

Schemes (2)

• PM-AASHA and the four instruments behind the price floor

Body: PIB background; allocation **₹7,200 crore** for 2026-27, up from **₹6,941.36 crore** (2025-26)

Detail: The four instruments — **PSS** (physical purchase at MSP: pulses, oilseeds, copra) · **PDPs** (no procurement; pays the MSP-minus-market gap, capped at 15% of MSP value) · **PSF** (buffer stocks for consumers, run by Consumer Affairs) · **MIS** (perishables with no MSP — tomato, onion, potato — triggered at a 10% price fall)

Detail: CACP was set up in **January 1965** as the Agricultural Prices Commission, renamed **March 1985**; it is **advisory only** and the **CCEA** decides. **22 mandated crops** — **14 kharif, 6 rabi, 2 commercial** — plus **FRP** for sugarcane

Lineage: Buyers are **NAFED (1958)** and **NCCF (1965)** through **PACS** and **FPOs**; **FCI (1965)** handles wheat and rice, not pulses

Exam hook: The cost-concept trap — **A2** (paid-out) · **A2+FL** (plus imputed family labour) · **C2** (plus imputed land rent and capital interest). The **2018-19 Budget's 1.5× cost** promise was applied to **A2+FL**, while **Swaminathan** had recommended **C2 + 50%**

• Regenerative agriculture and the repair of Indian soils

Body: PIB research background, *Rebuilding Farming Systems*, consolidating Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare schemes

Detail: The definition that gets tested — **sustainable = maintain**; **regenerative = improve**. Six principles: minimum soil disturbance, living roots, soil cover, livestock integration, limited chemical inputs, biodiversity

Detail: Four words, four different things — **organic** is an **input standard** (NPOP for export, PGS-India domestic) · **natural farming** is a **method** (Beejamrit, Jeevamrit, Ghanjeevamrit) · **regenerative** is an **uncertified outcome claim** · **sustainable** is intent to hold the line

Lineage: **NMNF 2024** (₹4,000/acre/year for 2 years) · **PKVY 2015** (₹31,500/ha over 3 years) · **PDMC 2015-16** (55%/45% micro-irrigation subsidy) · **RAD 2014-15** · **Soil Health Card 19 February 2015**

Exam hook: **8.80 lakh hectares** and **18.19 lakh farmers** under natural farming; **109 lakh hectares** under PDMC; **25.89 crore** Soil Health Cards. The card assesses **12 parameters**, reissued every **2 years** — not 6 parameters, not annually. Soil organic carbon has fallen from about **1% to 0.3%** in seventy years

Welfare (4)

• SEED scheme and the De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic communities

Body: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, through the **DWBDNC**

Detail: The **Criminal Tribes Act, 1871** notified entire communities as criminal **by birth and descent**, with registration, movement restrictions and settlement confinement. Repealed after independence; communities **de-notified in 1952** — hence 'De-notified Tribes'. **31 August = Vimukta Jatis Diwas**

Detail: De-notification removed the **label, not the consequence** — State **Habitual Offenders** laws reproduced parts of the apparatus

Lineage: **National Commission for DNT/NT/SNT** constituted **January 2015**, reported **December 2017** — the **Idate Commission** → **DWBDNC** constituted **February 2019** → implements **SEED**

Exam hook: **DNT/NT/SNT** is **not a fourth category** beside SC, ST and OBC — some fall in one, **some in none**, making them administratively invisible. **SEED's** four components: **education (coaching, not scholarships)** · **healthcare** · **community-level livelihoods** · **housing**

• DBT rewires the SC and OBC scholarship pipeline

Body: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment; **₹30.81 crore** released in 2025-26 to SC and OBC students in **East Godavari**

Detail: Breakdown — **₹20.80 crore** post-matric SC · **₹2.38 crore** pre-matric SC and Others · **₹6.83 crore** post-matric OBC · **₹0.80 crore** pre-matric OBC

Detail: Post-matric SC traces to **1944**; restructured **December 2020**, outlay **₹59,048 crore**, Centre's share **₹35,534 crore**, pattern **60:40 (90:10** for NE and Himalayan States), income ceiling **₹2.5 lakh**

Lineage: **Article 46** (DPSP) is the justification; **Article 338** (NCSC) the machinery — **65th Amendment 1990** made it multi-member, **89th Amendment 2003** split off **NCST (338A)**; **Article 338(9)** requires consultation on major SC policy. **DBT** began **1 January 2013** in 43 districts; **NSP launched 1 July 2015**

Exam hook: The data trap — beneficiary counts **44,746** and **32,813** are **three-district** figures while the money is **one district**, so never compute a per-student average from them

• Chlorpheniramine-phenylephrine cold combinations restricted for under-fours

Body: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; mandatory warning that the **FDC 'shall not be used in children below four years of age'** on label, insert and promotional literature

Detail: The power is **Section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940**, which lets the Centre **regulate** → **restrict** → **prohibit**. This notification uses the **middle rung** — **it is a restriction, not a ban**

Detail: Advice ran from an Expert Committee and the **DTAB** — the highest statutory technical body, chaired by the **Director General of Health Services**. The **DCC** is chaired by the **DCGI** and handles centre-state uniformity; **CDSCO** sits under **DGHS**

Lineage: The **FDC** chain — **344 prohibited (March 2016)** → quashed by the **Delhi High Court (December 2016)** for lack of **DTAB/DCC** consultation → **Supreme Court (December 2017)** → **328 prohibited (September 2018)** → **156 more (August 2024)**

Exam hook: Do not merge the two failure modes — **diethylene glycol deaths are a manufacturing-quality failure**, answered by inspection and raw-material testing; **this FDC restriction is a rational-use failure**, answered by **Section 26A**. The **US FDA** panel's 2023 finding on oral phenylephrine was about **efficacy, not toxicity**

• Mission Zero: ending fatalities in sanitation work

Body: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment; national workshop at **Bhubaneswar**, with Odisha CM **Mohan Charan Majhi**; **NAMASTE** extended to **2031**, delivered through **ERSUs**

Detail: The **1993 Act** covered dry latrines; the **2013 Act** adds **septic tanks, sewers and railway tracks**. **Section 5** bans insanitary latrines and engaging manual scavengers, **Section 6** voids such contracts, **Section 7** bars hazardous cleaning — penalties rise to **2 years / ₹2,00,000** under **Section 7**

Detail: **Safai Karamchari Andolan (2014)** set **₹10 lakh** compensation for deaths since 1993; **Dr Balram Singh (20 October 2023)** raised it to **₹30 lakh** for death, **₹20 lakh** permanent disability and **₹10 lakh** other disability, with **14 directions**

Lineage: **NAMASTE (2023)** — MoSJE with MoHUA, nodal agency **NSKFDC**, about **₹498.73 crore** to 2030-31; financing limb **NAMASTE-SUY** lends up to **₹15 lakh** individual and **₹50 lakh** group.

About **90,000** sanitation workers profiled, **87,037** PPE kits

Exam hook: Two traps — **GARIMA** is an **Odisha state scheme**, not central; and the **NCSK** is **non-statutory** since 2004, unlike the **constitutional** **NCSC** and **NCST**. **NCSK** records **1,313** deaths from 1993 to June 2025

Polity/Bodies (2)

• UIDAI completes two crore mandatory biometric updates in schools

Body: UIDAI, a statutory authority under the **Aadhaar Act, 2016**, functioning under **MeitY**

Detail: Over **2 crore** Mandatory Biometric Updates across more than **1.56 lakh schools**, from **September 2025**, enabled by integration with **UDISE+** and delivered through **school-level camps**

Detail: For children **below five**, Aadhaar captures **demographics and a photograph only** — fingerprints and iris are still developing — so updates are mandatory at **age 5** and again at **age 15**

Lineage: A **stale template means authentication fails**, which the person experiences as a **denial** — blocking scheme benefits or registration for **NEET, JEE and CUET**. **Exclusion error matters more than inclusion error** in welfare design

Exam hook: ***K.S. Puttaswamy* (2017)**, nine judges — **privacy is a fundamental right** under **Article 21**; the **2018 Aadhaar judgment**, five judges, upheld the Act but **read down Section 57**. MBU is free for ages **5–17 until 30 September 2026**

• Cabinet approves a High Court bench for Ladakh

Body: Union Cabinet; welcomed by Home Minister **Amit Shah** citing access to justice and constitutional safeguards

Detail: **Article 214** — a High Court for each State · **226** writ jurisdiction, wider than **Article 32** because it extends to 'any other purpose' · **227** superintendence · **230** Parliament may extend a High Court's jurisdiction to a UT · **231** Parliament may create a **common** High Court

Detail: **Ladakh is a UT without a legislature**, created by the **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019**, effective **31 October 2019**; the court is the **High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh**, with **two seats** — **Srinagar and Jammu**

Lineage: Three words, three meanings — **seat** (where the court is located) · **permanent bench** (standing, away from the seat, as at Lucknow or Madurai) · **circuit bench** (sits **periodically**, as Calcutta's at **Port Blair**). The **Jaswant Singh Commission (1981)** set the criteria

Exam hook: Ladakh gets a **bench of an existing High Court, not its own High Court** — **Delhi is the only UT with its own**. Access to justice is read into **Article 21**; **Article 39A** (42nd Amendment) mandates free legal aid through **NALSA**

Economy (6)

• PosTransfer powered by UPI: the Qatar-India remittance corridor

Body: Ministry of Communications; live in Qatar from **15 August 2026** through **Qatar Post**, with **India Post**, the **UPU Interconnection Platform** and **NPCI International (NIPL)**

Detail: Sender gives the **recipient's UPI ID** at a Qatar Post counter; the **recipient must first activate foreign inward remittance** in their UPI app — the counter-intuitive step — then credit is instant

Detail: **QAR 10–4,000** per transaction, capped at **₹1,00,000** equivalent, **flat fee QAR 15** — a flat fee is **regressive for small transfers** (under 0.4% on QAR 4,000, but 15% on QAR 100)

Lineage: India is the **world's largest recipient of inward remittances**; they are **counter-cyclical** and **stable**, going directly to households

Exam hook: Remittances sit in the **current account under secondary income** — **not** the capital account. **SDG target 10.c** seeks costs below 3%. UPI removes the **domestic last mile**, not cross-border **FX and compliance** costs

• EU CBAM awareness session for Indian exporters

Body: Department of Commerce with **NABCB** and **EEPC**, at **Vaniya Bhawan**, New Delhi

Detail: CBAM exists to stop **carbon leakage** — production shifting to weaker-regulation jurisdictions, which relocates emissions rather than cutting them. It charges imports a carbon price equivalent to what an EU producer pays under the **Emissions Trading System**

Detail: Six covered sectors — **cement, iron and steel, aluminium, fertilisers, electricity, hydrogen**. **Transitional phase 1 October 2023 – 31 December 2025** (reporting only) → **definitive regime from 1 January 2026**; expected to extend to all EU ETS sectors by **2030**

Lineage: India's exposure is concentrated in **iron and steel and aluminium**, where production is heavily **coal-based**. The harder problem is **data**, not the tax — compliance needs emissions figures from suppliers across the chain, falling hardest on **MSMEs**

Exam hook: India's fairness argument rests on **CBDR-RC** under the **UNFCCC**; the WTO dimension turns on **MFN, National Treatment** and the **GATT Article XX** exceptions. **Embedded emissions** is the quantity charged

• The MMDR Amendment Act, 2026 and who may tax a mine

Body: PIB Backgrounder, Ministries of **Mines and Coal**

Detail: The new **Section 9D** does three things — a **prospective bar** on State taxes on mineral rights and mineral-bearing lands, **uncollected levies deemed invalid at all material times** (overriding any court order), and **no refund** of amounts already paid

Detail: It responds to **Mineral Area Development Authority v. SAIL, nine judges, 25 July 2024, 8:1** (Nagarathna J dissenting), which held **royalty is not a tax** and States **are** competent under **Entry 50**, overruling **India Cement (1990)**. A follow-up order allowed recovery from **1 April 2005**, staggered over **12 years from 1 April 2026**

Lineage: **Entry 54 List I** (regulation of mines) · **Entry 23 List II** (subject to it) · **Entry 50 List II** (taxes on mineral rights, **subject to parliamentary limitation**) · **Entry 49 List II** (taxes on lands and buildings, **with no such rider**) — which is why the Union is on firmer ground on Entry 50 than Entry 49

Exam hook: **Minor minerals are untouched** — about 50, including sand, gravel, granite and marble. States get about **90%** of sector revenue; **656 DMFs** spend through **PMKKKY**

• Makhana: production, prices and the export concentration problem

Body: PIB Backgrounder, *India's Makhana Sector*

Detail: **Euryale ferox**, an aquatic crop of the **chaurs** — the waterlogged depressions of the **Kosi basin** (Supaul, Saharsa, Madhepura). **Bihar ≈ three-fourths** of Indian output and **80–85% of global supply**

Detail: Production **63,910 MT (2024-25) → 80,590 MT (2025-26)**. Prices rose from about **₹500/kg (2020-22)** to nearly **₹1,250/kg (2025)** while volumes grew only **4–5%** — the signature of **low short-run supply elasticity**

Lineage: **GI tag for Mithila Makhana, 2022** · **National Makhana Board** launched at **Purnea, 15 September 2025** · **Central Sector Scheme (100% Union-funded)** of **₹476.03 crore** for 2025-26 to 2030-31

Exam hook: Before 2025 there was **no product-specific export data**; **DGFT created a separate HSN code**. Exports **7,264.89 MT** worth **₹192.96 crore** — but the **US (40%)**, **Canada (20%)** and **UAE (17%)** take **77% at the lowest unit prices**, while Germany pays **\$26/kg**. **The biggest markets pay the least**

• Index of Core Industries grows 5.4% in July

Body: Office of the Economic Adviser, **DPIIT**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; released around the **20th**

Detail: **ICI +5.4%** in July 2026 against **+6.0%** in June; cumulative **April–July +4.3%** against **1.5%** a year earlier. Gainers — **iron ore +29.5%** · **cement +13.1%** · **electricity +9.0%** · **coal +7.6%** · **steel +2.9%**; **natural gas, crude oil and fertilisers** contracted

Detail: Weights on the **2022-23** base — **electricity 30.932** · **refinery products 22.572** · **steel 17.584** · **crude oil 7.430** · **coal 5.596** · **iron ore 4.905** · **cement 4.410** · **natural gas 3.841** · **fertilisers 2.731**. The top three are about **71%** of the index

Lineage: The name says **eight** but the current composition lists **nine** — **iron ore was added** with the 2022-23 base revision

Exam hook: **Iron ore +29.5% against steel +2.9%** is the divergence to notice. The core industries are about **40% of IIP weight**, making ICI a **lead indicator**. Crude and gas declines are **structural** — ageing fields, import dependence above 85%

• ₹62,500 crore Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme notified

Body: **MeitY**; announced by **Ashwini Vaishnaw**, with a target of India's **first strong indigenous mobile brand by mid-2027**

Detail: Outlay **₹62,500 crore** over **five years (FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31)**; projected cumulative production about **₹39 lakh crore** and around **60,000 direct jobs**

Detail: **TS1** — manufacturing at scale, incentive **2.25–5%**, entry turnover **₹10,000 crore**. **TS2** — Indian brands, **5% plus 3%** for Indian design and R&D, entry turnover **₹1,000 crore**. Both get up to **1.5%** more for domestic sourcing. An **Indian Brand** needs **IP and trademark held in India**, Indian management control and **more than 51%** Indian shareholding

Lineage: Successor to **PLI-LSEM** (notified **1 April 2020**, ~**₹41,000 crore**, ended **31 March 2026**), under which India became the **2nd-largest** maker by volume, **99.2%** of phones used here are made here, and smartphones became the **largest export category in 2025** at about **USD 30 billion**

Exam hook: **CBU → SKD → CKD** with duty rising with completeness — the logic of the **Phased Manufacturing Programme (2016)**. **DVA** has moved from ~15% to **22-23%**, target **35-40%**. Electronics still ran a sectoral deficit near **USD 68 billion** in FY 2025-26

IR/Diplomacy (2)

• **BRICS Chennai Declaration on science, technology and innovation**

Body: 14th BRICS STI Ministerial, Chennai, chaired by India; **Chennai Declaration** adopted **unanimously**; announced by **Dr Jitendra Singh**. Next ministerial under **China's chairship, 2027**

Detail: The framing phrase — a '**people-centred and humanity-first**' approach, with frontier technology to be **accessible, affordable and responsible**

Detail: Contents include **BRICS GRAIN** (Global Research Advanced Infrastructure Network) with an Action Plan and Task Force ToR, a **BRICS Science and Research Repository** as a digital public good, the **Young Scientist Forum**, **Young Innovator Prize**, an **STI Entrepreneurship Partnership** and a **Youth Startup Platform**. The declaration counts **14** working groups, **11** Young Scientist Forums and **9** STI Framework Programme calls

Lineage: Founding four **2009** · **South Africa 2010** · **Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE from 1 January 2024** · **Indonesia 2025** · partner tier from **October 2024**

Exam hook: **Saudi Arabia's membership is contested** — invited at Johannesburg 2023, never formally confirmed, which is why counts of both **10** and **11** circulate. India's chairship theme spells **B-R-I-C-S**; the **18th Summit is in New Delhi, 12–13 September 2026**

• **India's largest business delegation to Japan**

Body: Piyush Goyal in Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka with 200+ representatives assembled by **FICCI, CII and ASSOCHAM**; round-table with **Keidanren**; counterpart **Akazawa Ryosei** of **METI**

Detail: The relationship ladder — Treaty of Peace **1952** → Global Partnership **2000** → Strategic and Global Partnership **2006** → **Special Strategic and Global Partnership 2014**, with annual summits since 2006

Detail: **CEPA signed 16 February 2011**, in force **1 August 2011**, abolishing tariffs on over **94%** of traded items over ten years, with marine products, dairy and cereals on India's exclusion list

Lineage: Trade about **USD 27.5 billion**; Japan is India's **5th largest FDI source**, cumulative above **USD 47.59 billion**; about **1,400** Japanese companies operate here. Investment target raised to **¥10 trillion by 2035**

Exam hook: **CEPA did not reverse the deficit** — India's exports stayed roughly flat while imports nearly doubled, because the binding constraints were **standards and conformity assessment, not tariffs**. Companion structures: **SCRI** (India, Japan, Australia, 2021), the **Quad**, the **2+2 Ministerial** and the **Act East Forum**

Environment (3)

• **India's first Guide to Grasslands and Open Natural Ecosystems**

Body: MoEFCC, launched at **UNCCD COP17, Ulaanbaatar**; published by **ATREE** with **IUCN, CoE-SLM, ICFRE** and **SAC, ISRO**; video message by **Bhupender Yadav**

Detail: The core argument — grasslands, scrublands and ravines have '**for too long been judged by the absence of trees**'. **ONEs are ancient, not degraded**, maintained by **grazing, fire and seasonal drought**

Detail: The '**wasteland**' label made them administratively available for conversion; **planting a forest on a savanna is conversion, not restoration**

Lineage: India's **ONEs** — **Himalayan and Terai grasslands, the Thar and Banni, Deccan savannas, rocky plateaus, ravines, scrublands**.

Traditional commons: **oran** (Rajasthan) and **gauchar**

Exam hook: Grasslands store most carbon **below ground**, so they look carbon-poor to a satellite counting canopy while being a **more fire-resistant** store than forest. Species: **Great Indian Bustard, Indian wolf, blackbuck, caracal, lesser florican**

• **CAQM Direction No. 102 on light goods vehicles in Delhi-NCR**

Body: **Commission for Air Quality Management**, 29th Full Commission meeting, chaired by **Rajesh Verma**

Detail: The justifying statistic — **LGVs are ~1.2% of the active vehicle stock but ~3.3% of fleet PM emissions**, a near-threelfold disproportion. **N1** = goods vehicles up to **3.5 tonnes**; **N2** = 3.5 to 12 tonnes

Detail: New **N1** registration (diesel/petrol/CNG) restricted in **Delhi from 1 January 2027**, the five **High Vehicle Density districts** (Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonapat, Ghaziabad, Gautam Buddha Nagar) from **1 July 2027**, remaining NCR from **1 January 2028**; **N2** follows from **1 January 2028**

Lineage: **CAQM is statutory**, under the **CAQM in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021**, replacing the court-supervised **EPCA**; jurisdiction covers **NCR and adjoining areas of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh** because an **airshed** crosses state lines

Exam hook: **GRAP: I Poor 201–300 · II Very Poor 301–400 · III Severe 401–450 · IV Severe+ above 450**. Note that **CNG now appears on a restriction list** — a shift from the 1998-era assumption. **■61.85 crore EC** on six thermal plants for missing **biomass co-firing** targets

• **CMLRE's national report on deep-sea fishery resources of the Indian EEZ**

Body: **CMLRE** (Kochi), Ministry of Earth Sciences, marking its **Silver Jubilee**

Detail: Compiles nearly **four decades** of research and more than **400 oceanographic cruises** since the early 1990s under the **Marine Living Resources Programme**, aboard **FORV Sagar Sampada**, across India's **2.37 million sq km EEZ**

Detail: The mesopelagic '**twilight**' zone, **200–1,000 m**, holds **lanternfishes (myctophids)**, deep-sea shrimps and cephalopods whose **nightly vertical migration** drives the **biological carbon pump** — so exploiting it at scale would weaken a **climate-regulating service**

Lineage: Maritime zones — **territorial sea 12 nm** (sovereignty) · **contiguous zone 24 nm** · **EEZ 200 nm** (sovereign rights over resources, not sovereignty) · **continental shelf up to 350 nm**. **UNCLOS** adopted **1982**, in force **1994**, India ratified **1995**; domestic law the **Maritime Zones Act, 1976**

Exam hook: **Demersal** = on or near the seabed; **pelagic** = open water column. Underexploited demersal stocks beyond 200 m include deep-sea shrimps, perches, scombroids, flatfishes and eels. **MATSYA-6000** under **Samudrayaan** is rated to 6,000 m

Infra (1)

• **Digital Bharat Nidhi signs ■3,942 crore BharatNet deal for Chhattisgarh**

Body: **Digital Bharat Nidhi** under DoT, with the Government of Chhattisgarh, CSBIL, BSNL and CHiPS, under the **State-led model**

Detail: **■3,942 crore** · **11,682 Gram Panchayats** — **4,048** Phase I GPs upgraded **linear** → **ring topology**, **5,964** Phase II, **1,670** newly created · **8,328 villages** on demand · over **3 lakh** rural home fibre connections expected

Detail: **Linear** chains nodes on one path, so a **single cut disconnects everything downstream**; a **ring** gives every node **two routes** — the upgrade is a shift from **coverage to reliability**

Lineage: **DBN** was the **Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)**, established under the **Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003** w.e.f. **1 April 2002**, renamed by the **Telecommunications Act, 2023**, which replaced the 1885 and 1933 Acts. **NOFN (2011)** was renamed **BharatNet (2015)**

Exam hook: Funded by a **Universal Service Levy** on **Adjusted Gross Revenue**; proceeds go first to the **Consolidated Fund of India**, because **Article 266(3)** permits withdrawal only by **appropriation made by law**

Culture/Sport (1)

• National Conclave on Tribal Languages and Museums, Mysuru

Body: Ministry of Tribal Affairs, **Mysuru**, inaugurated by MoS **Durgadas Uikey**

Detail: Launches — **Adi Vaani** (iOS app plus five new languages; the beta had four: **Santali, Bhili, Mundari, Gondi**) · the **Tribot** chatbot ·

Karnataka Primers · an **MoU with CIIL** · a **Declaration on Tribal Languages**

Detail: The counting facts — Census 2011 took **19,569** raw returns →

1,369 rationalised mother tongues → **121** languages (**22 scheduled + 99 non-scheduled**), with a **10,000-speaker** cut-off. The **People's Linguistic Survey** (Ganesh Devy, 2010) counted about **780**

Lineage: The Eighth Schedule went from **14 to 22** — Sindhi (**21st Amendment, 1967**), Konkani, Manipuri and Nepali (**71st, 1992**), Bodo, Dogri, Maithili and Santali (**92nd, 2003**). Only **Santali and Bodo** are tribal languages on it

Exam hook: The **Eighth Schedule is not a list of official languages** — **Article 343** does that; the Schedule feeds **Articles 344 and 351**, and **no article lays down criteria for inclusion**. Carry **29(1) · 350 · 350A · 350B** (the last two from the **7th Amendment, 1956**). ST population **10.43 crore** = **8.6%**, **705** notified groups, **75 PVTGs**



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