

1 12वां राष्ट्रीय हथकरघा दिवस

- 7 अगस्त को प्रतिवर्ष मनाया जाता है
- स्वदेशी आंदोलन (1905) की याद में
- हथकरघा बुनकरों व कारीगरों का सम्मान
- पारंपरिक बुनाई विरासत को बढ़ावा
- ग्रामीण आजीविका, विशेषकर महिलाओं को समर्थन
- GI टैग से वैश्विक पहचान और निर्यात को बढ़ावा
- सतत एवं पर्यावरण अनुकूल फैशन को प्रोत्साहन



मूल्य संवर्धन: 35 लाख+ लोग जुड़े; निर्यात ₹30,000 करोड़+

मुख्य शब्द: हथकरघा, स्वदेशी, आजीविका, GI टैग, सततता

2 भारतीय न्यायपालिका का डिजिटल परिवर्तन

- न्याय तक आसान, त्वरित और पारदर्शी पहुँच
- ई-कोर्ट्स मिशन मोड प्रोजेक्ट
- राष्ट्रीय न्यायिक डेटा ग्रिड (NJDG)
- ई-फाइलिंग, वर्चुअल कोर्ट, ई-सेवा केंद्र
- पेंडिंग में कमी और कागजरहित न्यायालय
- सुशासन व न्यायिक सुधार को मजबूती
- तकनीक से न्याय प्रणाली अधिक सशक्त



मूल्य संवर्धन: NJDG पर 4 करोड़+ केस; 100% हाई कोर्ट व जिलों में ई-फाइलिंग

मुख्य शब्द: ई-कोर्ट्स, NJDG, ई-फाइलिंग, डिजिटल न्याय, वर्चुअल कोर्ट, सुशासन

3 PM ई-ड्राइव योजना एवं विद्युत गतिशीलता

- PM ई-ड्राइव (PM E-DRIVE) का क्रियान्वयन
- EV अपनाने और स्वच्छ परिवहन को बढ़ावा
- चार्जिंग अवसंरचना व विनिर्माण पर जोर
- मेक इन इंडिया व आत्मनिर्भर भारत को समर्थन
- तेल आयात में कमी व उत्सर्जन में कटौती
- नेट ज़ीरो 2070 लक्ष्य को अनुरूप
- हरित रोजगार व नवाचार को बढ़ावा



मूल्य संवर्धन: 14,028 ई-बसेस व 0.3 मिलियन तीन-पहिया वाहन की खरीद को समर्थन

मुख्य शब्द: ई-मोबिलिटी, EV, चार्जिंग इंफ्रा, नेट ज़ीरो, FAME, सततता

4 राष्ट्रीय खाद्य तेल मिशन - ऑयल पाम (NMEO-OP)

- NMEO-OP के अंतर्गत प्रगति की समीक्षा
- खाद्य तेल आयात निर्भरता कम करना लक्ष्य
- 2021 में योजना का शुभारंभ
- फोकस राज्य: आंध्र प्रदेश, तेलंगाना, पूर्वोत्तर, अंडमान-निकोबार
- क्षेत्र विस्तार, उत्पादकता एवं मूल्य संवर्धन
- प्रोसेसिंग व वैल्यु चेन को सुदृढ़ करना
- किसानों की आय व आत्मनिर्भरता को बढ़ावा



मूल्य संवर्धन: भारत ~60% खाद्य तेल आयात करता है; पाम तेल की उत्पादकता 4-6 टन/हेक्टेयर

मुख्य शब्द: NMEO-OP, ऑयल पाम, आत्मनिर्भरता, कृषि विविधीकरण, आयात प्रतिस्थापन

5 गोबरधन योजना

- Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan
- अपशिष्ट से धन में परिवर्तन
- बायोगैस, बायो-CNG व जैविक खाद
- ग्रामीण आजीविका को बढ़ावा
- सर्कुलर इकोनॉमी को सशक्त करना
- स्वच्छ भारत मिशन से जुड़ा हुआ
- मीथेन उत्सर्जन में कमी



मूल्य संवर्धन: 10,000+ बायोगैस संयंत्र स्थापित; हर वर्ष 1 करोड़ टन से अधिक अपशिष्ट उपयोग

मुख्य शब्द: गोबरधन, बायोगैस, बायो-CNG, जैविक खाद, ग्रामीण आजीविका, सर्कुलर इकोनॉमी

6 मिशन वात्सल्य एवं मिशन शक्ति (महिला एवं बाल कल्याण)

- मिशन वात्सल्य: बाल संरक्षण एवं सुरक्षा
- मिशन शक्ति: महिलाओं की सुरक्षा व सशक्तिकरण
- आंगनवाड़ी सेवाओं को सुदृढ़ करना
- पोषण एवं प्रारंभिक बाल देखभाल पर ध्यान
- जेंडर बजटिंग से समावेशी विकास
- कमजोर वर्गों एवं बच्चों को विशेष समर्थन
- सुरक्षित एवं सशक्त समाज निर्माण का लक्ष्य



मूल्य संवर्धन: 14 करोड़+ आंगनवाड़ी लाभार्थी; ICDS नेटवर्क दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा प्रारंभिक बाल कार्यक्रम

मुख्य शब्द: वात्सल्य, शक्ति, आंगनवाड़ी, पोषण, बाल संरक्षण, महिला सशक्तिकरण, जेंडर समावेशन

7 AYUSH मानकीकरण एवं WHO गुणवत्ता मानक

- आयुर्वेद, CCRAS और BSI को बड़ा प्रोत्साहन
- विश्व गुणवत्ता मानकों से जुड़ाव
- AYUSH औषधि का मानकीकरण
- सुरक्षा, प्रभावकारिता और गुणवत्ता सुनिश्चित
- वैश्विक स्तर पर स्वीकृत्यता को बढ़ावा
- अनुसंधान, प्रमाणन और नियमन मजबूत
- पारंपरिक चिकित्सा को वैज्ञानिक आधार



मूल्य संवर्धन: AYUSH प्रणाली अब 180+ देशों में मान्यता प्राप्त

मुख्य शब्द: AYUSH, WHO मानक, CCRAS, गुणवत्ता, परंपरागत चिकित्सा, वैश्विक स्वीकृति

8 BRICS शिक्षा एवं व्यापार सहयोग

- BRICS शिक्षा मंत्रियों की बैठक में भागीदारी
- BRICS व्यापार मंत्रियों की बैठक आयोजित
- शिक्षा, नवाचार और कौशल विकास पर सहयोग
- व्यापार सुविधा, डिजिटल अर्थव्यवस्था पर जोर
- दक्षिण-दक्षिण सहयोग को सशक्त करना
- सतत विकास लक्ष्यों के समर्थन में साझेदारी
- वैश्विक शासन व बहुपक्षवाद को बढ़ावा



मूल्य संवर्धन: BRICS ने 2023 के बाद विस्तार किया; नए सदस्य जुड़ने से प्रभाव और बढ़ा

मुख्य शब्द: BRICS, दक्षिण-दक्षिण सहयोग, व्यापार, शिक्षा, बहुपक्षवाद, सतत विकास

9 आंतरिक जलमार्ग एवं समुद्री अवसंरचना

- राष्ट्रीय जलमार्गों व नदी कूज़ को बढ़ावा
- RoPAX सेवाओं का विस्तार
- बंदरगाह अवसंरचना को मजबूत करना
- मल्टीमॉडल संपर्कता को समर्थन
- लॉजिस्टिक लागत व उत्सर्जन में कमी
- पर्यटन व क्षेत्रीय विकास को प्रोत्साहन
- सागरमाला कार्यक्रम के साथ समन्वय



मूल्य संवर्धन: भारत में 111 राष्ट्रीय जलमार्ग; कुल लंबाई 24,500 किमी+

मुख्य शब्द: आंतरिक जलमार्ग, RoPAX, सागरमाला, लॉजिस्टिक्स, ब्लू इकोनॉमी, कनेक्टिविटी

अन्य महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्तियाँ



NHRC ने MP में छात्रों के साथ मारपीट के मामले में स्वतः संज्ञान लिया।



भारत का मेडिकल डिवाइस उद्योग 2030 तक \$50 अरब तक पहुंचने का अनुमान।



PLI योजना के तहत फार्मा क्षेत्र के घरेलू विनिर्माण को बढ़ावा मिलेगा।



ई-विद्या वाहिनी डिजिटल सामग्री पोर्टल स्कूल शिक्षा के लिए लॉन्च किया गया।



8 लाख+ MoUs 2nd राष्ट्रीय हथकरघा दिवस पर हस्ताक्षरित हुए।

1 12th NATIONAL HANDLOOM DAY

- Observed on 7 August every year
- Commemorates Swadeshi Movement (1905)
- Honours handloom weavers & artisans
- Promotes traditional weaving heritage
- Supports rural livelihoods & women
- Strengthens 'Vocal for Local' & GI products
- Encourages sustainable & eco-friendly fashion



Value Addition: Over 35 lakh weavers; Handloom exports crossed ₹30,000 crore.

Keywords: Handloom, Swadeshi, Livelihood, GI Tag, Sustainable

2 DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF INDIAN JUDICIARY

- PIB Backgrounder on digital justice
- e-Courts Mission Mode Project
- National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG)
- e-Filing, Virtual Courts, e-Seva Kendras
- Improves access, transparency & efficiency
- Reduces pendency & paperwork
- Strengthens rule of law & governance



Value Addition: Over 4 crore cases on NJDG; e-Filing in 100% High Courts & districts.

Keywords: e-Courts, NJDG, e-Filing, Digital Justice, Governance

3 PM e-DRIVE SCHEME & ELECTRIC MOBILITY

- PM Electric Drive Revolution (PM E-DRIVE)
- Promotes EV adoption & clean transport
- Focus on EVs, charging infra & manufacturing
- Supports Make in India & Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- Reduces oil imports & emissions
- Aligned with Net Zero 2070 target
- Supports green jobs & innovation



Value Addition: Will support procurement of 14,028 e-buses & 0.3 million e-3 wheelers.

Keywords: E-Mobility, EV, Charging Infra, Net Zero, Sustainability

4 NATIONAL MISSION ON EDIBLE OILS – OIL PALM

- Progress reviewed under NMEO-OP
- Aims to reduce edible oil import dependence
- Launched in 2021
- Focus States: AP, Telangana, North-East, A&N Islands
- Promotes area expansion & productivity
- Strengthens processing & value chain
- Supports farmer income diversification



Value Addition: India imports ~60% of edible oils; Oil palm can yield 4–6 tonnes/ha.

Keywords: NMEO-OP, Oil Palm, Self-Reliance, Agriculture, Import Substitution

5 GOBARDHAN SCHEME

- Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan
- Converts waste to wealth
- Promotes biogas, bio-CNG & organic manure
- Supports rural livelihoods
- Strengthens circular economy
- Linked with Swachh Bharat Mission
- Reduces methane emissions



Value Addition: 10,000+ biogas plants set up; over 1 crore tonnes of waste utilized.

Keywords: GOBARDHAN, Biogas, Bio-CNG, Circular Economy, Rural Livelihoods

6 MISSION VATSALYA & MISSION SHAKTI

- Mission Vatsalya: Child protection & welfare
- Mission Shakti: Women's safety & empowerment
- Strengthens Anganwadi services
- Focus on nutrition & early childhood care
- Gender budgeting for inclusive growth
- Supports vulnerable groups
- Builds secure & empowered society



Value Addition: Over 14 crore Anganwadi beneficiaries across India.

Keywords: Vatsalya, Shakti, Anganwadi, Nutrition, Women Empowerment, Child Protection

7 AYUSH STANDARDISATION & WHO QUALITY STANDARDS

- Boost for Ayurveda, CCRAS & BSI
- Joining WHO Global Quality Standards
- Standardisation of AYUSH medicines
- Ensures safety, efficacy & quality
- Promotes global acceptance
- Supports evidence-based traditional medicine
- Advances WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy



Value Addition: AYUSH system now accepted in 180+ countries.

Keywords: AYUSH, WHO Standards, CCRAS, Traditional Medicine, Quality

8 BRICS EDUCATION & TRADE COOPERATION

- India participated in BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting
- BRICS Trade Ministers' Meeting held
- Focus on education, innovation & skills
- Promotes multilateral trade facilitation
- Strengthens South-South cooperation
- Supports sustainable development goals
- Builds inclusive global partnerships



Value Addition: BRICS now includes expanded membership after 2023 enlargement.

Keywords: BRICS, South-South Cooperation, Trade, Education, Multilateralism

9 INLAND WATERWAYS & MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE

- Push for inland waterways & river cruise
- RoPAX services expanded
- Strengthening port infrastructure
- Supports multimodal connectivity
- Reduces logistics cost & emissions
- Boosts tourism & regional development
- Aligned with Sagarmala Programme



Value Addition: India has 111 National Waterways spanning 24,500 km.

Keywords: Inland Waterways, RoPAX, Sagarmala, Logistics, Blue Economy

OTHER IMPORTANT ONE-LINERS



NHRC takes suo motu cognisance of beatings of students in MP.



India's medical device industry projected to reach \$50 bn by 2030.



PLI scheme for pharma sector to boost domestic manufacturing.



e-Vidya Vahini digital content portal launched for school education.



8 lakh MoUs signed on 2nd National Handloom Day.

1 Select the word that is **CLOSEST** in meaning to "Ephemeral".

- A) Perpetual
- B) Transient
- C) Immutable
- D) Intangible



2 Choose the word that is **ANTONYM** of "Ubiquitous".

- A) Omnipresent
- B) Invisible
- C) Rare
- D) Universal



3 Select the option that **CORRECTLY** fills in the blank.

The proposal, though ambitious, _____ due to lack of funds.

- A) fell through
- B) fell off
- C) fell back
- D) fell down



4 Identify the **INCORRECTLY** spelled word.

- A) Exacerbate
- B) Acquiesce
- C) Occassion
- D) Loquacious



5 Choose the option that best completes the sentence.

Had she known the truth earlier, she _____ such a drastic decision.

- A) would not have taken
- B) would not take
- C) will not take
- D) had not taken



6 Select the word that is **CLOSEST** in meaning to "Pragmatic".

- A) Idealistic
- B) Theoretical
- C) Practical
- D) Dogmatic



7 Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the sentence.

By the time we reached the venue, the conference _____.

- A) has already begun
- B) had already begun
- C) was already begun
- D) already begins



8 Select the most **APPROPRIATE** idiom to fill in the blank.

After the scandal broke, the CEO tried to act normal in public, but it was clear he was just _____.

- A) beating around the bush
- B) putting on a brave face
- C) shooting from the hip
- D) pulling someone's leg



9 Which of the following sentences has an **ERROR** in preposition?

- A) He is good at dealing with difficult situations.
- B) The report is due on Monday.
- C) She is fond of classical music.
- D) They discussed about the issue in detail.



1 Which initiative was recently launched to promote rooftop solar adoption in urban areas?

- A) PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana
- B) National Green Hydrogen Mission
- C) PM Kisan Solar Pump Scheme
- D) UJALA LED Distribution Scheme



2 India and which country have recently signed a MoU for cooperation in the critical minerals sector?

- A) Australia
- B) Canada
- C) Chile
- D) South Africa



3 Which institution released the 'Report on State Finances 2026' recently?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Finance Commission
- C) Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)
- D) Reserve Bank of India



4 The Asiatic Lion population was recently estimated in which report?

- A) State of India's Lions 2025
- B) Wildlife Population Assessment 2026
- C) India Biodiversity Report 2026
- D) Fauna Conservation Status Report 2026



5 Which payment system has RBI enabled for offline transactions in feature phones?

- A) UPI 123PAY
- B) UPI Lite
- C) BHIM Offline
- D) RuPay On-Device



6 Which scheme was approved by the Union Cabinet to boost employment-linked skilling?

- A) PM Vishwakarma Yojana
- B) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Saksham Yojana
- C) PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0
- D) National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme



7 Which technology is ISRO set to demonstrate through its upcoming SpaDeX mission phase-2?

- A) Reusable Launch Vehicle Landing
- B) Satellite Docking and Undocking
- C) Human Spaceflight Escape System
- D) Lunar Sample Return Technology



8 Which city was ranked as India's cleanest city in the Swachh Survekshan 2025?

- A) Indore
- B) Surat
- C) Navi Mumbai
- D) Mysuru



9 The Supreme Court recently upheld which principle in the context of privacy and digital data?

- A) Right to be Forgotten
- B) Right to Digital Privacy as a Fundamental Right
- C) Right to Disconnect
- D) Right to Internet Access



1 In a certain code, 'LEARN' is written as '23-12-1-18-14'.

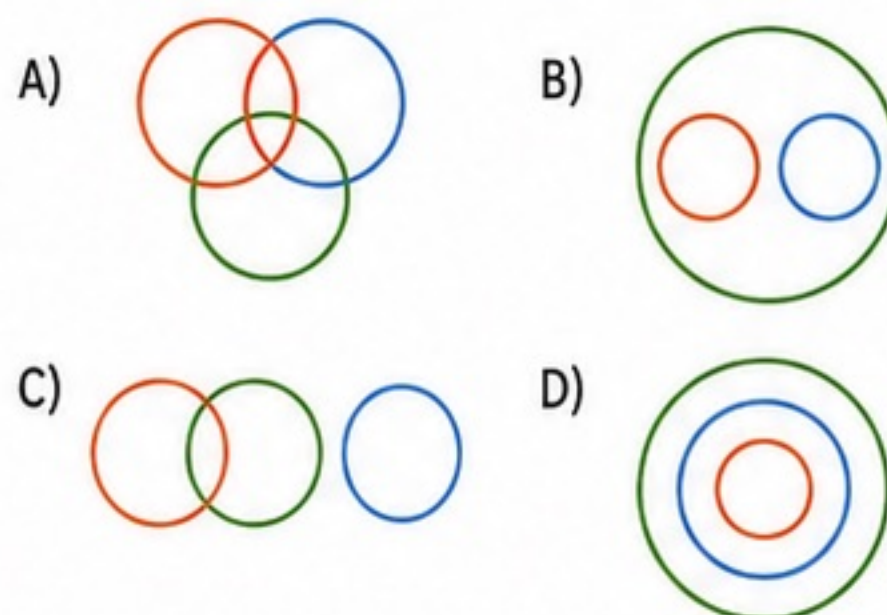
How is 'THINK' written in that code?

- A) 20-8-9-14-11
B) 20-9-8-14-11
C) 19-8-9-14-11
D) 20-8-9-13-11



CLUE: A=1, B=2, ..., Z=26 and pattern is as follows.

2 Which of the following Venn diagrams best represents the relationship among 'Authors, Poets and Women'?



3 If today is Wednesday, what will be the day of the week on 27th August 2026?

- A) Thursday
B) Friday
C) Saturday
D) Sunday

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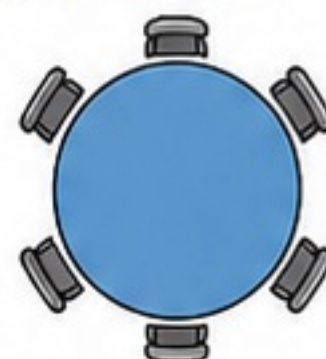
4 Pointing to a woman, Rohan said, "She is the only daughter of my father's brother". How is that woman related to Rohan?

- A) Mother
B) Sister
C) Cousin sister
D) Aunt



5 A, B, C, D, E and F are sitting around a circular table facing the centre (not necessarily in the same order). C is second to the right of A. F is opposite to C. E is between A and F. D is second to the left of F. Who is sitting opposite to E?

- A) A
B) B
C) C
D) D



6 If P means '+', Q means '-', R means 'x' and S means '÷', what will be the value of $18 R 4 Q 3 P 12 S 6 = ?$

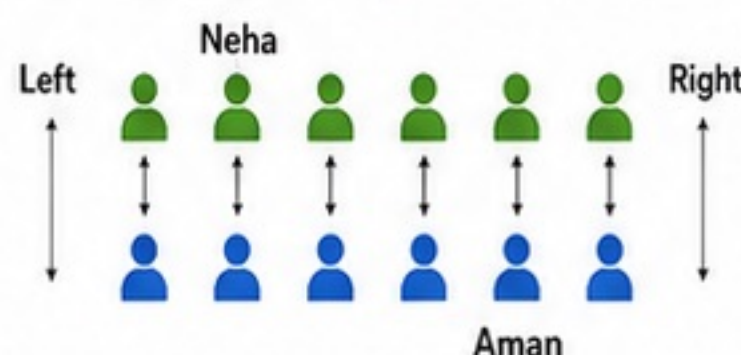
- A) 45
B) 51
C) 60
D) 72



Note: Follow the BODMAS rule.

7 In a certain arrangement, 12 people are sitting in two parallel rows of 6 each. All are facing each other. In a row, Neha is third from the left end. Opposite to her is Aman, who is second from the right end of his row. How many people are sitting between Neha and Aman (in the same row as Neha)?

- A) 1
B) 2
C) 3
D) 4



8 Read the given statements and conclusions carefully.

Statements:

- Some fruits are juices.
- All juices are drinks.

Conclusions:

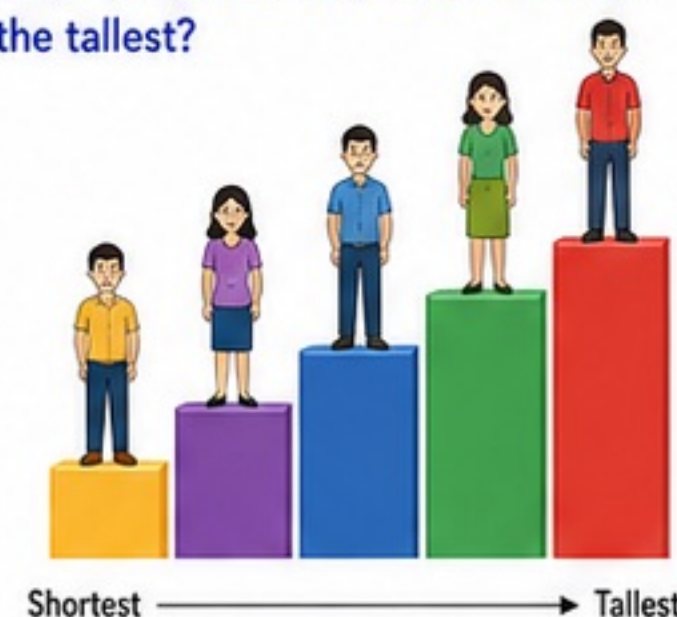
- Some fruits are drinks.
- All drinks are fruits.

- A) Only conclusion I follows
B) Only conclusion II follows
C) Both conclusions I and II follow
D) Neither conclusion I nor II follows



9 Six friends – Aditi, Bharat, Charu, Deepak, Esha and Farhan – are of different heights. Aditi is taller than Bharat but shorter than Charu. Deepak is taller than Esha but shorter than Farhan. Bharat is the shortest. Who is the tallest?

- A) Aditi
B) Charu
C) Deepak
D) Farhan



1 Growing your own food, time for leisure: what life is like in a blue zone

A blue zone, a concept introduced by journalist Dan Buettner, demographer Michel Poulain, and physician Gianfrancesco Pini, describes a region with high longevity: Ogimi, a village in Okinawa, Japan, is a lush landscape dotted with small farms where residents live with a strong sense of purpose.

Meenakshi S.

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These days, a lot of people are moving to the countryside. They are looking for a better quality of life. They are looking for a place where they can live with a strong sense of purpose.

Ogimi village in Okinawa is a classic example of a blue zone. It is a place where people live with a strong sense of purpose and a strong sense of community.

Prevention better than cure. Chronic diseases are on the rise. It is important to take steps to prevent them. It is important to take steps to prevent them.



Blue waters: Ogimi is a lush landscape dotted with small farms.

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People live with a strong sense of purpose, or ikigai – a word many of us became familiar with through the acclaimed self-help book – while embracing a certain slowness unique to the region, starkly different from the bustling city life of Tokyo.

2 WHAT IS A BLUE ZONE?



Regions where people live exceptionally long and healthy lives.



Concept popularised by Dan Buettner ("Blue Zones").



Includes: Okinawa (Japan), Sardinia (Italy), Ikaria (Greece), Nicoya (Costa Rica), Loma Linda (USA).



Ogimi village in Okinawa is a classic example.



Longevity linked to lifestyle, not just genetics or healthcare.

COMMON TRAITS



Natural Movement



Plant-based Diet



Purposeful Life (Ikigai)



Strong Social Connections



Stress Management

3 OGIMI – LESSONS IN LIVING



Small farms & home gardens – residents grow much of their own food.



Diet rich in vegetables, sweet potato, tofu, fish, miso soup; low in meat.



Hara hachi bu – eat until 80% full.



Active daily life – farming, walking, chores, community work.



Moai – strong community groups that provide emotional & practical support.



Ikigai – clear sense of purpose gives meaning to everyday life.

4 PILLARS OF BLUE ZONE LIFESTYLE



5 WHY DOES IT MATTER?



Chronic diseases are lower: heart disease, diabetes, cancer.



Mental well-being & happiness levels are higher.



Cost-effective: lifestyle is the real medicine.



Replicable lessons for public health policies globally.



6 IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA



Adopt plant-rich, local & seasonal diets.



Promote active living: walkable cities, physical activity culture.



Strengthen community bonds & social support systems.



Integrate stress management in education & workplaces.



Shift from curative to preventive healthcare.

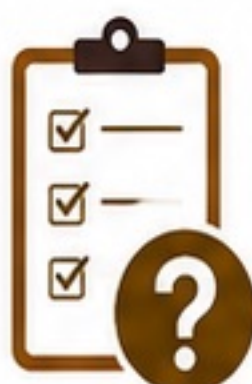


Prevention today, healthier India tomorrow.

7 MCQ PRACTICE

Q. Which of the following is NOT a common characteristic of Blue Zones?

- Plant-based, whole-food diet
- Strong community & social connections
- High intake of processed and red meat
- Regular physical activity in daily life



ANSWER: C

8 BLUE ZONES vs MODERN LIFESTYLE

BLUE ZONE LIFESTYLE



Whole, natural foods



Daily physical movement



Strong social bonds



Purpose-driven life (Ikigai)



Prevention-focused healthcare

MODERN URBAN LIFESTYLE



Processed & fast foods



Sedentary lifestyle



Isolation & social stress



Stress, burnout & purpose gap



Treatment-focused healthcare

9 MAINS DISCUSSION QUESTION

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India's future health outcomes depend more on lifestyle transformation than on medical infrastructure.” Discuss.



1 DONALD TRUMP IN THE PERSIAN LABYRINTH

“When we are finished, take over your government. It will be yours to take. This will be probably your only chance for generations,” United States President Donald Trump told Iranians on February 28, 2026, after the U.S. and Israel assassinated Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and launched a war against the country.

The U.S. and Israel launched the war with four primary objectives: to remove the Iranian regime, to change the regional balance of power, to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, and to prevent Iran from becoming a global superpower.

The President's grave miscalculation

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But in Iran, the U.S. lost the war. The U.S. bases and assets in the region were targeted, and the U.S. was forced to withdraw its forces.

2 PRESIDENT TRUMP'S STRATEGIC MISCALCULATION



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MISJUDGED

3 THREE PILLARS OF IRAN'S RESPONSE



1 PRESERVE STATE

• Preserving the Islamic Republic and its institutions.



2 REGIONALISE THE WAR

• Escalating conflict regionally (Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Persian Gulf, Red Sea).



3 ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

• Economic self-reliance and strategic depth.

• Turning U.S. bases and allies into vulnerable targets.

4 STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHY AT STAKE



- Strait of Hormuz – Chokepoint for ~20% of world's seaborne crude oil.
- Iran can disrupt energy flows.
- Closure of Strait = Global energy shock & price surge.
- Critical for global trade & energy security.

ENERGY SECURITY

MARITIME CHOKEPOINT

GLOBAL TRADE

5 U.S. OBJECTIVES vs REALITY

U.S. OBJECTIVES



Destroy nuclear program



Change regime in Tehran



Prevent regional destabilisation

ON GROUND REALITY



Program survived, only delayed



Regime strengthened by national unity



Conflict expanded to multiple fronts



War became costlier, longer and strategically counter-productive for the U.S.

6 ESCALATION CYCLE IN THE PERSIAN LABYRINTH



U.S. Military Strikes



Iran's Retaliation



Regional Expansion



Global Impact (Energy, Trade, Security)

KEY FEATURES

- Attacks on U.S. assets & allies.
- Use of proxies in multiple theatres.
- Disruptions in Persian Gulf & Red Sea.
- Risk of miscalculation remains high.



7 MCQ PRACTICE

Q. The strategy of Iran to regionalise the war included targeting which of the following?

- NATO bases in Europe
- Iraqi Kurdistan and Houthi targets in Yemen
- Indian Ocean trade routes
- Latin American countries



ANSWER: B

8 IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA



~60% of India's crude oil passes through Hormuz.



Energy price volatility impacts inflation and economic growth.



Protect maritime trade & diaspora in West Asia.



Maintain strategic autonomy & balanced West Asia policy.



9 MAINS DISCUSSION QUESTION



In the Persian labyrinth, military power alone cannot deliver political outcomes. Discuss in the context of the U.S.–Iran conflict.



1 THE BEIJING MODEL OF INNOVATION

The Beijing model of innovation

Beijing's innovation model brings together various state-led and state-backed initiatives to create a comprehensive ecosystem for innovation by leveraging the 'valley of death' for start-ups and small and medium-sized enterprises through government funding and industrial clusters.

WORLD INQUIRY

Analyst's insight

The conventional wisdom about innovation is that it is a free-market process. But in China, the government has played a central role in driving innovation. This has led to the emergence of a 'Beijing model' of innovation, which is a state-led and state-backed approach to innovation.

The Chinese capital has often had the reputation of being a place where innovation is stifled. But in recent years, it has emerged as a global hub for innovation. This is due to the government's support for innovation, which has led to the emergence of a 'Beijing model' of innovation. This model is characterized by strong state leadership, university-industry-state collaboration, focus on strategic sectors, and long-term planning.



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2 WHAT IS THE BEIJING MODEL?



Strong state leadership
Government sets vision, invests and coordinates.



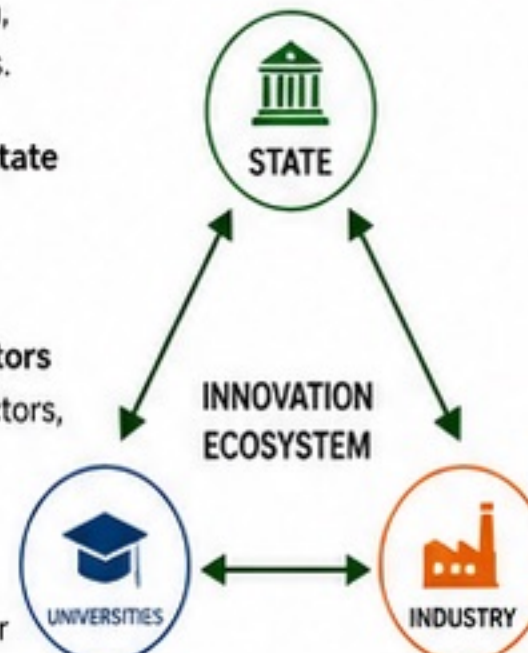
University-Industry-State triple helix drives R&D and innovation.



Focus on strategic sectors
AI, robotics, semiconductors, biotech, EVs, etc.



Long-term planning
5-10 year plans with clear tech roadmaps.



3 KEY PILLARS DRIVING INNOVATION



State-backed funding
Large and patient capital for R&D and commercialization.



Talent & human capital
Top universities, skilled workforce, global talent attraction.



Industrial clusters
Concentration of firms, suppliers, labs and investors.



Policy support
Subsidies, tax incentives, IP protection, fast approvals.



4 HUMANOIDS & AI: A NEW FRONTIER



Humanoid Robot Innovation Centre in Beijing.



Mass production ecosystem for humanoid robots.



AI + Robotics convergence is the core strength.



Scale up to lakhs of units in coming years.

5 MARKETS, CAPITAL & COMMERCIALISATION



Markets + companies = platform for results commercialisation.



Venture capital + state capital reduce risk for start-ups.



State as investor absorbs early losses, enables long-term gains.



Innovation cycle: Research → Prototype → Scaling → Global market.



6 WHY IT MATTERS?



China aims for tech self-reliance & leadership in critical tech.



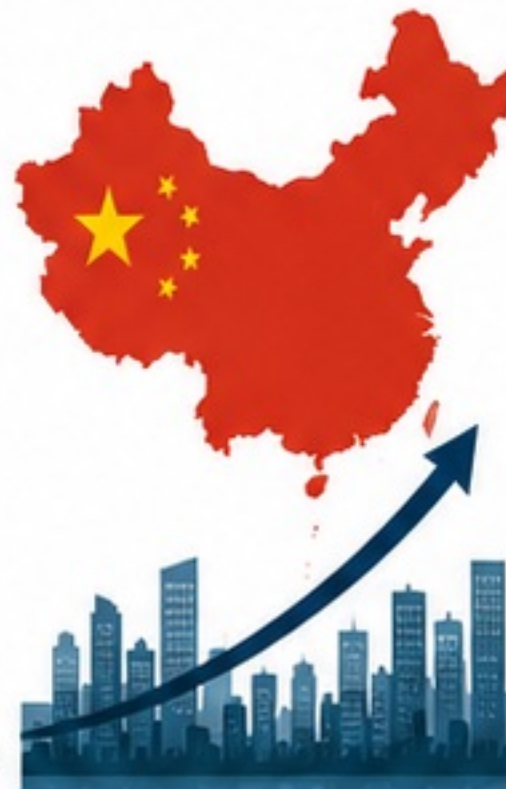
Reduces dependence on foreign technology.



Boosts productivity, manufacturing & exports.



Strengthens national security & economic power.



7 MCQ PRACTICE

Q. Which of the following is NOT a key pillar of Beijing's innovation model?

- State-backed funding for R&D
- University-industry-state collaboration
- Heavy import dependence on critical technology
- Industrial clusters and policy support



ANSWER: C

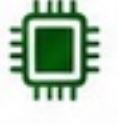
8 LESSONS FOR INDIA



Strengthen R&D funding with long-term vision.



Build strong university-industry linkages.



Focus on strategic tech sectors & deep tech.



Encourage patient capital & risk-sharing.



Develop innovation clusters & supporting ecosystem.



9 MAINS DISCUSSION QUESTION

“State-led innovation models like Beijing's can accelerate technological progress, but may also raise concerns about market freedom and creativity.”

Discuss in the context of China's innovation ecosystem and its implications for India.



1 ASAN WETLAND



The Asan Wetland Conservation Reserve at the confluence of the Asan and Yamuna rivers in Uttarakhand.

2 SUPREME COURT CLARIFICATION



- Prior approval within 10 km radius of Ramsar wetland mandatory.
- Order issued on Feb 14, 2024 in response to Himachal Pradesh application.
- Clarification extends to all Ramsar sites in India.
- Protection not limited to HP or Uttarakhand.
- Judicial safeguard for ecologically sensitive zones.

3 ASAN WETLAND CONSERVATION RESERVE



- Confluence of Asan and Yamuna rivers.
- Designated as Ramsar site in 2020.
- Important habitat for migratory waterbirds.
- Supports rich aquatic biodiversity.
- Acts as natural sponge and flood buffer.

4 RAMSAR SITES IN INDIA



India has 80 Ramsar sites (as of Aug 3, 2026).

Max. sites in Tamil Nadu (20).

Recent sites: Hokera (UP), Udhwa Lake (Jharkhand).

International commitment under Ramsar Convention (1971).

5 RAMSAR CONVENTION



Ramsar

Adopted: 1971
India Party: 1982



International treaty for wetland conservation.



Promotes wise use of wetlands.



Each site must maintain ecological character.



Encourages national policies and site management plans.

6 MINING NEAR WETLANDS: LEGAL POSITION



No mining within 10 km radius.



Prior approval from NBWL / State WL Board / MoEFCC.



Lists of prohibited activities in wetlands.



Violation = Action under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.



7 MCQ PRACTICE

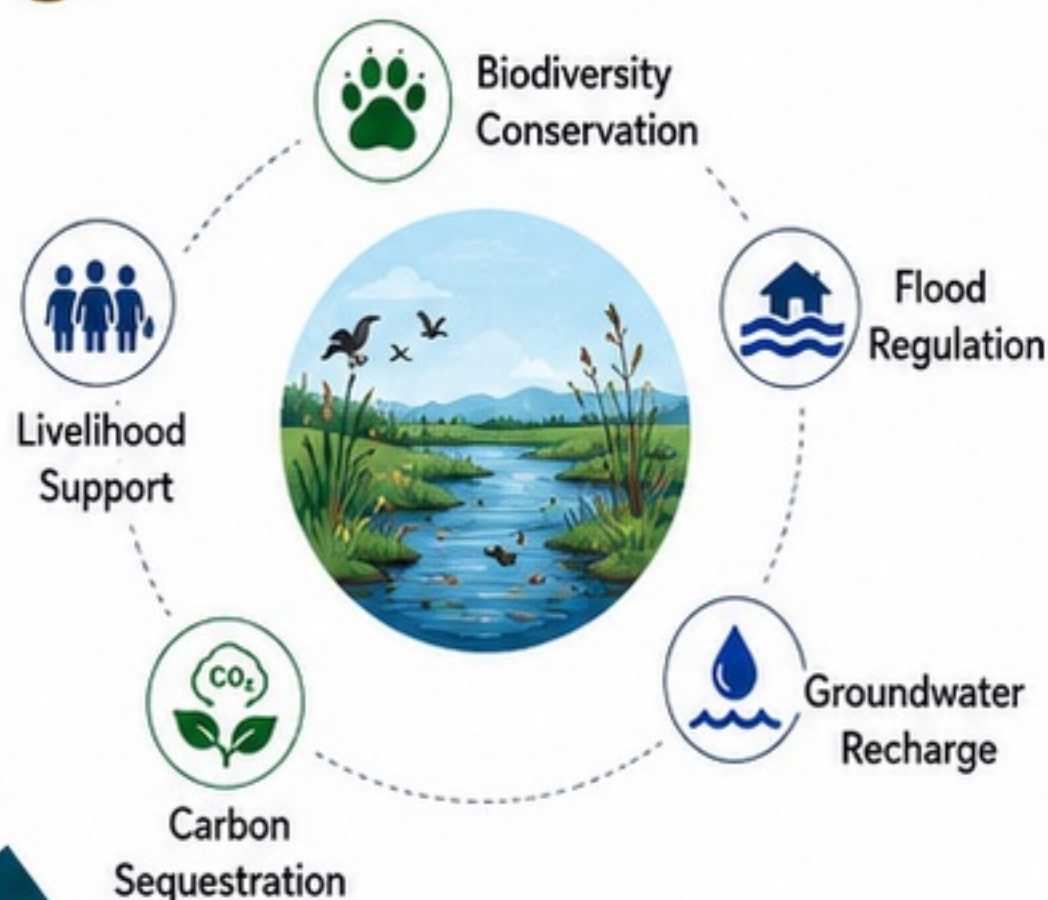
Q. Which of the following is TRUE regarding the Supreme Court order on mining near Ramsar sites?

- Prior approval is required within 10 km radius.
- Order applies only to Himachal Pradesh.
- Ramsar sites in India have no statutory buffer zone.
- Mining is allowed in Eco-Sensitive Zones.

Answer: A



8 WHY WETLANDS MUST BE PROTECTED?



9 MAINS DISCUSSION

"Economic development should not come at the cost of ecological security."

Discuss with reference to mining restrictions around Ramsar wetland sites.



1 ब्लू जोन्स से सीखः अपना भोजन, बेहतर जीवन



- ब्लू जोन्स में असाधारण दीर्घायु पाई जाती है।
- जीवनशैली, चिकित्सा से अधिक महत्वपूर्ण।
- पौध-आधारित आहार प्रमुख।
- नियमित प्राकृतिक शारीरिक सक्रियता।
- मजबूत परिवार व सामाजिक जुड़ाव।
- कम तनाव और जीवन का उद्देश्य स्पष्ट।
- स्वास्थ्य नीति में रोकथाम पर जोर जरूरी।

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- हॉर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य अत्यंत रणनीतिक।
- ऊर्जा सुरक्षा पर सीधा प्रभाव।
- समुद्री मार्गों पर दबाव बढ़ा।
- क्षेत्रीय गठबंधन बदल रहे हैं।
- कच्चे तेल की कीमतों पर असर।
- भारत संतुलित रणनीति बनाए रखेगा।

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7 बीजिंग मॉडल ऑफ इनोवेशन



- राज्य-नेतृत्व वाला नवाचार पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र।
- R&D में भारी निवेश।
- अनुसंधान और उद्योग का एकीकरण।
- प्रौद्योगिकी आत्मनिर्भरता पर जोर।
- सेमीकंडक्टर और उन्नत प्रौद्योगिकी पर फोकस।
- AI और डिजिटल नेतृत्व का लक्ष्य।
- रणनीतिक औद्योगिक नीति को बढ़ावा।

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2 रोकें धोखाधड़ी का जाल



- डिजिटल धोखाधड़ी के मामले तेजी से बढ़ रहे हैं।
- वित्तीय साक्षरता अत्यंत आवश्यक।
- सुदृढ़ साइबर पुलिसिंग की जरूरत।
- AI आधारित धोखाधड़ी पहचान महत्वपूर्ण।
- RBI और बैंकों की जागरूकता पहल जारी।
- शिकायत निवारण तंत्र तेज और प्रभावी होना चाहिए।
- नागरिक जागरूकता ही पहली सुरक्षा पंक्ति है।

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5 हैंडलूम: भारत की विरासत से वैश्विक विकास तक



- श्रम-प्रधान क्षेत्र, ग्रामीण अर्थव्यवस्था की रीढ़।
- ग्रामीण आजीविका को सशक्त बनाता है।
- भारत की समृद्ध सांस्कृतिक धरोहर का संरक्षण।
- GI उत्पादों से उच्च मूल्य प्राप्त होता है।
- हैंडलूम निर्यात की अपार संभावनाएँ।
- महिलाओं को बड़े पैमाने पर रोजगार।
- पर्यावरण के अनुकूल और टिकाऊ उत्पादन।

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8 परिवार सोने को बेचने के बजाय गिरवी क्यों रख रहे हैं?



- सोने को गिरवी रखना बेहतर विकल्प।
- स्वामित्व सुरक्षित रहता है।
- ऋण आसानी से उपलब्ध।
- सोने की कीमतें ऊँची हैं।
- आपातकालीन तरलता का स्रोत।
- NBFC और बैंकों की भागीदारी बढ़ी।
- घरेलू वित्तीय व्यवहार का संकेत।

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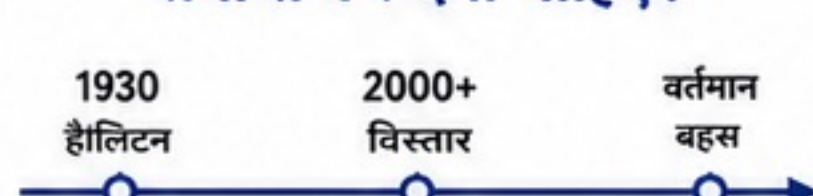
3 सरकार क्यों घटा रही है LIC में हिस्सेदारी?



- सरकार अपनी इक्विटी हिस्सेदारी घटा रही है।
- सार्वजनिक शेयरधारिता बढ़ेगी।
- SEBI नियमों के अनुरूप कदम।
- गैर-कर राजस्व प्राप्त होगा।
- LIC का स्वामित्व बरकरार रहेगा।
- बाज़ार में तरलता बढ़ेगी।
- राजकोषीय प्रबंधन का उद्देश्य।

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6 क्या कॉमनवेल्थ गेम्स समाप्त कर देना चाहिए?



- भागीदारी और प्रतिस्पर्धा में गिरावट।
- आयोजन लागत लगातार बढ़ रही हैं।
- आर्थिक स्थिरता पर सवाल।
- खेल की प्रासंगिकता पर चर्चा।
- सॉफ्ट पावर और खेल कूटनीति का मंच।
- भविष्य के लिए सुधार आवश्यक।
- प्रतिस्पर्धा को पुनर्जीवित करने की आवश्यकता।

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9 रैमसर वेटलैंड के आसपास खनन पर SC का आदेश: प्रभाव



- सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने वेटलैंड संरक्षण पर जोर दिया।
- रैमसर दायित्वों को मान्यता दिया गया।
- खनन से जैवविविधता को खतरा।
- पर्यावरण और विकास में संतुलन आवश्यक।
- पर्यावरणीय विनियमन की आवश्यकता।
- वेटलैंड पारिस्थितिकी सेवाएँ प्रदान करते हैं।
- संरक्षण संबंधी दायित्वों की पुनः पुष्टि।

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खाद्य सुरक्षा नियमों को सख्त।



Meta का नया AI कोडिंग ऐप
डेवलपर्स के लिए AI कोडिंग सहायक।
प्रोडक्टिविटी में वृद्धि का लक्ष्य।

प्रिलिम्स तथ्य

- भूगोल:** हॉर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य पर्शियन गल्फ को गल्फ ऑफ ओमान से जोड़ता है।
- पर्यावरण:** मानस राष्ट्रीय उद्यान UNESCO विश्व धरोहर स्थल है।
- अर्थव्यवस्था:** LIC भारत की सबसे बड़ी जीवन बीमा कंपनी है।
- कृषि/ऊर्जा:** GOBARdhan परिपत्र बायोइकोनॉमी को बढ़ावा देता है।
- विज्ञान एवं तकनीक:** जनरेटिव AI सॉफ्टवेयर विकास में सहायक है।
- राज्यव्यवस्था:** सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने पारिस्थितिक संवेदनशील क्षेत्रों के संरक्षण पर जोर दिया है।
- अंतराष्ट्रीय संगठन:** कॉमनवेल्थ में वर्तमान में 56 सदस्य देश शामिल हैं।
- मानचित्र:** ब्लू जोन्स - ओकिनावा, सार्डिनिया, निकोया, इकारिया और लोमा लिंडा।
- रिपोर्ट:** भारत SDG-3 (स्वास्थ्य) में निवारक स्वास्थ्य पर बल देता है।

जानिए अंग्रेज़ी

- Labyrinth** : भ्रमपूर्ण स्थिति, जटिल परिस्थिति
- Offloading** : हिस्सेदारी/स्वामित्व बेचना
- Pledging** : गिरवी रखना
- Heritage** : विरासत, सांस्कृतिक धरोहर
- Innovation** : नवाचार, नई खोज का उपयोग
- Wetland** : आर्द्रभूमि, जलमग्न पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र
- Livelihood** : आजीविका, जीविका का साधन
- Sustainability** : स्थिरता, दीर्घकालिक संतुलन
- Resilience** : लचीलापन, शीघ्र पुनः स्थापित होना

1 Growing your own food: lessons from Blue Zones



- Blue Zones have exceptional longevity.
- Lifestyle matters more than medical intervention.
- Plant-based diet dominates.
- Regular natural physical activity.
- Strong family and social networks.
- Low stress and purposeful living.
- Public health policy can integrate preventive health.

GS II • Health Policy • Preventive Healthcare • SDG 3

2 Stop the Scam



- Digital frauds are increasing.
- Financial literacy is essential.
- Strong cyber policing required.
- AI-based fraud detection needed.
- RBI awareness initiatives.
- Faster grievance redressal.
- Citizen awareness remains first defence.

RBI • CERT-In • Cyber Security • Digital Economy

3 Why govt. offloading stake in LIC?



- Government reducing equity stake.
- Improves public shareholding.
- Meets SEBI norms.
- Generates non-tax revenue.
- Does not alter LIC ownership.
- Improves market liquidity.
- Fiscal management objective.

SEBI • Disinvestment • Fiscal Policy • Budget

4 Donald Trump in the Persian Labyrinth



- Persian Gulf remains geopolitical hotspot.
- Strait of Hormuz strategically critical.
- Energy security affected.
- Maritime routes under pressure.
- Regional alliances evolving.
- Impact on crude prices.
- India's strategic balancing continues.

Hormuz • West Asia • Energy Security • UNCLOS

5 Handloom: Weaving India's heritage into global growth



- Labour intensive sector.
- Supports rural livelihoods.
- Preserves cultural heritage.
- GI products enhance value.
- Export potential increasing.
- Women employment significant.
- Sustainable textile production.

GI Tags • MSME • Textiles • Culture

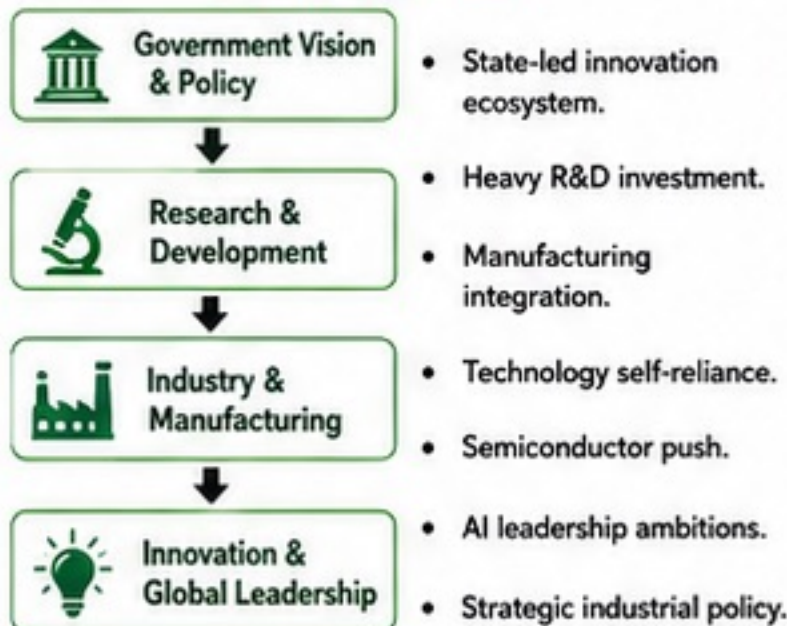
6 Should Commonwealth Games be scrapped?



- Declining participation debate.
- Rising hosting costs.
- Financial sustainability questioned.
- Competition relevance examined.
- Soft power dimension.
- Sports diplomacy continues.
- Future reforms discussed.

Sports Governance • Soft Power • Commonwealth

7 The Beijing Model of Innovation



- State-led innovation ecosystem.
- Heavy R&D investment.
- Manufacturing integration.
- Technology self-reliance.
- Semiconductor push.
- AI leadership ambitions.
- Strategic industrial policy.

Innovation • R&D • AI • Industrial Policy

8 Why are households pledging gold instead of selling it?



- Households prefer pledging gold.
- Ownership remains intact.
- Easier access to credit.
- Rising gold prices.
- Emergency liquidity source.
- NBFC participation significant.
- Reflects household financial behaviour.

Financial Inclusion • Gold Loans • NBFC

9 SC order impact on mining around Ramsar wetlands?



- Supreme Court emphasised wetland protection.
- Ramsar conservation strengthened.
- Mining impacts biodiversity.
- Sustainable development balance.
- Environmental regulation important.
- Wetlands provide ecosystem services.
- Conservation obligations reinforced.

Ramsar Convention • Wetlands • Biodiversity • EPA

QUICK NEWS



Iran-Hormuz Proposal
Inbound traffic proposal raises maritime concerns. Global shipping watching developments.



Manas Reserve
HC orders prevention of fresh encroachments. Focus on protected areas.



National Handloom Day
PM highlights artisan contribution. Traditional sector receives attention.



State Development
FM stresses support for lagging States. Balanced regional growth.



Stress & Acne
Stress hormones affect skin health. Lifestyle impacts disease.



Access Paradox
Discussion on equitable access. Governance implications.



GOBARDHAN Scheme
₹23,371 crore approved. Waste to wealth initiative.



FSSAI Orders
Prohibition-of-sale action. Food regulation strengthened.



Meta AI Coding
New AI coding assistant launched. Developer productivity focus.

PRELIM FACTS



Geography: Strait of Hormuz connects Persian Gulf to Gulf of Oman.



Environment: Manas National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Economy: LIC is India's largest life insurer.



Agriculture: GOBARDHAN promotes circular bioeconomy.



Science & Tech: Generative AI assists software development.



Polity: Supreme Court protects ecologically sensitive regions.



Intl. Organisation: Commonwealth currently includes 56 member countries.



Mapping: Blue Zones include Okinawa, Sardinia, Nicoya, Ikaria and Loma Linda.



Report: India emphasises preventive healthcare under SDG-3.

KNOW YOUR ENGLISH

Labyrinth	: A complicated situation
Offloading	: Selling ownership
Pledging	: Offering as collateral
Heritage	: Cultural legacy
Innovation	: Practical application of new ideas
Wetland	: Water-saturated ecosystem
Livelihood	: Means of earning income
Sustainability	: Long-term environmental balance
Resilience	: Ability to recover quickly