operational 2009); replaced MRTP Act; appeals go to NCLAT
- **UAPA: designating individuals as 'terrorists'**
Body: Ministry of Home Affairs
Detail: The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act lets the Centre ban organisations and, after the 2019 amendment, name individuals as terrorists; India's principal anti-terror law
Exam hook: UAPA 1967; 2019 amendment = individual terrorist designation + NIA powers; distinct from repealed TADA/POTA

Economy (5)

- **NIIF: India's sovereign-anchored infrastructure fund in focus**
Body: National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), 2015
Detail: India's quasi-sovereign wealth fund; Govt holds 49%, rest from global/domestic investors; runs Master, Fund of Funds and Strategic Opportunities funds to finance infrastructure
Exam hook: NIIF est. 2015; Govt stake 49% (kept below 50% to stay non-Government); anchors long-term infra capital
- **Nine years of GST: 'One Nation, One Tax'**
Body: GST Council / Ministry of Finance
Detail: GST (1 July 2017) subsumed most indirect taxes into a destination-based tax with slabs 0/5/12/18/28%; the GST Council is the federal decision body; record monthly collections
Exam hook: 101st Constitutional Amendment 2016; Art 279A = GST Council (chair FM, ■ Centre + ■ States votes); CGST+SGST/IGST split
- **Maharatna–Navratna–Miniratna: CPSE classification**
Body: Dept of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance
Detail: Central Public Sector Enterprises get graded autonomy: Maharatna (largest, e.g. ONGC, SAIL), Navratna, and Miniratna I/II by size, profit and investment powers
Exam hook: Maharatna needs ■5,000 cr+ net profit / ■25,000 cr turnover norms; grants biggest investment autonomy; MECON = Miniratna
- **India's EV push: FAME, PLI and battery supply chains**
Body: Ministry of Heavy Industries
Detail: Electric-mobility drive via FAME (demand incentives), PM E-DRIVE, PLI for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) batteries and auto; aim to cut oil imports and emissions
Exam hook: FAME = Faster Adoption & Manufacturing of (Hybrid & EVs; ACC-PLI for gigafactories; lithium-ion supply-chain dependence on imports
- **16th Finance Commission and fiscal federalism**
Body: Sixteenth Finance Commission (chair Arvind Panagariya)
Detail: Constitutional body recommending the Centre–State tax-devolution formula and grants for the 2026-31 award period; vertical + horizontal devolution
Exam hook: Art 280 = Finance Commission (every 5 yrs); 15th FC kept States' share at 41%; criteria incl. population, income distance, area, demographic performance

IR/Diplomacy (4)

- **16th India–Japan Annual Summit: Special Strategic Partnership**
Body: Ministry of External Affairs
Detail: India–Japan hold annual summits under a 'Special Strategic and Global Partnership'; cooperation on the Mumbai–Ahmedabad bullet train, QUAD and a Free & Open Indo-Pacific
Exam hook: India–Japan = only 'Special Strategic & Global Partnership'; Shinkansen (bullet train) tech; QUAD = India+Japan+US+Australia
- **PM's Indonesia–Australia–New Zealand visit: Act East & Indo-Pacific**
Body: Ministry of External Affairs
Detail: Three-nation tour deepening Act East, Indo-Pacific and trade ties; Indonesia is a maritime neighbour and ASEAN anchor; QUAD partner Australia
Exam hook: Act East Policy (from 'Look East'); ASEAN centrality; India–Australia ECTA (2022); Indo-Pacific = strategic construct
- **India–Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement signed**
Body: Ministry of Finance / MEA
Detail: A Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) protects and promotes cross-border investment (fair treatment, dispute settlement); part of India's revised BIT model post-2016
Exam hook: BIT ≠ FTA (BIT = investment protection only); India's 2016 Model BIT; ISDS = Investor-State Dispute Settlement

- **India's BRICS Chairship 2026: Kochi women's track, Guwahati anti-drug meet**

Body: Ministry of External Affairs

Detail: India chairs BRICS in 2026, hosting working groups (BRICS Women, anti-narcotics); expanded BRICS+ now includes Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE (and others)

Exam hook: BRICS = Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (+ new members); New Development Bank (HQ Shanghai); India chair 2026

Environment (1)

- **Ethanol blending hits the E20 milestone**

Body: Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

Detail: India reached ~20% ethanol blending in petrol (E20) ahead of the 2025 target under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme; cuts crude imports and emissions; feedstock sugarcane/maize/grain

Exam hook: E20 = 20% ethanol; EBP programme; ethanol = biofuel (renewable); target advanced from 2030 to 2025-26

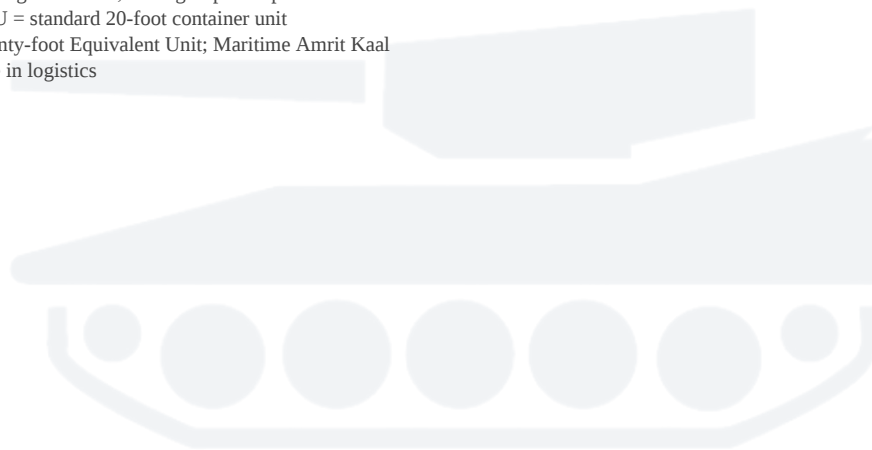
Infra (1)

- **India rolls out its first fully made-in-India shipping container**

Body: Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways

Detail: India (long import-reliant, mainly on China) begins indigenous manufacture of ISO shipping containers, cutting import dependence and supporting exporters; TEU = standard 20-foot container unit

Exam hook: TEU = Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit; Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047; self-reliance in logistics



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