

Welfare (1)

• Key findings of NFHS-6 released

Body: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (nodal: IIPS Mumbai)
Detail: Gains in maternal-child health (institutional deliveries ~90.6%); rising lifestyle (non-communicable) diseases; TFR ~2.0 (replacement ~2.1)
Exam hook: IMR = per 1,000 live births; MMR = per 1,00,000; demographic dividend/transition

Polity/Bodies (9)

• Draft Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2026 for public consultation

Body: Bar Council of India / Dept of Legal Affairs
Detail: Advocates Act 1961 governs the legal profession; the BCI (statutory, NOT constitutional) regulates lawyers AND legal education; State Bar Councils enrol advocates
Exam hook: Statutory (BCI) vs constitutional bodies; NALSA/Article 39A (legal aid)

• Sagarmala & Maritime India Vision 2030 progress

Body: Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
Detail: Sagarmala (2015) = port-led development on 5 pillars; MIV 2030 targets ~3,500 MTPA port capacity; ~95% of India's trade by volume is seaborne
Exam hook: Major ports = Centre, minor/non-major ports = States; Sagarmala (ports) vs Bharatmala (roads)

• National Flag Quiz launched for the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign

Body: Dept of Youth Affairs (MY Bharat)
Detail: Tiranga = saffron (courage), white (peace), green (prosperity) + navy-blue Ashoka Chakra (24 spokes, from Samath); ratio 3:2; design credited to Pingali Venkayya; adopted 22 July 1947
Exam hook: Flag Code 2002 (amended 2021-22); respect = Fundamental Duty (Art 51A)

• New criminal laws (BNS, BNSS, BSA) implementation

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs
Detail: In force 1 July 2024 — BNS (replaces IPC 1860, crimes), BNSS (replaces CrPC 1973, procedure), BSA (replaces Evidence Act 1872, evidence); Zero FIR, community service, forensics
Exam hook: Sedition (124A) replaced by Section 152 BNS; BNS=crimes, BNSS=procedure, BSA=evidence

• Mission Karmayogi crosses 1.69 crore users

Body: Dept of Personnel & Training
Detail: National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (2020); shift from 'rule-based' to 'role-based' HR; delivered via the iGOT Karmayogi platform; overseen by PM's HR Council + Capacity Building Commission
Exam hook: 'Karmachari -> Karmayogi'; All India Services under Article 312

• Push to strengthen the anti-paper-leak law

Body: Ministry of Personnel / Education
Detail: Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act 2024 — India's first central anti-paper-leak law; offences cognizable, non-bailable, non-compoundable; covers UPSC/SSC/Railways/banking/NTA
Exam hook: Targets organisers, not honest candidates; assent Feb 2024, notified June 2024

• Eight Constitution Amendments enacted in twelve years (Art 368)

Body: Ministry of Law & Justice
Detail: Article 368 — three routes (simple majority; special majority; special majority + ratification by >=half the states for federal provisions); Kesavananda Bharati (1973) = basic-structure doctrine
Exam hook: Recent — GST (101st), EWS (103rd), women's reservation (106th); special majority = total-membership majority + 2/3 present & voting

• eCourts Phase III (Rs 7,210 crore) to cut case pendency

Body: Dept of Justice
Detail: eCourts = Mission Mode Project (Digital India) — e-filing, virtual hearings, the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG); disposing of cases is the JUDICIARY's job (separation of powers)
Exam hook: Supreme Court (Art 124), High Courts (Art 214); access to justice (Art 21 / 39A NALSA)

• PM interacts with Vibrant Villages Programme 2026 participants

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs
Detail: VVP (Budget 2022-23) develops border villages — Phase I northern (China) border, Phase II (2025) other borders; goals = infrastructure, livelihoods, reverse migration; border villages = 'first villages'
Exam hook: 7 land neighbours; guarding forces BSF/ITBP/SSB/Assam Rifles; BRO builds the roads

Economy (5)

• 'White Gold' — India's cotton story

Body: Ministry of Textiles / Agriculture
Detail: India grows all 4 cultivated cotton species (only country); 1st in acreage, 2nd in production; Bt cotton (GM, 2002, >95% area, bollworm-resistant); black (regur) soil; kharif crop; MSP via CCI
Exam hook: Bt = Bacillus thuringiensis; leading states Gujarat & Maharashtra

• Government reaffirms safety & benefits of E20 ethanol-blended petrol

Body: Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
Detail: Ethanol (C₂H₅OH) = biofuel from sugarcane + surplus grain; E20 = 20% ethanol (achieved ~2025, 5 years early); higher blends (E85/E100) need Flex-Fuel Vehicles; cuts oil imports & emissions
Exam hook: India imports ~85% of crude; National Policy on Biofuels 2018; Global Biofuels Alliance 2023

• India's services exports rise to ~USD 421 billion (FY26)

Body: Ministry of Commerce (RBI data)
Detail: IT/software (telecom-computer-info) ~49%, business services ~29.5%; services are 'invisibles' in the current account of the Balance of Payments; a services surplus offsets the goods trade deficit
Exam hook: BoT (goods) vs BoP (all); India = world's largest remittance recipient

• 3rd Bharat CPSEs' Consultative Conclave concludes (GSV, Vadodara)

Body: Department of Public Enterprises
Detail: CPSE = central govt holds >=51%; graded by the DPE into Maharatna (~14, most autonomy) > Navratna (~26) > Miniratna (~74); higher status = more investment autonomy
Exam hook: Disinvestment via DIPAM; New PSE Policy 2021 (strategic sectors); 'commanding heights'

• Commerce Ministry reviews FCV tobacco market (Andhra Pradesh)

Body: Tobacco Board / Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Detail: Commercial/cash crops (cotton, sugarcane, jute, tobacco, plantation crops) grown for sale/export vs food crops (rice/wheat); FCV tobacco grown in AP & Karnataka; Tobacco Board (Guntur) is under Commerce
Exam hook: Cropping seasons Kharif/Rabi/Zaid; commodity boards under Commerce; WHO FCTC

IR/Diplomacy (1)

• India joins the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (AFS)

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry / WTO
Detail: First WTO agreement centred on the environment; adopted at MC12 (Geneva 2022), in force Sept 2025; bans subsidies for IUU fishing, overfished stocks and unregulated high-seas fishing; aquaculture/inland excluded
Exam hook: Flows from SDG 14.6; WTO (1995, Geneva, successor to GATT)

Environment (2)

• CAQM reviews enforcement across the NCR (air quality)

Body: Commission for Air Quality Management
Detail: CAQM = statutory body (Act 2021, replaced EPCA) for NCR + adjoining areas; tools = GRAP (stage-wise by AQI) and the AQI (8 pollutants, PM_{2.5}/PM₁₀ key); CPCB monitors
Exam hook: Stubble burning; Air Act 1981; National Clean Air Programme

• NBA releases funds under Access & Benefit Sharing (ABS)

Body: National Biodiversity Authority / MoEF&CC

Detail: NBA (statutory, Biological Diversity Act 2002, HQ Chennai); three-tier — NBA + State Biodiversity Boards + local Biodiversity Management Committees; ABS prevents biopiracy (neem/turmeric/basmati)

Exam hook: CBD 1992 (Rio); Nagoya Protocol 2010 (ABS)

Culture/Sport (1)

• Sarnath inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List (India's 45th)

Body: Ministry of Culture / UNESCO (48th WHC, Busan)

Detail: Sarnath (near Varanasi) = site of Buddha's first sermon (Dharmachakra Pravartana); Dhamek Stupa; Ashoka's Lion Capital = India's National Emblem

Exam hook: 4 holy Buddhist sites — Lumbini, Bodh Gaya, Sarnath, Kushinagar; UNESCO 1972 Convention (cultural/natural/mixed)

Other (2)

• Seismic activity in the Kangra–Chamba belt (Seismic Zone V)

Body: National Center for Seismology / MoES

Detail: Focus (underground origin) vs epicentre (surface above); Zone V = highest risk (NE, Kashmir, Himachal, Kutch, Andaman); caused by Indian Plate colliding Eurasian (~5 cm/yr) -> Himalayas

Exam hook: P-waves (through solids & liquids) vs S-waves (solids only); Richter scale

• Lokmanya Tilak birth anniversary (23 July)

Body: —

Detail: Tilak (1856-1920): 'Swaraj is my birthright'; newspapers Kesari (Marathi) & Maratha (English); Extremist (Garam Dal); Home Rule League 1916 (with Annie Besant); started public Ganesh (1894) & Shivaji festivals

Exam hook: Lal-Bal-Pal (Lajpat Rai, Tilak, Bipin Chandra Pal); 'Father of Indian Unrest' (Valentine Chirol)

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