

Welfare (1)

• NSFDC impact study: 81% of beneficiaries report gains

Body: NSFDC / Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Detail: National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation (est. 1989), a Section-8 CPSE; gives concessional credit to SCs via State Channelising Agencies

Exam hook: NSFDC-SC, NSTFDC-ST, NBCFDC-OBC, NMDFC-minorities; Article 46 (DPSP), Article 338 (NCSC)

Polity/Bodies (7)

• NextGen e-Governance push using AI (DARPG)

Body: DARPG (Dept of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances)

Detail: AI-driven grievance redressal via CPGRAMS; digital-first, citizen-centric governance; part of the Digital India / minimum-government agenda

Exam hook: DARPG = nodal for administrative reform; CPGRAMS = public grievance portal

• Tribhuvan Sahkari University — first convocation (Anand, Gujarat)

Body: Ministry of Cooperation

Detail: India's first national cooperative university; named after Tribhuvandas Patel (founder of Amul/Kaira, 1946, backed Verghese Kurien); motto 'Sahkar Se Samridhi'

Exam hook: 97th Amendment — Article 19(1)(c), 43B, Part IX-B; White Revolution / Operation Flood (1970)

• Census 2027: self-enumeration begins (Tamil Nadu & Tripura)

Body: Registrar General of India / Ministry of Home Affairs

Detail: India's first fully digital census (mobile app + online self-enumeration, 16 languages); two phases (Houselisting -> Population Enumeration); reference date 1 Mar 2027; first caste enumeration since 1931

Exam hook: Census Act 1948; census = Union subject (Entry 69); RGI, not MoSPI

• NITI Aayog releases Investment Friendliness Index

Body: NITI Aayog

Detail: Data-driven ranking of States on ease of investment (EoDB, infra, labour, governance); embodies competitive federalism; announced in Budget 2025-26

Exam hook: NITI Aayog (2015) replaced Planning Commission; advisory, PM-chaired, does NOT allocate funds

• Aadhaar App crosses 40 million downloads

Body: UIDAI / Ministry of Electronics & IT

Detail: Aadhaar = 12-digit ID (proof of identity, NOT citizenship); UIDAI statutory via Aadhaar Act 2016; part of India Stack (Aadhaar+UPI+DigiLocker); JAM trinity enables DBT

Exam hook: Puttaswamy (2017) made privacy a Fundamental Right (Article 21)

• CCPA takes suo motu action against 41 restaurants for default service charge

Body: Central Consumer Protection Authority / Ministry of Consumer Affairs

Detail: CCPA (est. 2020) under the Consumer Protection Act 2019; service charge is voluntary (2022 guidelines); penalties up to Rs 10 lakh (first)/Rs 50 lakh (repeat)

Exam hook: 2019 Act replaced 1986 Act; three-tier redressal (District/State/NCDRC)

• All-party meeting ahead of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, 2026

Body: Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

Detail: Parliament has 3 sessions/year by convention (Budget/Monsoon/Winter); Article 85 — President summons/prorogues, max 6-month gap; adjournment vs prorogation vs dissolution

Exam hook: Rajya Sabha is a permanent House — never dissolved; quorum = 1/10 (Article 100)

Economy (7)

• CPI rebased to new base year 2024=100 (June 2026 release)

Body: NSO / MoSPI

Detail: Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures retail inflation across goods AND services; rebased to 2024=100; it is the RBI's monetary-policy target index (4% ± 2%)

Exam hook: CPI (retail, MoSPI) is the RBI target — NOT WPI; CPI-Combined/Rural/Urban

• WPI June 2026 (9.87%) on new base 2022-23; new Producer Price Index launched

Body: Office of the Economic Adviser, DPIIT

Detail: WPI (goods only, wholesale) rebased 2011-12 -> 2022-23; a new PPI (Output + Input + Services) will replace WPI after a 5-year parallel run; Working Group under Ramesh Chand

Exam hook: WPI/PPI = DPIIT; CPI = MoSPI; RBI targets CPI, not WPI

• India-UK CETA and the Double Contribution Convention enter into force

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Detail: Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement signed 24 Jul 2025, in force 15 Jul 2026; ~99% of Indian exports get duty-free UK access; DCC ends double social-security payments (5-year exemption)

Exam hook: India's first comprehensive FTA with a G-7 nation; CEPA(UAE)/ECTA(Australia)/TEPA(EFTA)

• PLFS monthly bulletin, June 2026 (LFPR 54.4%, WPR 51.4%)

Body: NSO / MoSPI

Detail: Periodic Labour Force Survey (since 2017); LFPR = in labour force, WPR = employed, UR = unemployed share of labour force; Usual Status (365 days) vs Current Weekly Status (7 days)

Exam hook: UR is a share of the LABOUR FORCE, not total population

• Draft CAFE-III (2027) fuel-economy norms out for consultation

Body: Ministry of Power / Bureau of Energy Efficiency

Detail: Corporate Average Fuel Economy caps a carmaker's fleet-average CO2/fuel (g/km) under the Energy Conservation Act 2001; pushes EVs

Exam hook: CAFE = CO2/fuel economy (BEE); Bharat Stage (BS-VI) = pollutants

• Strengthening India's rural credit system

Body: Ministry of Finance / NABARD

Detail: Rural credit via NABARD (apex, 1982), commercial banks, RRBs (1975, Narasimham), cooperative banks (PACS->DCCB->StCB), SFBs; tools = KCC (1998) + Priority Sector Lending (40%, 18% agri)

Exam hook: NABARD refinances (does not lend directly to farmers)

• APEDA facilitates first J&K cherry & plum export to Singapore

Body: APEDA / Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Detail: APEDA (statutory, APEDA Act 1985) promotes agri & processed-food exports; marine = MPEDA; GI tags under GI Act 1999 (Chennai registry)

Exam hook: APEDA = Commerce Ministry (not Agriculture); Agriculture Export Policy 2018

IR/Diplomacy (2)

• First round of India-Maldives Free Trade Agreement talks concludes

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Detail: Maldives = Indian Ocean archipelago (capital Malé, currency Rufiyaa, SAARC); 60 years of ties (since 1965); Operation Cactus (1988); Greater Malé Connectivity Project

Exam hook: Neighbourhood First + MAHASAGAR/SAGAR; Operation Cactus = Maldives (not Pawan/Meghdoot)

• Codex adopts three India-led spice standards (CAC49, Geneva)

Body: Codex Alimentarius Commission (FAO + WHO)

Detail: Standards for large cardamom, coriander and vanilla; Codex (est. 1963) sets global food standards; FSSAI is India's regulator & Codex contact point

Exam hook: Codex = FAO+WHO (not WTO); FSSAI under Health Ministry; SPS Agreement benchmark

Environment (2)

- **12th National Committee on Dam Safety (NCDS) meeting**

Body: Central Water Commission / Ministry of Jal Shakti

Detail: Dam Safety Act 2021 (dams >15 m); three bodies — NCDS (policy), NDSA (implementation), SDSOs (state surveillance); India 3rd in large dams (after China, USA)

Exam hook: Water = State List (Entry 17); inter-state rivers = Union (Entry 56)

- **'Catch the Rain' national water-conservation campaign renewed**

Body: Ministry of Jal Shakti

Detail: Flagship theme of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan — harvest rain, recharge groundwater, revive water bodies; India has ~18% of world population but ~4% of freshwater

Exam hook: National Water Mission (under NAPCC) targets 20% water-use efficiency; Jal Jeevan Mission = Har Ghar Jal

Culture/Sport (1)

- **72nd National Film Awards announced (for 2024); 'Article 370' Best Feature Film**

Body: Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (NFDC)

Detail: National Film Awards instituted 1954; three sections; Golden Lotus (Swarna Kamal)/Silver Lotus; Dadasaheb Phalke Award (lifetime, 1969, first to Devika Rani)

Exam hook: Raja Harishchandra (1913) = first feature film; awards presented by the President

Other (1)

- **K. Kamaraj birth anniversary (15 July)**

Body: —

Detail: Kamaraj (1903–1975): CM of Madras, Congress President (1963); the 'Kamaraj Plan' (1963) had leaders resign for party work; 'Kingmaker' (Shastri & Indira); pioneered free education + mid-day meal ('Kalvi Thanthai')

Exam hook: Bharat Ratna 1976 (posthumous); mid-day meal -> PM POSHAN

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