

Economy (1)

• **India's first commercial coal-to-ammonium nitrate project (Odisha)****Body:** Ministry of Coal**Detail:** Rs 25,016 cr coal gasification project, Lakhanpur; syngas → ammonium nitrate (mining explosive)**Lineage:** National Coal Gasification Mission (100 MT by 2030); import substitution; Coal India**Exam hook:** Coal gasification = syngas; ammonium nitrate = mining explosive

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IR/Diplomacy (2)

• **India to assume FATF Vice-Presidency (first time)****Body:** Ministry of Finance**Detail:** Indian official elected VP for July 2026–June 2027**Lineage:** FATF (1989, G7; Paris) = AML/CFT standard-setter; grey/black lists; India joined 2010**Exam hook:** FATF = AML/CFT body, 1989, Paris; India VP first time

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• **India–UK CETA to enter into force 15 July 2026****Body:** Min Commerce & Industry**Detail:** Zero-duty on ~99% of India's exports; services across 137 sub-sectors; DCC 3→5 yrs**Lineage:** India's FTAs: UAE CEPA, Australia ECTA, EFTA TEPA; deepens India–UK strategic ties**Exam hook:** India–UK CETA in force 15 Jul 2026; ~99% exports zero-duty

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Defence (10)

• **Defence production at record Rs 1.78 lakh crore (FY2025-26)****Body:** Ministry of Defence**Detail:** Up 15.6% YoY, 110% since FY21; private sector ~24% (Rs 42,000 cr); exports record Rs 38,424 cr**Lineage:** Aatmanirbhar Bharat: DAP 2020 Buy(Indian-IDDM), iDEX, corridors (UP/TN), OFB → 7 DPSUs (2021)**Exam hook:** Defence production Rs 1.78 L cr; exports Rs 38,424 cr; OFB → 7 DPSUs

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• **Indian Army contingent departs for Exercise KHAAN QUEST****Body:** Ministry of Defence**Detail:** Multilateral peacekeeping exercise, 20 Jun–03 Jul 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; 23rd iteration**Lineage:** UN peacekeeping focus (Chapter VII); India = top troop contributor; CUNPK Delhi**Exam hook:** KHAAN QUEST = Mongolia, multilateral UN peacekeeping exercise

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• **Indian Coast Guard inducts first indigenous Air Cushion Vehicle (hovercraft)****Body:** Ministry of Defence**Detail:** First of 6 ACVs (Chowgule & Co.) inducted in Goa; for shallow-water maritime duties**Lineage:** ICG (est. 1978, under MoD; motto 'Vayam Rakshamah'); EEZ = 200 nm (UNCLOS); Make in India**Exam hook:** ICG = 1978, MoD; hovercraft for shallow water; EEZ 200 nm

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• **Navy to commission INS Dunagiri, Sanshodhak & Agray (Kolkata)****Body:** Ministry of Defence**Detail:** Built by GRSE, Kolkata; Dunagiri = 5th Project 17A stealth frigate; Sanshodhak = survey vessel; Agray = ASW craft**Lineage:** Designed by Warship Design Bureau; 'builder's navy' (60+ ships under construction)**Exam hook:** Project 17A = Nilgiri-class stealth frigate; built by GRSE Kolkata

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• **India effectively free from Left-Wing Extremism (31 Mar 2026)****Body:** Ministry of Home Affairs**Detail:** 12-year effort: security ops + development + surrenders; pillars Vishwaas-Nirman-Jan Kalyan**Lineage:** Naxalism since Naxalbari 1967; forces

CRPF/CoBRA/Greyhounds; MHA SAMADHAN doctrine; CPI(Maoist) banned (UAPA)

Exam hook: Naxalbari = 1967; SAMADHAN doctrine; CoBRA = CRPF jungle-warfare unit

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• **MoD signs Rs 425 cr deal for Marine Gas Turbine Generators for Navy****Body:** Ministry of Defence**Detail:** 12 sets of 1.25 MW marine gas-turbine generators for indigenous warships**Lineage:** Buy(Indian-IDDM) under DAP 2020; powers onboard electrical systems; Aatmanirbhar in propulsion**Exam hook:** Marine GTG deal Rs 425 cr; Buy(Indian-IDDM) category

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• **Raksha Mantri: technological agility key to preparedness (Shillong)****Body:** Ministry of Defence**Detail:** Flagged hybrid threats, cyber, info warfare, drones, supply-chain security; cited Operation Sindoor**Lineage:** Higher-defence reforms: CDS (2020), Dept of Military Affairs, move to Integrated Theatre Commands**Exam hook:** Emerging warfare = hybrid/cyber/drones; CDS since 2020; theatre commands

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• **INS Tarkash arrives at Port Louis, Mauritius****Body:** Ministry of Defence**Detail:** Naval diplomacy port call reinforcing India's role in the Indian Ocean Region**Lineage:** SAGAR vision; India as 'net security provider'; Mauritius a key IOR partner (Agalega)**Exam hook:** INS Tarkash → Mauritius; SAGAR = Security & Growth for All in the Region

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• **NCC celebrates IDY with 8.3 lakh+ cadets****Body:** Ministry of Defence**Detail:** Mass yoga participation by National Cadet Corps cadets nationwide**Lineage:** NCC (1948) = tri-service youth org; motto 'Unity and Discipline'; HQ New Delhi**Exam hook:** NCC = 1948; motto 'Unity and Discipline'; tri-service youth wing

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• **VP visits Ladakh; lauds Armed Forces and ITBP****Body:** Vice-President's Secretariat**Detail:** Visited forward/heritage sites; praised forces in high-altitude frontier**Lineage:** Ladakh UT (2019); ITBP guards India–China LAC; Siachen secured via Operation Meghdoot (1984)**Exam hook:** ITBP = India–China border; Siachen = Op Meghdoot 1984; Ladakh UT 2019

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Environment (1)

• **President reviews Project Cheetah at Kuno National Park****Body:** President's Secretariat / MoEF&CC**Detail:** 8 cheetahs from Botswana at Kuno (Feb 2026); project launched 17 Sep 2022**Lineage:** World's first intercontinental large-carnivore reintroduction; led by NTCA; cheetah extinct in India 1952**Exam hook:** Project Cheetah = 2022, Kuno NP; NTCA; cheetah extinct 1952

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Sci/Tech (3)

• Tarapur (TAPS 1&2) — world's oldest operating reactors get 10-yr extension

Body: Department of Atomic Energy

Detail: Commissioned 1969; AERB cleared continued operation; run by NPCIL

Lineage: Bhabha 3-stage programme (PHWR→FBR→thorium); DAE/AEC/BARC/NPCIL/AERB

Exam hook: TAPS 1&2 (1969) = oldest operating; 3-stage nuclear programme

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• 'India's Space Odyssey' — a decade of milestones

Body: Department of Space

Detail: Chandrayaan-3 (lunar south pole), Aditya-L1, Gaganyaan prep; start-ups 1→400+

Lineage: ISRO; IN-SPACe (regulator, 2020), NSIL (commercial); Mission Shakti ASAT 2019 (4th nation)

Exam hook: Chandrayaan-3 = south pole; Mangalyaan = Mars 1st attempt; Mission Shakti ASAT

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• DAE commissions Prototype Sodium Cell + deuterated-compounds plant (Vadodara)

Body: Department of Atomic Energy

Detail: 24 kA sodium cell = milestone for nuclear-grade sodium for the Fast Breeder Reactor programme; VDPP for deuterated compounds

Lineage: FBR (Stage 2) uses Pu-239 fuel + liquid sodium coolant; PFBR at Kalpakkam (BHAVINI); IGCAR

Exam hook: Sodium = FBR coolant; PFBR at Kalpakkam; Stage-2 of 3-stage programme

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Infra (3)

• 'Ashtalakshmi' — North-East at the heart of India's growth

Body: DoNER / PIB

Detail: 12 years of NE connectivity (road/rail/air/digital), clean energy, Act East

Lineage: Seven Sisters + Sikkim; linked via the ~22 km Siliguri Corridor; borders China/Myanmar/Bangladesh/Bhutan/Nepal

Exam hook: Ashtalakshmi = 8 NE states; Siliguri Corridor = 'Chicken's Neck'

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• 12th International Day of Yoga (21 June)

Body: Ministry of AYUSH

Detail: PM led from Kolkata's Red Road; 6 lakh+ organisations registered on Yoga Sangam

Lineage: IDY since 2015 (UNGA 2014, India-led, 177 co-sponsors); 21 June = summer solstice; Yoga = UNESCO ICH 2016

Exam hook: IDY = 21 June since 2015; UN resolution 2014

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• Indian women's hockey team wins FIH Women's Nations Cup

Body: PMO / Hockey India

Detail: Nations Cup winner promoted to the FIH Pro League

Lineage: India Olympic hockey: 8 golds; Major Dhyan Chand → National Sports Day 29 Aug

Exam hook: Women's hockey wins FIH Nations Cup; Dhyan Chand = 29 Aug

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