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GS Paper I: Heritage, Culture, History, Geography & Society

AGRICULTURE

One crore parrot-green Indiramma sarees to add hue to Telangana women's wardrobes

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Agriculture, Science & Technology, Indian Society

• Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to launch the distribution on November 26, 2026.
• Beneficiaries have to furnish food security cards (ration cards) and Aadhaar details

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Society:** Women's safety, workforce participation and representation (Women's Reservation Act 2023, one-third seats after delimitation).
• **Governance & polity:** Laws such as the POSH Act 2013 and the new criminal laws (BNS 2023) and their implementation gaps.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: One, Indiramma, Telangana, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, November

Source: The Hindu, National, 24 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/one-crore-parrot-green-indiramma-sarees-t

GOVERNANCE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Naxal-Free India

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice, Economy, Indian Society

• India has achieved the historic milestone of becoming effectively free from Left-Wing Extremism (LWE), with no district in the country remaining LWE-affected.
• This transformation was driven by an integrated strategy combining security operations, infrastructure expansion, rehabilitation of surrendered cadres, tribal welfare, and improved governance.

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Internal security:** The Centre set March 2026 as its deadline to end LWE; security operations plus surrender-and-rehabilitation policies; number of affected districts has fallen sharply.
• **Governance & polity:** Root causes are governance deficits: land alienation, forest rights (FRA 2006, PESA 1996), lack of roads, schools and mobile connectivity in tribal areas.
• **Society:** Data and policy for social justice: the next Census will include caste enumeration; sub-classification of SC/ST (Supreme Court 2024) and the 50% ceiling (Indra Sawhney).

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Naxal-Free India, Left-Wing Extremism, LWE, LWE-affected

Source: PIB, PIB Backgrounder, 24 Nov 2026 · https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2340727

Severe anaemia affects less than 2% of population: ICMR survey

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice, Indian Society, Reports & Indices

• SAMPADA covered more than 2 lakh individuals from over 81,000 households across 183 districts in 35 States and Union Territories

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Society:** Public health outcomes and out-of-pocket spending; schemes like Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY and the TB-elimination target.
• **Governance & polity:** Health is a State subject; centre–state coordination and the One Health approach for disease surveillance.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Severe, ICMR, SAMPADA, States and Union Territories

Static connect: Anaemia

• Anaemia Mukt Bharat strategy targets children, adolescents and women; NFHS data show high prevalence among women and children.
UPSC angle: Nutrition and health policy (GS2).

Source: The Hindu, Health, 23 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/severe-anaemia-affects-less-than-2-of-population-

HISTORY & ART AND CULTURE

Vice President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan Visits Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib on Parkash Purab of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · History & Art and Culture, Polity & Constitution, International Relations

• On the sacred occasion of the Parkash Purab of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Vice President of India, Shri C.
• Radhakrishnan, visited Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib in New Delhi today and offered prayers.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Vice President Shri, Radhakrishnan Visits Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib, Parkash Purab of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Vice President of India, Shri

Source: PIB, Vice President's Secretariat, 24 Nov 2026 · https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2340728

APEDA organises stakeholder interaction programme in Varanasi

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · History & Art and Culture, Economy, Agriculture

• The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, organised an ‘Interaction with Stakeholders’ programme on 20 November 2026 in Varanasi.
• The programme brought together exporters and government agencies to discuss key issues concerning agricultural and processed food exports, including export…

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Economy:** Affects India's export competitiveness, MSMEs and jobs in labour-intensive sectors; India's recent FTAs include UAE, Australia, EFTA (TEPA) and the UK.
• **International relations:** Trade is now a tool of geopolitics; India defends policy space at the WTO on food security (public stockholding) and agriculture.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: APEDA, Varanasi, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Source: PIB, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, 24 Nov 2026 · https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2340721

The Black Sea Explores Universal Human Emotions Through a Distinctive Cinematic Approach at IFFI 2026

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · History & Art and Culture, Agriculture, Science & Technology

• The makers of the Arabic-language feature film The Black Sea addressed the media today at the Press Information Bureau (PIB) Media Centre during the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa.
• Debutant director Aladdin Mostafa, producer Hamdy Sameh, and film editor and executive producer Motaz Nashy interacted with journalists, sharing insights into the film's genesis, universal relevance, and deliberate…

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Black Sea Explores Universal Human Emotions Through, Distinctive Cinematic Approach, IFFI, Arabic-language, Black Sea

Static connect: Black Sea and the Turkish Straits

• The Bosporus and Dardanelles (Türkiye) link the Black Sea to the Mediterranean via the Sea of Marmara.
• Passage of warships is governed by the Montreux Convention (1936).

UPSC angle: Russia–Ukraine conflict, grain and energy trade (GS2).

Source: PIB, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, 24 Nov 2026 · https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2340776

Amid pressure from different quarters, police bring Thirupparankundram hillock under tight security

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · History & Art and Culture, Science & Technology, Internal Security

• The police declared areas around Thirupparankundram a "red zone" and prohibited flying of drones and unmanned aerial vehicles till Tuesday (November 24, 2026).
• Hundreds of police personnel have been deployed around the hillock that houses the Subramania Swamy Temple to prevent any unauthorised person gaining access to the hilltop where Deepathoon is located near Sikandar Badushah Dargah

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Internal security:** Narco-terror links across the Punjab border (Golden Crescent) and in the North-East (Golden Triangle); drones are used to drop drugs and arms.
• **Society:** Drug abuse among youth; NDPS Act, 1985 and Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Thirupparankundram, Tuesday, November, Hundreds, Subramania Swamy Temple

Source: The Hindu, National, 23 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Madurai/amid-pressure-from-different-quarters-police-

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

5.6 magnitude earthquake strikes Nepal's Koshi province close to China border

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations, Geography, Governance & Social Justice

• The European-Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC), however, put the earthquake's magnitude at 5.3 and said it occurred at a depth of 10 kilometres

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Internal security:** Unsettled LAC (eastern Ladakh, Arunachal): border infrastructure, disengagement and buffer zones; China's dual-use villages (Xiaokang) and dams on the Brahmaputra (Yarlung Tsangpo).
• **Economy:** Large trade deficit and dependence on Chinese inputs (APIs, electronics, solar, rare earths) drive PLI schemes, Press Note 3 (2020) FDI curbs and supply-chain diversification.
• **International relations:** Strategic competition in the Indian Ocean (String of Pearls), BRI vs connectivity alternatives (IMEC), and balancing via Quad while engaging in BRICS/SCO.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Nepal, Koshi, China, European-Mediterranean Seismological Centre, EMSC

Source: The Hindu, International, 24 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/earthquake-strikes-nepals-koshi-province-close

ALSO IN THE NEWS (LOWER PRIORITY)

• Marathi Film Aadi Anant Explores Intergenerational Bonds, Love and the Realities of Caregiving at 57th IFFI (PIB, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, 24 Nov 2026)

GS Paper II: Polity, Governance, Social Justice & IR

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

India extends ■15,000 crore to Nepal for post-flood reconstruction

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Disaster Management, Governance & Social Justice, International Relations

• PM Modi says assistance will “strengthen” Nepal’s dealing with natural disasters; India will have a “forward-looking approach” on border issues, says Foreign Secretary

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **International relations:** Open border under the 1950 Treaty of Peace and Friendship; map dispute over Kalapani–Lipulekh–Limpiyadhura; competition with Chinese investment.
• **Internal security:** Open border can be misused for trafficking, fake currency and movement of criminals; SSB guards it.
• **Economy:** Hydropower trade (India buys Nepali power), cross-border rail and petroleum pipelines.
• **Geography & disasters:** India is exposed to cyclones, floods and heatwaves; the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (amended 2025), NDMA and NDRF/SDRF lead the response.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Nepal, PM Modi, Foreign Secretary

Source: The Hindu, National, 23 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-announces-development-package-of-24000-crore-

GOVERNANCE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Prime Minister shares an article highlighting India’s growing focus on skill development and making skilling a preferred career pathway

HIGH IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice, Polity & Constitution, Economy

• The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today shared an article by Union Minister of State Shri Jayant Chaudhary, highlighting the country's growing focus on skill development and the importance of making skilling a preferred career pathway.
• Shri Chaudhary highlighted the upcoming WorldSkills Asia 2027, the PM-SETU initiative to upgrade ITIs, and efforts to strengthen industry-linked training, reflecting on how…

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, Union Minister of State Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Shri Chaudhary, WorldSkills Asia

Source: PIB, Prime Minister's Office, 24 Nov 2026 · https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2340796

England launches world's largest AI-aided breast cancer screening trial

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice, Science & Technology

• Women attending routine breast screening at 30 planned sites nationwide will be given details about the trial and participate, unless they choose to opt out

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• **Governance & polity:** Laws such as the POSH Act 2013 and the new criminal laws (BNS 2023) and their implementation gaps.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: England, AI-aided, Women

Source: The Hindu, Health, 23 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/england-launches-worlds-largest-ai-aided-breast-c

Will push fuel cess to fund welfare of unorganised workers: Labour Minister

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice, Science & Technology

• Santosh Lad was speaking on the second day of the 43rd national conference of the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), which focused on artificial intelligence, gig workers and social security

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Economy:** Jobs for a young workforce decide whether India reaps its demographic dividend; PLFS tracks the labour force participation rate.
• **Society:** Rising gig and platform work needs social security (Code on Social Security 2020); low female labour force participation remains a gap.
• **Science & tech:** IndiaAI Mission (2024) for compute, datasets and indigenous models; India hosted the AI Impact Summit in 2026.
• **Ethics:** Deepfakes, bias, privacy and accountability call for responsible-AI rules and platform obligations under the IT Rules.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Will, Labour Minister, Santosh Lad, All India Trade Union Congress, AITUC

Source: The Hindu, National, 23 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/will-push-fuel-cess-to-fund-welfare-of-un

De-notification of MSMER-2023 removes overlapping procedures, but will it safeguard standards of medical education?

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice, Economy

• Under MSMER-2023, there was a defined escalation path; now, action depends on MARB assessments being initiated, completed and acted upon within a reasonable timeframe

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: De-notification of MSMER-2023, Under MSMER-2023, MARB

Source: The Hindu, Health, 24 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/education/de-notification-of-msmer-2023-eliminates-overlapping-pr

Iran carries out flogging of singer and her team, Iranian website says

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice, International Relations, Internal Security

• Parastoo Ahmadi and the four others ■were also handed two-year bans on artistic and musical activities and ■travel, Emtedad website quoted lawyer ■Mostafa ■Nili as saying

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Economy:** India imports most of its crude oil, much of it from the Gulf; conflict raises oil prices, shipping and insurance costs, inflation and the current account deficit.
• **Society:** About 9 million Indians live in the Gulf; their safety (evacuation operations such as Ajay/Kaveri) and remittances (India is the world's largest recipient) are at stake.
• **International relations:** India balances ties with Israel, Iran and the Arab states; projects like Chabahar and IMEC depend on regional stability.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Iran, Iranian, Parastoo Ahmadi, Emtedad, Mostafa

Source: The Hindu, International, 24 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/iran-carries-out-flogging-of-singer-and-her-te

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Zelenskyy calls for four-way talks with Russia ‘as soon as possible’

HIGH IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• During a gathering of Ukrainian supporters in Berlin last week, U.S.
• envoy Jared Kushner said that Washington might consider offering Ukraine a security guarantee similar to that provided under Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty as part of a peace settlement.

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **International relations:** India's strategic autonomy: abstentions at the UN, call for dialogue and diplomacy, while keeping ties with Russia and the West.
• **Economy:** Discounted Russian crude, fertiliser and defence spares; Western sanctions and secondary tariffs create payment and trade risks for India.
• **Internal security:** Dependence on Russian defence equipment (S-400, Su-30) and the push for indigenisation (Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence).

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Zelenskyy, Russia, During, Ukrainian, Berlin

Source: The Hindu, International, 23 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/zelenskyy-calls-for-four-way-talks-with-russia

China's Shenzhou-24 spaceship to include first foreign astronaut from Pakistan

HIGH IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• Pakistani payload specialist Zeeshan Ali's participation is ■part of bilateral cooperation under Beijing’s ■Belt ■and Road Initiative

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Internal security:** Cross-border terrorism and infiltration across the LoC remain India's core security concern; links to J&K, drones dropping arms/drugs in Punjab, and terror financing (FATF).
• **International relations:** India's stated policy: no talks with terror; Indus Waters Treaty (1960) held in abeyance since April 2025; China–Pakistan nexus including CPEC through PoK.
• **Economy:** Large trade deficit and dependence on Chinese inputs (APIs, electronics, solar, rare earths) drive PLI schemes, Press Note 3 (2020) FDI curbs and supply-chain diversification.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: China, Shenzhou-24, Pakistan, Pakistani, Zeeshan Ali

Source: The Hindu, International, 24 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/chinas-shenzhou-24-spaceship-to-include-first-fo

Rajasthan women’s varsity signs MoU with BRICS nations for global leadership centre

HIGH IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• The MoU was signed on the conclusion of a five-day BRICS women leaders’ summit, organised on the university campus, which focused on promoting women’s leadership, cultural exchanges, and mutual cooperation and innovative research across the 11 BRICS member countries.

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• **Governance & polity:** Laws such as the POSH Act 2013 and the new criminal laws (BNS 2023) and their implementation gaps.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Rajasthan, MoU, BRICS

Static connect: BRICS

• Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa; expanded from 2024 with Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and the UAE, and Indonesia in 2025.
• Set up the New Development Bank (Shanghai) and the Contingent Reserve Arrangement.
UPSC angle: Multipolarity and Global South diplomacy (GS2).

Source: The Hindu, National, 23 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/rajasthan/rajasthan-womens-varsity-signs-mou-with-b

Rahul Gandhi’s Gaza remarks spark controversy, expose old fault lines between Congress and Left

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations, Governance & Social Justice, Economy

• Rahul Gandhi’s remarks on the Israel-Gaza conflict have triggered a political row within the INDIA bloc, with Left parties criticising his support for stronger India-Israel defence ties.
• CPI(M) leader Pinarayi Vijayan and CPI(ML) Liberation leader Dipankar Bhattacharya have questioned his position, exposing ideological differences within the Opposition alliance.

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• **International relations:** India balances ties with Israel, Iran and the Arab states; projects like Chabahar and IMEC depend on regional stability.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Rahul Gandhi, Gaza, Congress and Left, Israel-Gaza, INDIA

Static connect: Gaza Strip

• Narrow Palestinian territory on the Mediterranean coast, bordering Israel and Egypt (Rafah crossing).
• India's long-standing position supports a two-state solution.

UPSC angle: India's West Asia policy and humanitarian law (GS2).

Source: The Hindu, National, 23 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/videos/rahul-gandhis-gaza-remarks-spark-controversy-expose-old-fa

Centre tells SC it has limited scope to secure return of man serving in Russian Army as he has renounced Indian citizenship

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations, Science & Technology, Environment & Ecology

• Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said that the man had reportedly renounced his Indian citizenship and acquired Russian nationality before joining the Russian armed forces

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **International relations:** India's strategic autonomy: abstentions at the UN, call for dialogue and diplomacy, while keeping ties with Russia and the West.
• **Economy:** Discounted Russian crude, fertiliser and defence spares; Western sanctions and secondary tariffs create payment and trade risks for India.
• **Internal security:** Dependence on Russian defence equipment (S-400, Su-30) and the push for indigenisation (Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence).
• **Society:** Food inflation hits poor households the most; links to supply-side measures like buffer stocks and export curbs.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Russian Army, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, Russian

Source: The Hindu, National, 24 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/centre-tells-sc-it-has-limited-scope-to-secure-retu

Russian attack kills two people, wounds 22 in Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia, official says

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations, Polity & Constitution, Economy

• Earlier, Mykhailo Semikin, the regional Governor, said people might be ■trapped under rubble after ■Russia struck the city, damaging apartments, private ■buildings, transport infrastructure and cars

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• **Governance & polity:** Role of the Governor in withholding assent to state bills (Article 200, 201) and Supreme Court guidance on timelines; tests cooperative federalism.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Russian, Ukraine, Zaporizhzhia, Earlier, Mykhailo Semikin

Source: The Hindu, International, 24 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/russian-attack-kills-two-people-wounds-22-in-u

Will use 'all available means' to counter U.S. blockade: Iran

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• War broke out between Iran and the United States on February 28 when U.S.-Israeli strikes killed the Islamic republic's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Economy:** US is India's largest export market; tariffs, H-1B visa rules and trade-deal talks hit IT services, textiles, gems and pharma exports and the rupee.
• **International relations:** Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership: defence deals, iCET/TRUST technology cooperation, Quad; India balances this with strategic autonomy (Russian oil, BRICS).
• **Society:** About 9 million Indians live in the Gulf; their safety (evacuation operations such as Ajay/Kaveri) and remittances (India is the world's largest recipient) are at stake.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Will, Iran, War, United States, February

Source: The Hindu, International, 23 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/will-use-all-available-means-to-counter-us-blo

Rule of law needed, not ‘Rule of Power’: Netherlands Foreign Minister Berendsen on trilateral summit

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• Berendsen holds talks with EAM Jaishankar, says Europe and India must end dependencies on global powers for energy, security and technology

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Internal security:** Shows the threat from cross-border and home-grown terror modules, online radicalisation and terror financing; NIA and the UAPA, 1967 are the main legal and investigative tools.
• **Governance & polity:** Debate on UAPA's stringent bail provisions, low conviction rate and civil liberties versus security.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Rule, Rule of Power, Netherlands Foreign Minister Berendsen, Berendsen, EAM Jaishankar

Source: The Hindu, National, 23 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/rule-of-law-needed-not-rule-of-power-netherlands-fo

Israel’s Eisenkot condemns arson attacks by Jewish settlers in West Bank

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations, Economy, Internal Security

• Gadi Eisenkot called the attacks ‘Jewish terrorism’, saying that ‘extremist groups that set ■fire to vehicles and homes are undermining regional stability, putting lives at risk and doing grave damage to Israel’s national security and foreign relations’

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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Israel, Eisenkot, Jewish, West Bank, Gadi Eisenkot

Source: The Hindu, International, 22 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/israels-eisenkot-condemns-arson-attacks-by-jew

Karnataka CM’s Japan visit: D.K. Shivakumar promises support for Toyota’s vehicle manufacturing expansion plans in State

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations, Economy, Reports & Indices

• Toyota looks at scaling its vehicle production capacity to one million in the near future; D.K.
• Patil invite company leadership to Global Investors’ Meet in Karnataka in 2027

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Karnataka CM, Japan, Shivakumar, Toyota, Patil

Source: The Hindu, National, 24 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/karnataka-cms-japan-visit-dk-shivakumar-p

Kerala HC grants bail to Sri Lankan who was part of ‘transnational conspiracy’ to revive LTTE

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations, Internal Security, Reports & Indices

• A Bench of justices Raja Vijayaraghavan V.
• Jayakumar says continued detention of the Sri Lankan national – Muhammed Asmin – cannot be justified as he has been given pardon by special NIA court and he has agreed to assist the prosecution as an approver

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **International relations:** Chinese presence (Hambantota port, research vessels) is a strategic concern; India's economic aid in the 2022 crisis; 13th Amendment and Tamil reconciliation.
• **Internal security:** Fishermen issue in the Palk Strait and Katchatheevu (ceded 1974) affects Tamil Nadu politics and maritime security.
• **Governance & polity:** Debate on UAPA's stringent bail provisions, low conviction rate and civil liberties versus security.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Kerala HC, Sri Lankan, LTTE, Bench, Raja Vijayaraghavan

Source: The Hindu, National, 24 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/kerala-hc-grants-bail-to-sri-lankan-who-was-

Just verdict: on Myanmar and the International Court of Justice

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• Rohingya cannot return unless Myanmar turns democratic

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Internal security:** 1,643 km border with the North-East; Free Movement Regime (the Centre decided in 2024 to end it and fence the border), refugee inflows into Mizoram and Manipur, insurgent camps and drug trafficking (Golden Triangle).
• **International relations:** Act East connectivity: Kaladan Multi-modal project (Sittwe port) and the India–Myanmar–Thailand Trilateral Highway depend on stability in Rakhine and Chin areas.
• **Governance & polity:** Judicial review and the separation of powers; such rulings often clarify fundamental rights or federal relations and become Mains examples.
• **Society:** Access to justice and pendency (over 5 crore cases) affect citizens' trust in institutions.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Just, Myanmar, International Court of Justice, Rohingya

Source: The Hindu, Editorial, 23 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/just-verdict-on-myanmar-and-the-international-c

POLITY & CONSTITUTION

Criminal with previous conviction can't be given bail only on strength of right to speedy trial: Supreme Court

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Polity & Constitution

• "The right to a speedy trial is always considered to be a facet of Article 21 of the Constitution of India, but, at the same time, when the accused is involved in committing a heinous offence, the right of the accused and the interest of the society, including the interest of the victim and his family, is also required to be seen," says bench

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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Criminal, Supreme Court, Article, Constitution of India

Source: The Hindu, National, 24 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/criminal-with-previous-conviction-cant-be-given-bai

Karnataka Chief Minister-led delegation visits Osaka waste-to-energy plant

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Polity & Constitution, International Relations, Science & Technology

• The delegation examined the plant’s technology, which processes up to 900 tonnes of municipal solid waste a day and has a power generation capacity of 32 MW.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Karnataka Chief Minister-led, Osaka

Source: The Hindu, National, 24 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/dk-shivakumar-japan-visit-karnataka-chief

Armenia drops Nagorno-Karabakh claim in proposed new constitution

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Polity & Constitution

• The draft deletes the 1990 preamble, which included a clause for re-unification with the Nagorno-Karabakh region and called for the international recognition of the genocide of Armenians by the Ottoman Empire

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Armenia, Nagorno-Karabakh, Armenians, Ottoman Empire

Source: The Hindu, International, 23 Nov 2026 ·
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REPORTS & INDICES

APSCHE to hold 10 regional workshops on All-India Survey on Higher Education data

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Reports & Indices, Governance & Social Justice

• Accurate and timely data matters for accreditation and rankings such as NAAC and NIRF, says APSCHE Vice-Chairperson K.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: APSCHE, All-India Survey, Higher Education, Accurate, NAAC and NIRF

Source: The Hindu, National, 24 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/apsche-to-hold-10-regional-workshops

SAMPADA data claims lower anaemia prevalence in India than previous surveys

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• India stopped collecting anaemia data as part of NFHS, after the 5th round.
• This is the first time anaemia data is being published, after the measure was withdrawn from the NFHS on the grounds that the government intended to conduct a gold-standard test of drawing venous blood, instead of the finger prick test

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Society:** Public health outcomes and out-of-pocket spending; schemes like Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY and the TB-elimination target.
• **Governance & polity:** Health is a State subject; centre–state coordination and the One Health approach for disease surveillance.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: SAMPADA, NFHS

Static connect: Anaemia

• Anaemia Mukt Bharat strategy targets children, adolescents and women; NFHS data show high prevalence among women and children.

UPSC angle: Nutrition and health policy (GS2).

Source: The Hindu, Health, 24 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/sampada-data-claims-lower-anaemia-prevalence-in-i

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AGRICULTURE

National Milk Day 2026 to Be Celebrated in Patna, Bihar, with Launch of Key Initiatives and Dedication of Major Dairy and Livestock Infrastructure Projects

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• The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, will celebrate National Milk Day 2026 on 26 November 2026 at Bapu Sabhagar, Patna, Bihar.
• The celebration will be graced by the Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Panchayati Raj, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, as the Chief Guest.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: National Milk Day, Be Celebrated, Patna, Bihar, Launch of Key Initiatives and Dedication of Major Dairy and Livestock Infrastructure Projects

Source: PIB, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, 24 Nov 2026 · https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2340789

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

India maps landslide susceptibility as part of shift from post-disaster relief to landslide management

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• Mapping exercise covers 4.3 lakh square km; focus now on prevention, preparedness, risk reduction, says Science Minister; calls for interdisciplinary research, continuous monitoring to minimise impact

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Geography & disasters:** India is exposed to cyclones, floods and heatwaves; the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (amended 2025), NDMA and NDRF/SDRF lead the response.
• **Governance & polity:** Shift from relief to risk reduction (Sendai Framework); early warning, CDRI and climate-resilient infrastructure.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Mapping, Science Minister

Source: The Hindu, National, 23 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-maps-landslide-susceptibility-as-part-of-shif

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Fatal disagreement: on the COP31 summit

HIGH IMPORTANCE · Both · Environment & Ecology

• Developed nations must bear much of the cost of carbon emissions

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Environment:** India's NDCs (45% cut in emission intensity of GDP from 2005 levels by 2030, 50% non-fossil power capacity, net zero by 2070) and the principle of CBDR-RC.
• **International relations:** India speaks for the Global South on climate finance and technology transfer; carbon border taxes like the EU's CBAM affect Indian exports.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Fatal, COP31, Developed

Static connect: UNFCCC & Paris Agreement

• UNFCCC adopted at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit; the Conference of Parties (COP) meets yearly.
• Paris Agreement (COP21, 2015): keep warming well below 2°C, pursue 1.5°C; countries submit NDCs.
• India's targets include net zero by 2070.

UPSC angle: Climate negotiations and India's commitments (GS3).

Source: The Hindu, Environment, 23 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/fatal-disagreement-on-the-cop31-summit/article7

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

65TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INDIAN SOCIETY OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE (ISAM) 26 - 27 NOVEMBER 2026

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Science & Technology

• Established in 1952, the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) stands as the nation's sole registered aeromedical society.
• Dedicated to fostering the exchange of knowledge and pioneering research to resolve complex aeromedical challenges, the Society has convened its annual scientific conference since 1954.

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Elon Musk’s companies sued by U.S. states over flood of sexualised images made with Grok AI

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Science & Technology

• Two Democratic attorneys general are suing several of Elon Musk’s companies in connection with the controversy over his AI chatbot’s ability to create sexualised images

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Economy:** US is India's largest export market; tariffs, H-1B visa rules and trade-deal talks hit IT services, textiles, gems and pharma exports and the rupee.
• **International relations:** Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership: defence deals, iCET/TRUST technology cooperation, Quad; India balances this with strategic autonomy (Russian oil, BRICS).
• **Geography & disasters:** India is exposed to cyclones, floods and heatwaves; the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (amended 2025), NDMA and NDRF/SDRF lead the response.
• **Governance & polity:** Shift from relief to risk reduction (Sendai Framework); early warning, CDRI and climate-resilient infrastructure.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Elon Musk, Grok AI, Two Democratic

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