

IR/Diplomacy (2)

- **Vision MAHASAGAR anchors PM's Seychelles state visit**
Body: Ministry of External Affairs
Detail: SAGAR (2015, Mauritius) → MAHASAGAR (2025): 'Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions'; India as net security provider in the IOR; INS Ikshak at Port Victoria
Exam hook: SAGAR(2015)→MAHASAGAR(2025), both from Mauritius; India = net security provider in IOR
- **India–Greece strategic partnership deepens with Athens business delegation**
Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry / MEA
Detail: Strategic Partnership since 2023 PM visit (first in ~40 yrs); Greece in EU & NATO; gateway to Europe via IMEC corridor (announced G20 New Delhi 2023); trade-doubling by 2030
Exam hook: India–Greece Strategic Partnership (2023); IMEC gateway; Greece in EU+NATO

Defence (6)

- **Marshal Arjan Singh Memorial Hockey 2026 held**
Body: Indian Air Force
Detail: Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh — the IAF's only five-star officer; led IAF in the 1965 war as Chief of Air Staff
Exam hook: Arjan Singh = sole IAF 5-star (Marshal of the Air Force); led IAF in 1965 war
- **Eastern Fleet ships on naval-diplomacy deployment (Vietnam, Mauritius)**
Body: Indian Navy
Detail: Mission-based deployments of the Eastern Fleet (Visakhapatnam-based) to South-East Asia; INS Tarkash to Mauritius; port calls and exercises
Exam hook: India's 'net security provider' role; Eastern Fleet HQ Visakhapatnam; naval diplomacy
- **SAIL's indigenous DMR-249A warship-grade steel powers new warships**
Body: SAIL / Indian Navy
Detail: DMR-249A/249B are high-strength low-alloy naval steels developed by DRDO+SAIL; used in aircraft carriers (INS Vikrant) and destroyers; Aatmanirbhar Bharat
Exam hook: DMR-249A = indigenous warship steel (SAIL/DRDO); used in INS Vikrant
- **MDL lays keel of next-generation Offshore Patrol Vessel for the Coast Guard**
Body: Ministry of Defence / MDL
Detail: Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders; OPVs for EEZ patrol; indigenous shipbuilding; Indian Coast Guard fleet modernisation
Exam hook: Keel-laying = formal start of ship construction; OPV for Coast Guard EEZ patrol
- **IAF's indigenous 'Netra' AEW&C gets Final Operational Clearance**
Body: DRDO / Indian Air Force
Detail: Netra Airborne Early Warning & Control system by DRDO's CABS, on Embraer platform; 'eye in the sky' for air surveillance; FOC = cleared for full service
Exam hook: Netra AEW&C (DRDO-CABS) gets FOC; AEW&C = airborne radar surveillance
- **ICGS Akshay (Fast Patrol Vessel) commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard**
Body: Ministry of Defence / GSL
Detail: Indigenously built by Goa Shipyard Ltd; Indian Coast Guard est. 18 Aug 1978 under Coast Guard Act 1978 ('fourth armed force'); coastal-security grid
Exam hook: ICG = est. 1978, under MoD, 'fourth armed force'; Akshay = FPV from Goa Shipyard

Environment (2)

- **National Biodiversity Authority issues SOP for threatened species**
Body: NBA / MoEFCC
Detail: NBA (Chennai) under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002; IUCN Red List categories (CR/EN/VU); Section-38 notification of threatened species
Exam hook: NBA = Chennai, under Biological Diversity Act 2002; IUCN Red List grades species
- **Project Tiger marks 18 years of the Sariska reintroduction**
Body: MoEFCC / NTCA
Detail: Project Tiger (1973); NTCA statutory under Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972 (2006); Sariska = world's first scientific tiger reintroduction after local extinction (2005); ~3,682 tigers (2022)
Exam hook: Project Tiger 1973; NTCA (2006); Sariska = first scientific tiger reintroduction

Sci/Tech (3)

- **INCOIS launches El Niño bulletins for maritime sectors**
Body: Ministry of Earth Sciences / INCOIS
Detail: INCOIS (Hyderabad) under MoES; El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) affects monsoon & fisheries; ocean-state forecasting
Exam hook: INCOIS = Hyderabad, under MoES; El Niño (warm ENSO phase) weakens Indian monsoon
- **ISRO hosts BRICS heads of space agencies in Bengaluru**
Body: ISRO / Department of Space
Detail: BRICS space cooperation; the space economy and remote-sensing data sharing; India's growing commercial-space sector (IN-SPACe, NSIL)
Exam hook: BRICS space meet at Bengaluru; space-economy; IN-SPACe/NSIL ecosystem
- **DAE inaugurates world-first Cu–Cl nuclear-hydrogen plant at Kalpakkam**
Body: Department of Atomic Energy
Detail: Copper–Chlorine thermochemical cycle (~530°C) using FBTR process heat (BARC+IGCAR); hydrogen colour code (grey/blue/green/pink); National Green Hydrogen Mission (2023, 5 MMT/yr by 2030)
Exam hook: World-first Cu–Cl thermochemical H2 plant; nuclear (pink/red) hydrogen; FBTR Kalpakkam

Infra (1)

- **Rakhigarhi skeletal remains handed to Anthropological Survey of India**
Body: Ministry of Culture / ASI
Detail: Rakhigarhi (Haryana) is the largest Indus Valley Civilisation (Harappan) site; ancient-DNA study of its skeletons; ASI is the survey body
Exam hook: Rakhigarhi = largest IVC site (Haryana, Ghaggar plain); aDNA via Anthropological Survey of India