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1. India–Russia Energy & Trade Partnership

A. Core Idea

India and Russia are strengthening ties in oil, gas, and fertilizers to ensure stable supply and trade.

B. Why in News

Russia assured increased supply of crude oil, LNG, and fertilizers to India.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Fertilizer supply increased by **40%**
- LNG stored at **−162°C**
- Major corridors:
 - **INSTC**
 - **Chennai–Vladivostok Maritime Corridor**
- Key forum: **BRICS Summit**

D. Important Terms

- **LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas):** Gas cooled for easy transport.
- **Urea (Carbamide):** Nitrogen fertilizer $(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO}$
- **INSTC:** Trade route connecting India–Iran–Russia.



E. Institutions / Organisations

- India–Russia Inter-Governmental Commission (IRIGC-TEC)
- BRICS grouping

F. Government Acts / Policies

- Integrated Energy Policy – Ensures energy supply

- Panchamrit Goals – Clean energy targets

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Russia is a major supplier of **crude oil to India**
- LNG transported in **liquid form**
- INSTC connects **India–Iran–Russia**
- Chennai–Vladivostok is a **sea route**
- Urea is a **nitrogen fertilizer**
- BRICS includes **Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa**

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match corridor with countries (INSTC)
- Statement-based on LNG properties
- Identify fertilizer types (Urea)

2. Great Nicobar Island (GNI) Project

A. Core Idea

A major infrastructure project in Great Nicobar Island aims at development but raises concerns about forests and tribal rights.

B. Why in News

Project facing legal and environmental challenges.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Cost: **₹72,000 crore**
- Forest area affected: **130 sq km**
- Located near **Malacca Strait**
- Shompen tribe = **PVTG**

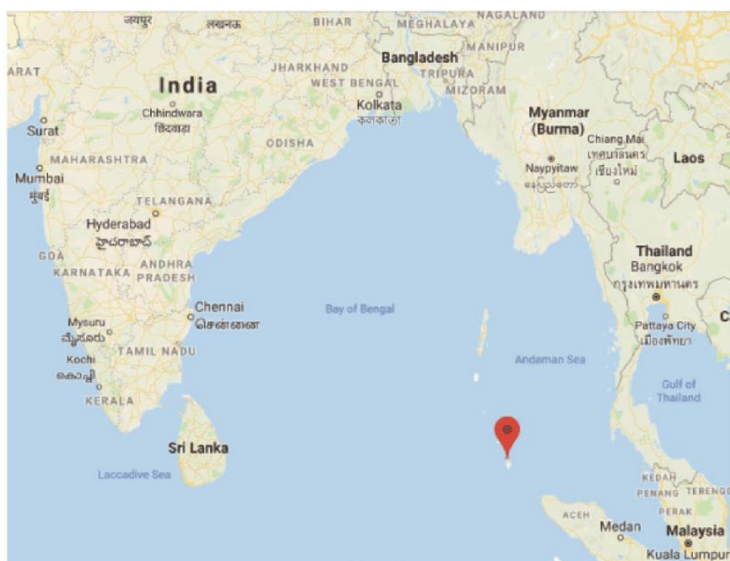
D. Important Terms

- **PVTG**: Most vulnerable tribal groups with low population.
- **EIA**: Study of environmental impact.
- **Transshipment Port**: Port for transfer of cargo between ships.

E. Institutions / Organisations

- NITI Aayog
- National Green Tribunal (NGT)
- Calcutta High Court

F. Government Acts / Policies



- Forest Rights Act, 2006 – Tribal land rights
- PANTPR, 1956 – Protects tribal areas

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Great Nicobar lies in **Andaman & Nicobar Islands**
- Area falls in **Seismic Zone V**
- Shompen = **PVTG**
- FRA requires **Gram Sabha consent**
- Malacca Strait = major **trade route**
- Mangroves protect from **tsunami**

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Location-based questions (Nicobar Islands)
- Statement on FRA provisions
- Match PVTG with tribe (Shompen)

3. Theyyam (Kerala Ritual Dance)

A. Core Idea

Theyyam is a ritual dance form of North Kerala where performers are treated as gods.

B. Why in News

Increased attention due to cultural tourism and preservation efforts.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Practiced in **North Kerala**
- Over **400 types** of Theyyam
- Uses instruments like **Chenda**

D. Important Terms

- **Mukhaprasadham**: Face painting
- **Thottam Pattu**: Ritual songs
- **Theechamundi**: Fire ritual

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Cultural bodies of Kerala
- UNESCO (for heritage recognition)

F. Government Acts / Policies

- Article 29 – Protects culture



- Article 25 – Religious freedom

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Theyyam belongs to **Kerala**
- Performer treated as **deity**
- Associated with **tribal traditions**
- Uses **natural colors**
- Linked with **folk religion**
- Chenda is a **drum instrument**

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match dance with state (Theyyam–Kerala)
- Identify features of folk dances
- Statement on ritual practices

4. Namu Drone Didi Yojana

A. Core Idea

Government scheme to train women to use drones in agriculture.

B. Why in News

States like Karnataka leading in training women drone pilots.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Budget: **₹1,261 crore**
- Period: **2023–2026**
- Target: **15,000 drones**
- Trained: **1,094 women**
- Income up to **₹1 lakh/month**

D. Important Terms

- **Precision Agriculture:** Use of technology in farming
- **SHG:** Self-help group of rural people
- **Drone:** Unmanned aerial vehicle

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Ministry of Civil Aviation
- National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)

F. Government Acts / Policies

- Drone Rules, 2021 – Drone usage regulation
- NRLM – Rural livelihood support

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Scheme focuses on **women empowerment**
- Drones used for **spraying fertilizers**
- Karnataka is a **leading state**
- SHGs are **rural groups**
- Reduces **chemical exposure**
- Promotes **digital agriculture**



H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Scheme-based MCQs (features, ministry)
- Match scheme with objective
- Statement-based on drone usage

5. U.S.–Israel–Iran Conflict (2026)

A. Core Idea

Conflict in West Asia affecting global oil supply and international relations.

B. Why in News

Ongoing tensions impacting oil prices and global economy.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Strait of Hormuz handles ~**25% of global oil supply**
- Key region: **Persian Gulf**
- Major actor: **IRGC (Iran)**

D. Important Terms

- **Strait of Hormuz:** Narrow sea route for oil transport
- **IRGC:** Iran's military force
- **Decapitation Strategy:** Killing top leaders to weaken enemy

E. Institutions / Organisations

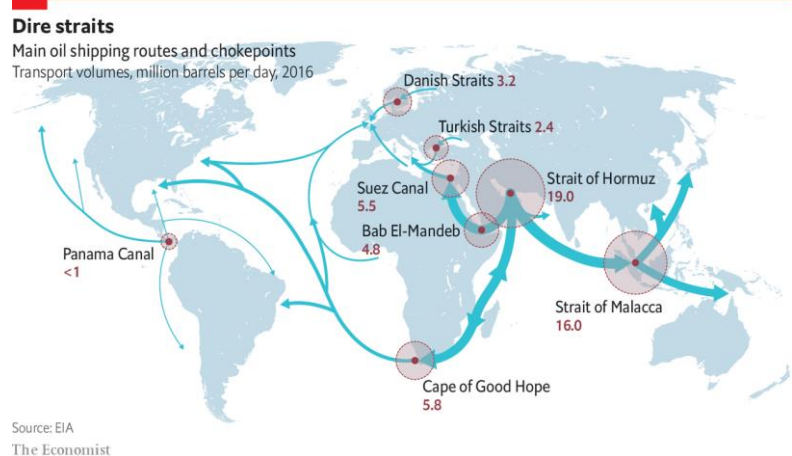
- NATO
- United Nations (UN)

F. Government Acts / Policies

- UN Charter Article 51 – Right to self-defense
- UNCLOS – Rules for sea routes

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Strait of Hormuz connects **Persian Gulf–Arabian Sea**
- Iran can block **oil supply routes**
- IRGC = Iran's **elite force**
- NATO = military alliance led by **USA**
- Conflict affects **oil prices globally**
- West Asia = major **energy region**



H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Map-based: Strait of Hormuz location
- Statement on global oil supply routes
- Match organization with role (NATO)

6. India–Azerbaijan Relations

A. Core Idea

India and Azerbaijan are improving relations mainly for energy and trade.

B. Why in News

6th Foreign Office Consultation held in Baku.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Oil = **98% of exports** to India
- ONGC Videsh stake:
 - **2.7% in ACG oil fields**
 - **2.3% in BTC pipeline**

D. Important Terms

- **Nagorno-Karabakh**: Disputed region (Armenia–Azerbaijan)
- **FOC**: Diplomatic talks between countries
- **BTC Pipeline**: Oil pipeline (Azerbaijan–Turkey)



E. Institutions / Organisations

- ONGC Videsh

- Foreign Ministries of both countries

F. Government Acts / Policies

- Bilateral Investment Agreements – Protect investments

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Azerbaijan located in **South Caucasus**
- Capital = **Baku**
- BTC pipeline connects **Azerbaijan–Georgia–Turkey**
- India imports **crude oil**
- Nagorno-Karabakh dispute with **Armenia**
- Part of **INSTC route**

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Map-based questions (Baku, Azerbaijan)
- Match pipeline with countries
- Statement on ONGC Videsh investments

7. Supreme Court on Election Petitions

A. Core Idea

Courts must decide election cases **only** on existing evidence.

B. Why in News

Supreme Court gave ruling on election dispute procedures.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Case related to **2022 Panchayat election**
- Tie votes decided by **draw of lots**

D. Important Terms

- **Election Petition:** Legal challenge to election result
- **Material on Record:** Evidence already submitted
- **Draw of Lots:** Random selection method

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Supreme Court of India
- High Courts



F. Government Acts / Policies

- Representation of the People Act, 1951
- Article 329(b) – Election disputes via petition
- Article 243-O – Panchayat elections

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Courts cannot allow **new evidence later**
- Election disputes handled via **petition only**
- Draw of lots used in **tie cases**
- SC is **highest court in India**
- RPA 1951 governs elections
- Panchayat elections covered under **73rd Amendment**

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Statement-based on Article 329
- Match law with purpose (RPA 1951)
- Concept-based (Election Petition)

8. Project 17A – INS Taragiri

A. Core Idea

India launched a new stealth warship to strengthen navy power.

B. Why in News

INS Taragiri commissioned under Project 17A.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Indigenous content: **~75%**
- Class: **Nilgiri-class frigate**
- Total ships in Project 17A: **7**

D. Important Terms

- **Stealth Frigate:** Warship with low radar detection
- **CODOG:** Diesel + gas turbine engine system
- **BrahMos:** Supersonic cruise missile

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Indian Navy

- Defence Ministry

F. Government Acts / Policies

- Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 – Procurement policy

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- INS Taragiri part of **Project 17A**
- Uses **BrahMos missile**
- Built under **Make in India**
- Eastern Naval Command = **Visakhapatnam**
- MF-STAR radar used for **tracking**
- Enhances **maritime security**



H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match missile with type (BrahMos)
- Identify naval project (17A)
- Location-based (Visakhapatnam naval command)

9. Plastic Waste Management Rules Amendment, 2026

A. Core Idea

New rules allow companies flexibility in meeting plastic recycling targets.

B. Why in News

Government amended Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2026.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Carry forward deficit for **3 years**
- Recycled content:
 - Category I: **30%**
 - Category II: **10%**
 - Category III: **5%**
- Target: **100% plastic collection**

D. Important Terms

- **EPR:** Producer responsible for recycling waste
- **Plastic Credits:** Certificates for extra recycling
- **Rigid Plastic:** Easy to recycle (bottles)

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- National Green Tribunal (NGT)

F. Government Acts / Policies

- Environment Protection Act, 1986
- Plastic Waste Management Rules

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Category I = **Rigid plastic**
- Category III = **Multi-layered (hard to recycle)**
- EPR = **Producer responsibility**
- Plastic credits are **tradable**
- Recycling targets increase gradually
- NGT handles **environment cases**

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match plastic category with type
- Statement on EPR concept
- Law-based question (EPA 1986)



10. INS Aridhaman (S4) – Nuclear Submarine

A. Core Idea

India added a nuclear-powered submarine to strengthen its defence.

B. Why in News

INS Aridhaman (S4) commissioned.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Type: SSBN (Ballistic Missile Submarine)
- Weight: ~7000 tonnes
- Part of Nuclear Triad

D. Important Terms

- **Nuclear Triad:** Land, air, sea nuclear weapons
- **Second Strike:** Ability to respond after attack
- **SSBN:** Submarine carrying nuclear missiles



E. Institutions / Organisations

- Strategic Forces Command
- Indian Navy

F. Government Acts / Policies

- National Security Act, 1980

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- INS Aridhaman is **3rd SSBN of India**
- K-series missiles used
- Supports **No First Use** policy
- Submarines stay underwater for **long duration**
- Part of **Arihant-class**
- Built under **ATV programme**

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Define Nuclear Triad
- Match missile with platform (K-series)
- Statement on SSBN vs SSN

11. U.S. Tariffs on Patented Drugs

A. Core Idea

U.S. imposed high tariffs on patented drugs, but India is less affected.

B. Why in News

U.S. imposed **100% tariff** on certain medicines.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Tariff: **100%**
- India exports to US: **\$9.7 billion (2025)**
- India supplies **40% generic drugs** to US

D. Important Terms

- **Generic Drugs:** Low-cost copies of medicines
- **Patented Drugs:** Protected by patent rights
- **API:** Raw material for medicines

E. Institutions / Organisations

- World Trade Organization
- Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI)

F. Government Acts / Policies

- Patents Act, 1970
- TRIPS Agreement

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- India = **Pharmacy of the World**
- Tariff targets **patented drugs**
- Generics are **cheaper**
- APIs mostly imported from **China**
- Section 232 used by US
- Patent validity ~**20 years**

GENERIC DRUGS VS BRANDED DRUGS

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Generic medications are a chemical copy of the original brand, with the same active ingredients. Generics are also available at a lower cost than brand-name medications. In fact, generic drugs cost 85 percent less than the brand version on average.



When the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves a drug for the first time, there is only one manufacturer that make and sells that drug under its patent. These new drugs get to be known by the brand name and are referred to as "Brand Name Drugs".

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Difference: Generic vs Patented drugs
- Match organization with function (WTO)
- Statement on India pharma exports

12. UNSC & Strait of Hormuz Issue

A. Core Idea

UNSC delayed decision on protecting ships in a key oil route.

B. Why in News

Vote postponed on security in Strait of Hormuz.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Oil flow: ~**21 million barrels/day**
- Share: ~**25% global oil**
- UNSC P5 members: **5 permanent countries**

D. Important Terms

- **Chokepoint:** Narrow route affecting trade
- **Transit Passage:** Right to pass through straits
- **P5:** USA, UK, Russia, China, France

E. Institutions / Organisations

- United Nations Security Council

F. Government Acts / Policies

- UN Charter Chapter VII
- UNCLOS – Maritime law

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Strait connects **Persian Gulf–Gulf of Oman**
- Major oil route globally
- UNSC has **5 permanent members**
- Russia & China can use **veto**
- Important for **India's oil imports**
- Located in **West Asia**

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Map-based (Hormuz location)
- Match P5 countries
- Statement on UNCLOS provisions

World chokepoints for oil movements

