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

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

APSDRF rescues eight, evacuates 341 during Cyclone Arnab relief efforts

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Disaster Management, Geography

• APSDRF rescues eight, evacuates 341 during Cyclone Arnab relief efforts

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.
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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: APSDRF, Cyclone Arnab

Source: The Hindu, National, 09 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/apsdrf-rescues-eight-evacuates-341-d

GEOGRAPHY

Trump to meet Iran war mediator Qatar, no imminent deal seen to end war

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Geography, International Relations, Agriculture

• Mutual attacks continue, with the U.S.
• striking Iran's Qeshm island overnight, according to Iranian state media, and Iran attacking tankers in the Gulf and ■Strait of Hormuz this month while its Yemeni Houthi allies have hit Saudi Arabia

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: Trump, Iran, Qatar, Mutual, Qeshm

Static connect: Qeshm Island (Iran)

• Largest island in the Persian Gulf, in Iran's Hormozgan province, across from the port of Bandar Abbas.
• Lies at the Strait of Hormuz; nearby islands: Hormuz, Larak, Kish; Abu Musa and the Greater/Lesser Tunbs are disputed between Iran and the UAE.
• Known for the Hara mangrove forests and a free trade zone.
UPSC angle: Prelims map questions on Gulf islands and straits; Mains GS2 West Asia and India's energy security.

Static connect: Strait of Hormuz

• Connects the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
• Lies between Iran (north) and Oman's Musandam peninsula (south).
• Major chokepoint for crude oil and LNG exports from the Gulf, including a large part of India's energy imports.
UPSC angle: Chokepoints and India's energy security (GS2, GS3); map-based Prelims questions.

Source: The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/trump-to-meet-iran-war-mediator-qatar-no-immin

Strait of Hormuz LNG traffic hits highest in October since Iran war began

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Geography, International Relations, Economy

• October exports ■were ■the highest since February when the war ■started and were up from September’s corresponding tally of 23 vessels exiting the strait

Why it matters for India and UPSC

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Prelims pointers

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Source: The Hindu, Economy, 10 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/strait-of-hormuz-lng-traffic-hits-highest-in-oct

Oil falls as Donald Trump says new Iran attacks ‘unlikely’

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Geography, International Relations, Economy

• On November 8, 2026, ■Iraq reached an understanding with the U.S.
• to allow Iraqi oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz via ■a shipping lane near Oman

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• Key terms: Oil, Donald Trump, Iran, November, Iraq

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Source: The Hindu, Economy, 09 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/oil-falls-as-donald-trump-says-new-iran-attacks-

Trump says resumption of war with Iran 'highly unlikely'

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• Iran continues to at least partly block traffic through the strategic Strait of Hormuz, which has dented oil supplies out of the Gulf.

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Source: The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/trump-says-resumption-of-war-with-iran-highly-

Who is Stephen Miller, Trump’s new Chief of Staff?

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Geography, Polity & Constitution, Disaster Management

• Stephen Miller, one of U.S.
• President Donald Trump’s closest aides for decades, will replace Susie Wiles, who becomes the first major White House casualty from the Democratic landslide earlier this week

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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Who, Stephen Miller, Trump, Chief of Staff, President Donald Trump

Source: The Hindu, International, 10 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/who-is-stephen-miller-trump-new-chief-of-staff

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HISTORY & ART AND CULTURE

Cyclone Murasu: Heavy rain and power cuts dampen spirit of Deepavali

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

• Heavy downpour and power cuts have dampened the festival spirit among everyone, right from kids to elderly people and farmers to retail vendors

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• **Economy:** Agriculture employs about 45% of workers; MSP, procurement and input prices affect farm incomes, food inflation and the subsidy bill.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Cyclone Murasu, Heavy, Deepavali

Source: The Hindu, National, 10 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/cyclone-murasu-heavy-rainand-power-c

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Fisherfolk seek higher compensation for men who died in Murasu cyclone

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• Neithal Makkal Katchi’s K.
• Bharathi said the amount of ■7 lakh was hardly enough to safeguard the interests of families of those who have lost their sole breadwinners

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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Fisherfolk, Murasu, Neithal Makkal Katchi, Bharathi

Source: The Hindu, National, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/fisherfolk-seek-higher-compensation-for-men-w

Children make up for half of Deepavali eye-injury cases at Hyderabad hospital

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · History & Art and Culture, Governance & Social Justice, International Relations

• Doctors say most patients were treated without surgery, but 10 individuals require surgical intervention, while bystanders also accounted for numerous injuries from a range of fireworks, underscoring the festival’s risk to ocular health

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Children, Deepavali, Hyderabad, Doctors

Source: The Hindu, National, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Hyderabad/children-make-up-nearly-half-of-deepavali-e

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Cyber bullying affects one in ten students worldwide; AI fuels new threat: UNESCO

HIGH IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations, Science & Technology, History & Art and Culture

• The United Nations agency has called upon countries to invest in digital safety measures, teacher preparation, and mental health support for students, in coordination with technology companies

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Internal security:** Cyber attacks on critical infrastructure and fraud like 'digital arrest' scams; CERT-In, NCIIPC and I4C are the response agencies.
• **Governance & polity:** IT Act 2000, Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023, and the need for cyber hygiene and capacity in state police.
• **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: Cyber, UNESCO, United Nations

Static connect: UNESCO lists

• World Heritage under the 1972 Convention; Intangible Cultural Heritage under the 2003 Convention.
• UNESCO also runs the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme and Global Geoparks.
UPSC angle: Indian sites and elements on UNESCO lists (GS1, Prelims).

Source: The Hindu, Health, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/cyber-bullying-affects-one-in-ten-students-worldw

How students are the first line of resistance

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations, Indian Society

• In a country, and more broadly a society, that bleeds with hate, the youth continue to resist with humour and hope

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: How

Source: The Hindu, Lead (Op-Ed), 10 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/how-students-are-the-first-line-of-resistance/articl

POLITY & CONSTITUTION

MY Bharat Organises Nationwide Deepotsav and Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments Under 100-Week Anti-Drug Campaign

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Polity & Constitution, Governance & Social Justice, Indian Society

• Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, organised nationwide ‘Nasha Mukt Yuva Deepotsav – Ek Diya Sankalp Ka’ and ‘Nasha Mukt Yuva Par Paricharcha’ through Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments during Week 8 of the ‘Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat’ 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan on November 6 and 7, 2026.
• The two initiatives combined Diwali celebrations with grassroots discussions on…

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: MY Bharat Organises Nationwide Deepotsav and Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments Under, Week Anti-Drug Campaign, Mera Yuva Bharat, MY Bharat, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Source: PIB, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, 10 Nov 2026 · https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2334566

Postpone panchayat, municipal elections to April-May next year: Ladakh group

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

• “We suspect that this government is up to some mischief.
• We saw ‘vote chori’ in West Bengal, Bihar, Haryana, Maharashtra etc.

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Internal security:** Infiltration, hybrid terrorists and narco-terror links; normalcy indicators such as tourism and voter turnout.
• **Governance & polity:** After the abrogation of Article 370 (2019, upheld by the Supreme Court in 2023), questions of statehood restoration and Sixth Schedule demands in Ladakh.
• **Society:** Exclusion risk for migrants, the poor and women who lack documents.

Prelims pointers

• In entire India 13 crore voters were dropped from the voter list.
• Ladakh is a small region and fraud is easy,” said Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA) chairman Tsering Dorjey Lakrook

Source: The Hindu, National, 09 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/ladakh/postpone-panchayat-municipal-elections-to-ap

Democrats eye Musk, Miller probes after midterm rout

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Polity & Constitution, Indian Society, Internal Security

• California Representative Robert Garcia ■said investigations will focus on Musk's involvement in the Department of Government Efficiency's firing of federal workers last year, and Miller's role in Trump's ■hardline immigration crackdown

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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Democrats, Musk, Miller, California Representative Robert Garcia, Department of Government Efficiency

Source: The Hindu, International, 08 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/democrats-eye-musk-miller-probes-after-midterm

ALSO IN THE NEWS (LOWER PRIORITY)

• Keralam cardiologists seek review of order banning re-use of single-use medical devices (The Hindu, National, 10 Nov 2026)
• Prime Minister extends greetings to citizens on Govardhan Puja (PIB, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Nov 2026)
• Rubio says Trump's war against Iran not 'necessarily popular' but needed to stop a nuclear threat (The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026)

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

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Heat-trapping carbon pollution drops, but scientists cite Iran war rather than energy progress

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Environment & Ecology, Polity & Constitution, International Relations

• In 2026, the world emitted 42.2 billion tonne of heat-trapping carbon dioxide from the burning of fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas.
• It's a 0.4% decrease from last year, according to the scientists of the Global Carbon Project

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• **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.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Heat-trapping, Iran, Global Carbon Project

Source: The Hindu, International, 10 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/heat-trapping-carbon-pollution-dr

A case for Nepal: suing major carbon emitters for floods

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Environment & Ecology, Governance & Social Justice, International Relations

• While climate wrongs harm society, they do not harm individuals in a sufficiently direct and proximate way

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.
• **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.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Nepal

Source: The Hindu, Environment, 09 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/a-case-for-nepal-suing-major-carbon-emitters-for-fl

COP31 opens as climate and geopolitical pressures mount

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Environment & Ecology, International Relations

• More than 100,000 people are expected to attend COP31 in a sprawling expo centre in the Mediterranean seaside city of Antalya over the next two weeks

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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: COP31, More, Mediterranean, Antalya

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, International, 09 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/cop31-in-turkiye-climate-and-geop

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GOVERNANCE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

ED attaches properties in Kashmir in ‘misuse’ of PM Employment Generation Programme scheme case

HIGH IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice, Economy, Science & Technology

• An ED spokesman said there was misappropriation of PMEGP Scheme’s loans in criminal conspiracy with the PMEGP borrowers, bank officials of Sumbal Branch and Gamud Gadkhud Branch of J&K Bank and other unknown persons

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• Key terms: Kashmir, PM Employment Generation Programme, PMEGP Scheme, PMEGP, Sumbal Branch and Gamud Gadkhud Branch

Source: The Hindu, National, 09 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/jammu-and-kashmir/ed-attaches-properties-in-kashmir

Supreme Court terms vehicular emissions major contributor to air pollution in Delhi-NCR

HIGH IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice, Environment & Ecology, Polity & Constitution

• The Bench highlighted the large number of vehicles plying on roads connecting Delhi with neighbouring areas, including Ghaziabad, Greater Noida, Gurugram and Faridabad

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Governance & polity:** Judicial review and the separation of powers; such rulings often clarify fundamental rights or federal relations and become Mains examples.
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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Supreme Court, Delhi-NCR, Bench, Delhi, Ghaziabad

Static connect: Air quality governance

• Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR (statutory since 2021) enforces the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).
• National Clean Air Programme (NCAP, 2019) targets particulate reduction in non-attainment cities.
UPSC angle: Pollution control framework (GS3).

Source: The Hindu, Health, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/supreme-court-terms-vehicular-emissions-major-contr

Where Mushrooms Take Root, Livelihoods Take Shape

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice

• With growing interest in healthier diets, mushroom cultivation is gaining importance in India’s horticulture sector and offers scope for further growth.
• Mushrooms are valued for their nutritional profile, being generally low in calories, fat, and carbohydrates while providing protein, dietary fibre, vitamins, and minerals.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Where Mushrooms Take Root, Livelihoods Take Shape, Mushrooms

Source: PIB, PIB Backgrounder, 10 Nov 2026 · https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2334518

NMC cautions students against fake medical colleges, asks them to verify approvals

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice

• The advisory follows the Supreme Court taking cognisance of the issue in an ongoing case in which the court directed regulatory bodies, including the National Medical Commission, to caution students and parents against dealing with unauthorised educational institutions

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• Key terms: NMC, Supreme Court, National Medical Commission

Source: The Hindu, National, 10 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/nmc-cautions-students-against-fake-medical-colleges

Deepavali pollution spike: How does it affect lung function and respiratory health? | Explained

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice, Environment & Ecology

• Firecracker smoke releases fine particles and harmful gases that irritate the airways and affect lung health.
• Experts explain the short- and long-term effects of exposure and whether the damage persists after air quality improves

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Environment:** Air pollution is a public-health emergency in North India; NCAP, GRAP and the Commission for Air Quality Management (2021) are the policy tools.
• **Governance & polity:** Needs inter-state coordination (Punjab, Haryana, Delhi) and alternatives to stubble burning such as Happy Seeder and bio-decomposers.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Deepavali, How, Explained, Firecracker

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Source: The Hindu, Health, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/deepavali-pollution-spike-how-does-it-affect-lung

Pope Leo takes Milei to task as he visits divided Argentina

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

• Pope Leo spoke out in defence of the poor and pensioners, insisting that “particular concern be shown for those affected by illness, dependency and disability” — a veiled reference to the government’s controversial cuts to disability assistance

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Pope Leo, Milei, Argentina

Source: The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/pope-leo-takes-milei-to-task-as-he-visits-divi

Why has NMC cautioned students against unauthorised medical colleges? | Explained

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice

• The advisory warns that misleading advertisements, websites, social media promotions, unauthorised admission offers and false representations by institutions or agents could leave students and their families vulnerable to fraud

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Why, NMC, Explained

Source: The Hindu, National, 10 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/why-has-nmc-cautioned-students-against-unauthorised

China says 2026 trade surplus surpassed $1 trillion in October

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

• Exports from the world's second-largest economy have surged in recent months, driven in part by soaring global demand for artificial intelligence-related products including computer chips, data centre servers and networking equipment

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: China, October, Exports

Source: The Hindu, International, 10 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/china-says-2026-trade-surplus-surpassed-1-tril

Trump says FBI looking into Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang's affair with 'Chinese agent'

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

• The sudden emergence of Nvidia CEO Huang's infidelity has created concerns about whether China has been able to access the cutting-edge chips designed by Nvidia that are powering the development of artificial intelligence

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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Trump, FBI, Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang, Chinese, Nvidia CEO Huang

Source: The Hindu, International, 10 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/trump-says-fbi-looking-into-nvidia-ceo-jensen-

Air pollution over 66 times WHO limit in parts of Delhi as people defy ban on firecrackers on Deepavali

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

• Data on air pollution missing from several monitoring stations of the Delhi Government at the peak of air pollution during the intervening night of November 8 and 9

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Static connect: Air quality governance

• Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR (statutory since 2021) enforces the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).
• National Clean Air Programme (NCAP, 2019) targets particulate reduction in non-attainment cities.
UPSC angle: Pollution control framework (GS3).

Source: The Hindu, Health, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/air-pollution-over-50-times-who-limit-in-parts-

What to know about upcoming peace talks involving Russian, Ukrainian and U.S. officials

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

• The upcoming Abu Dhabi talks focus on security guarantees amid stalled peace efforts and ongoing fighting

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).
• **Internal security:** Dependence on Russian defence equipment (S-400, Su-30) and the push for indigenisation (Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence).

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: What, Russian, Ukrainian, Abu Dhabi

Source: The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/russia-ukraine-us-peace-talks-in-abu-dhabi-on-

Willem Einthoven’s Nobel-winning discovery that laid the foundations of the modern ECG

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Governance & Social Justice, International Relations, Awards, Days & Persons

• Willem Einthoven’s development of the string galvanometer transformed the recording of cardiac electrical signals and laid the foundations of modern electrocardiography

Source: The Hindu, Health, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/willem-einthovens-nobel-winning-discovery-that-la

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) successfully concludes Special Campaign 6

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

• The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has successfully concluded Special Campaign 6, conducted from 2nd to 31st October 2026, with active participation of MoSPI's field offices across various States and Union Territories as well as the subordinate offices, attached and autonomous offices spread across the country, with notable achievements.
• During the campaign, cleanliness drives and other…

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, MoSPI, Special Campaign, October, States and Union Territories

Source: PIB, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, 10 Nov 2026 · https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2334546

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Trump says likely to meet Putin, Xi at China APEC summit

HIGH IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• President Donald Trump indicated to reporters that a deal on the Russia-Ukraine war, the Iran issue and nuclear arms control would be on the agenda

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: Trump, Putin, China APEC, President Donald Trump, Russia-Ukraine

Static connect: APEC

• Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, formed in 1989; 21 member economies around the Pacific Rim.
• India is not a member.

UPSC angle: Regional economic groupings; Prelims membership questions.

Source: The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/us-china-russia-leaders-to-meet-next-week-says

G7 Ministers meet on efforts to end Ukraine conflict, halt new Iran war

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• Ministers from the leading industrialised nations of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States will be gathering with preoccupations strikingly similar to those of the last such meeting in March

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:** 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: G7 Ministers, Ukraine, Iran, Ministers, Britain

Static connect: G7

• US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Canada, with the EU taking part; India is often invited as an outreach partner.

UPSC angle: Global governance groupings (GS2).

Source: The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/g7-ministers-meeting-in-paris-russia-ukraine-c

Tens of thousands march in Amsterdam, pressing Dutch government on Gaza, Israel

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• Organisers of the “Red Line” demonstration called for stricter trade sanctions, a halt to arms sales, and an official declaration that Israel’s actions in Gaza amount to genocide

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.
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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: Tens, Amsterdam, Dutch, Gaza, Israel

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, International, 08 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/tens-of-thousands-march-in-amsterdam-pressing-

Past talks involving Russia and Ukraine have yielded little progress toward peace

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• Key developments from past sessions since Moscow's full-scale invasion of its neighbor on Feb.

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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Past, Russia and Ukraine, Key, Moscow, Feb

Source: The Hindu, International, 10 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/past-talks-involving-russia-and-ukraine-have-y

Republican Thomas Massie of Kentucky launches bid to impeach Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations, Science & Technology, Reports & Indices

• Thomas Massie, who was defeated by a Trump-backed challenger in a primary earlier this year, said Pete Hegseth's actions amounted to high crimes and misdemeanors

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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Republican Thomas Massie of Kentucky, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, Thomas Massie, Trump-backed, Pete Hegseth

Source: The Hindu, International, 10 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/republican-thomas-massie-of-kentucky-launches-

Russia hits power stations in Ukraine, vessel in Black Sea

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• Russia’s armed forces struck three Ukrainian power substations overnight.

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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Russia, Ukraine, Black Sea, Ukrainian

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: The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/russia-hits-power-stations-in-ukraine-vessel-i

Kremlin hopes U.S. election shake-up won't shift Trump's negotiations on Ukraine

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• Peskov shrugged off a question from reporters on whether the new Congress would challenge Mr.
• Trump's stance on Russia and Ukraine.

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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Kremlin, Trump, Ukraine, Peskov, Congress

Source: The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/kremlin-hopes-us-election-shake-up-wont-shift-

Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha Inspire Faith and Devotion at Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · International Relations

• The sacred exposition of the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha at Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery (Lower Gompa), Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh, has provided an auspicious opportunity for thousands of devotees to pay their reverence to Lord Buddha.
• A total of 11,969 devotees have visited the monastery during the first two days of the exposition to offer prayers and seek blessings in the presence of the Sacred…

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha Inspire Faith and Devotion, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh, Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha, Thubchog Gatsel Ling

Source: PIB, Ministry of Culture, 10 Nov 2026 · https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2334558

POLITY & CONSTITUTION

Delhi HC directs constitution of committee on demolition of dangerous buildings

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Polity & Constitution, Governance & Social Justice

• Municipal Corporation of Delhi Commissioner was asked to set up a high-powered committee, in consultation with Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, to devise ways to deal with dangerious and dilapidated buildings

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Delhi HC, Municipal Corporation of Delhi Commissioner, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta

Source: The Hindu, National, 10 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/delhi-hc-directs-constitution-of-committee-on-d

Commercial cultivation within forest land not protected under FRA, 2006: Supreme Court

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Polity & Constitution, Science & Technology, Environment & Ecology

• Says FRA protects forest-dwelling communities dependent on forests for generations, not commercial cultivators and plantation owners

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **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.
• **Environment:** Conservation under the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 and Forest Conservation Act 1980; India's commitments under the CBD (30x30 target).

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Commercial, FRA, Supreme Court, Says FRA

Source: The Hindu, Environment, 09 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/commercial-cultivation-within-forest-land-not-prote

Health officials step up surveillance as Shigella cases rise in Kerala’s Malappuram

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

• Five of the eight Shigella cases reported in Malappuram district are linked to a wedding feast at Korakkuthu in Elamkulam panchayat near Perinthalmanna

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **Economy:** RBI's MPC targets 4% CPI inflation (±2%); rate decisions affect EMIs, credit growth, investment and the rupee.
• **Society:** Food inflation hits poor households the most; links to supply-side measures like buffer stocks and export curbs.

Source: The Hindu, Health, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/health-officials-step-up-surveillance-as-shi

Eisenkot warns of Israel crisis as he seeks to replace Netanyahu’s government

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Polity & Constitution, International Relations, Reports & Indices

• isenkot, 66, a political novice who has vowed to bridge Israel's deep polarisation under Netanyahu, formally received a mandate from President Isaac Herzog, giving him 28 days to form a government despite his bloc lacking a clear majority

Why it matters for India and UPSC

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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: Eisenkot, Israel, Netanyahu, President Isaac Herzog

Source: The Hindu, International, 08 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/eisenkot-warns-of-israel-crisis-as-he-seeks-to

REPORTS & INDICES

Keralam measles outbreaks call for a relook at disease epidemiology

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

• Once predominantly a childhood disease affecting children aged one to five, measles is now being reported across age groups, including among fully vaccinated individuals and infants below nine months, who are not yet eligible for routine measles vaccination

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.
• **Economy:** RBI's MPC targets 4% CPI inflation (±2%); rate decisions affect EMIs, credit growth, investment and the rupee.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Keralam, Once

Source: The Hindu, Health, 09 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/keralam-measles-outbreaks-call-for-a-relook-

World entering ‘age of climate extremes’: UN chief

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Reports & Indices, International Relations, Environment & Ecology

• The UN chief statement came as the UN’s World Meteorological Organization released a report indicating that 2026 has continued a streak of exceptional global temperatures, melting ice and rising sea levels

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.
• **Economy:** RBI's MPC targets 4% CPI inflation (±2%); rate decisions affect EMIs, credit growth, investment and the rupee.
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Prelims pointers

• Key terms: World, World Meteorological Organization

Source: The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/world-entering-age-of-climate-ext

WHO’s ‘Together for Science and Health’ movement finds strong support in Tamil Nadu

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

• ‘Together for Science and Health’ is a global movement convened by WHO to bring together scientists, policymakers, health professionals, communicators, civil society, young people and communities around a shared commitment to science as a foundation for better health, said R.
• Thara, vice chairperson, SCARF

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: WHO, Together for Science and Health, Tamil Nadu, Thara, SCARF

Source: The Hindu, Health, 10 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/whos-together-for-science-and-health-movement-fin

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

How AI is reshaping China’s universities

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

• AI disruption and a tightening job market are driving a sweeping change across China’s universities; under the government’s ‘guideline on the reform of higher education institutions’, universities will now be tasked with specific goals, pursuing either research, application-oriented objectives, or skills development

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.
• **Science & tech:** IndiaAI Mission (2024) for compute, datasets and indigenous models; India hosted the AI Impact Summit in 2026.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: How AI, China

Source: The Hindu, International, 10 Nov 2026 · https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/how-ai-is-reshaping-chinas-universities/articl

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• Tool developed to test teachers' knowledge of inclusive education (The Hindu, National, 10 Nov 2026)
• Nine Shigella cases confirmed in Malappuram; Health dept. steps up preventive measures (The Hindu, National, 10 Nov 2026)
• Disha higher education exhibition draws large crowds in Malappuram (The Hindu, National, 09 Nov 2026)
• FSSAI seizes 3,280 tonne food items, cancels 52 licences in nationwide inspection drive (The Hindu, Health, 09 Nov 2026)
• France blames Iran for cyberattack on supermarket fridges (The Hindu, International, 10 Nov 2026)
• Hegseth faces expected U.S. House impeachment vote this week (The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026)
• Four killed in Gaza as sand embankment collapses on tents (The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026)
• Police raid home of ex-President of Paraguay (The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026)
• Restaurants' operation suspension was necessary when violations posed extremely serious food safety hazard: Telangana SAFE chief (The Hindu, National, 10 Nov 2026)
• G7 attention in Paris turns to Ukraine while U.S.-mediated talks get underway in Abu Dhabi (The Hindu, International, 10 Nov 2026)
• How China gets the Nvidia chips it needs to develop AI (The Hindu, International, 10 Nov 2026)
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• Revised MRPs of 1,364 anti-cancer formulations come into effect; consumers to save ■3,540 crore/year (The Hindu, Health, 09 Nov 2026)
• Ahead of Abu Dhabi peace talks, Modi speaks to Zelenskyy; Jaishankar speaks to Lavrov (The Hindu, National, 09 Nov 2026)
• Pope meets survivors of clergy abuse in Argentina as it reckons with legacy and ongoing cases (The Hindu, International, 10 Nov 2026)
• Prime Minister extends greetings on the occasion of Nutan Varsh (PIB, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Nov 2026)
• Meta expands AI age checks for Instagram teens as lawsuits mount (The Hindu, Health, 10 Nov 2026)
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AGRICULTURE

Island fisheries at the centre of India's Blue Economy push

HIGH IMPORTANCE · Both · Agriculture

• India is endowed with a vast and diverse marine resource base, supported by a coastline of approximately 11,099 km and an Exclusive Economic Zone of nearly 24 lakh sq.
• With an estimated marine fisheries potential of 58.6 lakh MT within its EEZ, the sector plays a vital role in sustaining the livelihoods of nearly 50 lakh fishers, while contributing significantly to food security, nutrition, employment, income…

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Island, Blue Economy, Exclusive Economic Zone, EEZ

Static connect: Blue Economy

• India's coastline is about 11,099 km (revised measurement) and its Exclusive Economic Zone about 2 million sq km.
• Schemes include PM Matsya Sampada Yojana and the Deep Ocean Mission.

UPSC angle: Coastal economy, fisheries and ocean resources (GS3).

Source: PIB, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, 10 Nov 2026 · https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2334511

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

India reaffirms Commitment to Climate Multilateralism and a Fair, Ambitious Outcome at UNFCCC COP31, in Antalya (Türkiye)

HIGH IMPORTANCE · Both · Environment & Ecology

• India has reaffirmed its commitment to climate multilateralism and the principles of Equity and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC), calling for a fair, equitable and ambitious outcome at the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), being held in Antalya, Türkiye.
• Delivering India's Opening Statement at…

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: Commitment, Climate Multilateralism, Fair, Ambitious Outcome, UNFCCC COP31

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: PIB, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, 10 Nov 2026 ·
https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2334571

INTERNAL SECURITY

Dhaka wants Hasina extradited under prisoner exchange

MEDIUM IMPORTANCE · Both · Internal Security, Economy

• Hasina seeks fresh passport, but Minister Humayun Kabir calls ousted leader a “terrorist” and dismisses request; no response from MEA, sources say denial of passport may complicate matter if India were to extradite Hasina

Why it matters for India and UPSC

• **International relations:** Test of Neighbourhood First and Act East: Bangladesh is India's largest trade partner in South Asia and the gateway for connectivity to the North-East (Chittagong and Mongla port access, BBIN).
• **Internal security:** India's longest land border (~4,096 km) is porous: illegal migration, cattle and fake-currency smuggling, and North-East insurgent groups that have used Bangladeshi territory. Instability in Dhaka or anti-India sentiment directly affects border management (BSF, fencing, Smart Fencing/CIBMS).
• **Governance & polity:** Water and land issues: Ganga Water Treaty (1996, 30 years, due for renewal in 2026), Teesta water sharing, and the Land Boundary Agreement 2015 (100th Constitutional Amendment).
• **Ethics:** Balances rule of law and treaty obligations against humanitarian concerns (fair trial, death penalty, non-refoulement). India is not party to the 1951 Refugee Convention but follows non-refoulement in practice.

Prelims pointers

• Key terms: Dhaka, Hasina, Minister Humayun Kabir, MEA

Source: The Hindu, International, 10 Nov 2026 ·
https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/bangladeshs-ousted-leader-sheikh-hasina-appeal

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• Social activist Sanjit Bunker Roy dies (The Hindu, National, 10 Nov 2026)
• Sonia Gandhi interview: ‘Great damage done to the fabric of India by BJP’ (The Hindu, National, 10 Nov 2026)

Prelims Facts: Reports, Indices, Awards

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• Who is Alice Huang, Chinese executive accused of spying on Nvidia CEO? (The Hindu, International, 09 Nov 2026)