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1. Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and Electoral Roll Integrity



A. Core Idea

Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is a process to update voter lists by removing duplicate or incorrect entries.

B. Why in News

The **Supreme Court of India** reviewed SIR in West Bengal and raised concerns about software-based errors in voter data.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- State involved: West Bengal
- People flagged by software: ~1.4 crore
- People called for hearings: ~70 lakh
- Extra staff deployed: 8,505
- Claims & objections deadline: Extended beyond 14 February

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **Special Intensive Revision (SIR):** Special drive to clean and update electoral rolls
- **Logical Discrepancy:** Data mismatch found by software (name, age, relation)
- **Claims and Objections:** Period when voters can correct or challenge voter list entries

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- **Election Commission of India** – Conducts voter list revision
- **Electoral Registration Officer (ERO)** – Final authority to add or delete names
- **State Police (DGP)** – Ensures law and order during verification

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- **Representation of the People Act, 1950** – Rules for voter registration
- **Registration of Electors Rules, 1960** – Procedure for voter lists

- **Article 324** – Powers of Election Commission

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

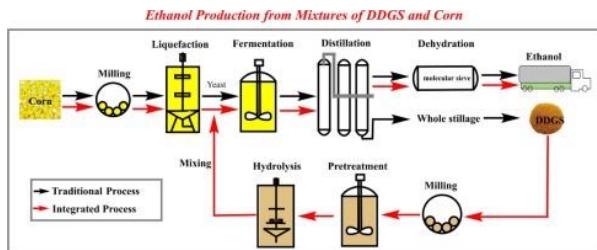
- Final decision on voter inclusion lies with **ERO**, not software
- SIR aims to remove duplicate and fake voters
- Right to vote is a **statutory right**, not a fundamental right
- Software errors can cause voter inconvenience
- Supreme Court can extend election-related deadlines
- Police role is limited to security, not voter decisions

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Statement-based: “ERO is the final authority in electoral rolls”
- Match: Article 324 – Election Commission
- MCQ: Purpose of Special Intensive Revision

2. India–US Interim Trade Deal and DDGS Issue





A. Core Idea

India allowed import of DDGS (animal feed) from the US under an interim trade deal.

B. Why in News

DDGS imports raised concerns because they are made from GM corn in the US.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Deal announced: February 2026
- US tariff cut on Indian goods: Up to 18%
- Indian crops affected: Maize, soybean
- Only GM crop grown in India: Cotton

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **DDGS:** High-protein byproduct of ethanol, used as animal feed
- **GM Crop:** Crop with modified genes for specific traits
- **Farm-gate Price:** Price received by farmer after costs

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India** – Food safety rules
- **Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee** – GM approvals
- **Ministry of Commerce** – Trade agreements

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- **Environment Protection Act, 1986** – GM regulation
- **Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006** – Food safety norms

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- India bans GM food crops except cotton
- DDGS is used only for animal feed
- Processed GM products allowed under rules
- GEAC regulates GM imports
- FSSAI asks for GM-free certificate for select foods

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MCQ: What is DDGS used for?
- Statement-based: India allows GM cotton only
- Match: GEAC – GM approvals

3. Hallyu Wave (Korean Wave) in India



A. Core Idea

Hallyu Wave refers to the growing popularity of Korean music, dramas, and culture in India.

B. Why in News

India ranked first in global K-content consumption as per 2024 survey.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Average K-content use in India: 18.6 hours/month
- Positive view of Korean content: ~84.5%
- Korean language rank on Duolingo (India): 4th
- Korean food imports growth: ~160%

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **Hallyu:** Global spread of Korean culture
- **Parasocial Relationship:** One-sided emotional attachment to celebrities
- **Digital Addiction:** Excessive screen use affecting mental health

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- **KOFICE** – Korean cultural survey body
- Ministry of Health – Mental health programs

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- **Mental Healthcare Act, 2017** – Mental health rights
- **Tele MANAS (2022)** – Mental health helpline (14416)
- **National Suicide Prevention Strategy** – Suicide reduction plan

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- India is top consumer of K-content globally
- Excess screen time affects mental health
- Parasocial relationships can cause stress
- Tele MANAS provides 24x7 counselling
- Article 21 includes mental health

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MCQ: Meaning of Hallyu
- Statement-based: Tele MANAS helpline number
- Match: Mental Healthcare Act – 2017

4. Budget 2026: Tax Holiday for AI & Data Centres



A. Core Idea

India announced a long tax holiday to attract foreign cloud and AI data centres.

B. Why in News

Union Budget 2026 introduced a 21-year tax holiday for foreign cloud companies.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Tax holiday period: Up to 2047
- Expected investment: \$200 billion
- Data centre capacity (2025): 1.3 GW
- Projected capacity (2028): 2.4 GW

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **Tax Holiday:** Period of zero or reduced tax
- **Hyperscale Data Centre:** Very large data storage facility
- **AI Workload:** Computing tasks done by AI systems

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** – Policy notification
- **State Governments** – Land and power supply

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- **DPDP Act, 2023** – Data protection law
- **Infrastructure Status (2022)** – Easier loans for data centres
- **Draft National Data Centre Policy, 2020**

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Foreign cloud firms must use Indian data centres
- Data localisation improves data security
- Mumbai and Chennai lead in data centres
- Tier-II cities encouraged for expansion
- AI data centres need high power and water

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MCQ: Meaning of tax holiday
- Statement-based: Infrastructure status for data centres
- Match: DPDP Act – 2023



A. Core Idea

India buys crude oil from many countries to ensure regular and affordable energy supply.

B. Why in News

India clarified that oil imports are decided by national interest after a US executive order linked tariffs to Russian oil purchases.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- India imports: **80–85%** of crude oil
- Russian oil share: Fell to **38-month low** (late 2025)
- Indian population dependent on fuel: **~1.4 billion**
- US extra tariff earlier: **25%**

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **Energy Security:** Continuous and affordable supply of energy
- **Punitive Tariffs:** Extra duties imposed to penalize a country
- **Crude Oil Basket:** Mix of countries from which oil is imported

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- **Ministry of External Affairs** – Diplomatic position
- **Public & Private Oil Companies** – Decide oil purchases

5. India's Energy Sourcing Strategy and Diversification

- **PNGRB** – Regulates petroleum sector

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- **Energy Conservation Act, 2001** – Efficient energy use
- **PNGRB Act, 2006** – Petroleum regulation
- **Article 73** – Union's power over foreign affairs

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- India follows diversified oil sourcing
- Oil imports are market-driven
- Energy affordability is a priority
- Refineries suited to medium-sour crude
- Oil decisions not taken by MEA directly

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MCQ: Percentage of oil imported by India
- Statement-based: Role of oil companies
- Match: PNGRB – Petroleum regulation

6. Goldman Sachs Growth Upgrade and India-US Trade Deal



A. Core Idea

India's growth outlook improved due to reduced US tariffs on Indian goods.

B. Why in News

Goldman Sachs raised India's 2026 GDP growth forecast after the India-US interim trade deal.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- GDP growth (2026): **6.9%**
- Earlier estimate: **6.7%**
- Tariffs reduced: **25% → 18%**
- CAD forecast: **0.8% of GDP**
- Repo rate (Feb 2026): **5.25%**

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **Basis Point:** 100 bps = 1%
- **Current Account Deficit:** Imports more than exports
- **Repo Rate:** Rate at which RBI lends to banks

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- **Goldman Sachs** – Economic forecast
- **Reserve Bank of India** – Monetary policy
- **Ministry of Commerce** – Trade framework

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- **RBI Act, 1934** – MPC role
- **Finance Act (Annual)** – Tariff changes
- **Article 246** – Foreign trade power

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

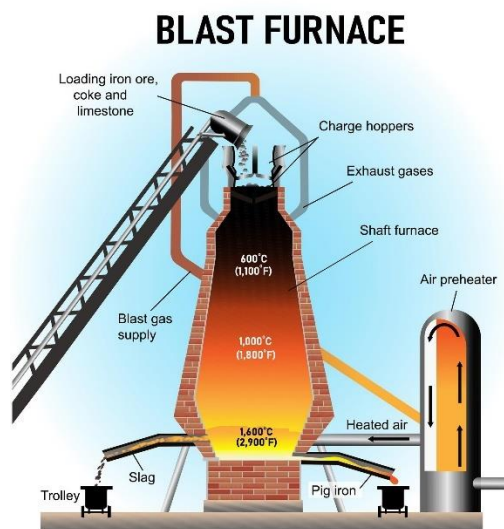
- Trade deals can boost GDP
- Lower tariffs improve exports
- CAD reduces with higher exports
- RBI held repo rate steady
- Electronics and pharma benefit

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MCQ: Meaning of basis point
- Statement-based: Repo rate decision

- Match: RBI – Monetary policy

7. EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and Indian Steel



A. Core Idea

EU charges extra carbon tax on steel imports based on emissions.

B. Why in News

Indian steel exports to Europe face higher costs due to CBAM from January 2026.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- CBAM start: **1 January 2026**
- Europe's share in Indian steel exports: **~66%**
- Cost increase: **15–22%**
- Common Indian method: **BF-BOF**

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **CBAM:** Carbon tax on imports
- **Carbon Leakage:** Shifting production to low-regulation countries

- **Embedded Emissions:** Total emissions in production

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- **European Union** – CBAM policy
- **Ministry of Steel (India)** – Green steel push
- **WTO** – Trade rules

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- **Environment Protection Act, 1986**
- **Article 253** – Implement treaties
- **Article 51A(g)** – Environmental duty

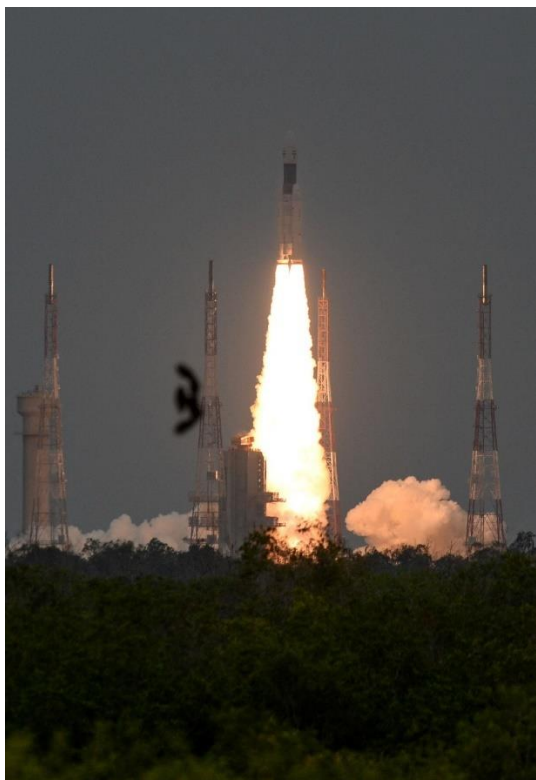
G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- CBAM acts like carbon tax
- Indian steel mostly carbon-intensive
- EAF is cleaner than BF-BOF
- CBAM not removed in EU-India FTA
- Green steel needed for exports

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MCQ: Full form of CBAM
- Statement-based: Carbon leakage
- Match: BF-BOF – Steel production

8. Chandrayaan-4 Lunar Sample Return Mission



A. Core Idea

Chandrayaan-4 will bring Moon soil samples back to Earth.

B. Why in News

ISRO finalized the landing site for Chandrayaan-4 near the Moon's South Pole.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Budget: ₹2,104.06 crore
- Approved: September 2024
- Launch year: 2028
- Sample weight: 2–3 kg
- Landing latitude: 84°–86° South

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **Lunar Regolith:** Loose soil on Moon
- **Sample Return Mission:** Bring space material to Earth
- **Docking:** Joining of spacecraft

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Indian Space Research Organisation – Mission execution
- Union Cabinet – Approval
- IN-SPACe – Space regulation

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Indian Space Policy, 2023
- Outer Space Treaty, 1967
- Liability Convention, 1972

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- India aims lunar sample return
- South Pole important for water ice
- Two launches planned
- Uses LVM3 rocket
- Only USA, Russia, China have done this

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MCQ: Objective of Chandrayaan-4
- Statement-based: Lunar South Pole
- Match: ISRO – Space missions

9. Japan's Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Plant Restart





A. Core Idea

Japan restarted the world's largest nuclear power plant to meet energy needs and reduce fossil fuel use.

B. Why in News

Japan restarted **Unit-6** of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear plant in February 2026 after a long shutdown.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Location: Niigata Prefecture, Japan
- Total reactors: **7**
- Total capacity: **8.2 GW**
- Unit-6 capacity: **1.36 GW**
- Fukushima accident year: **2011**
- Commercial operation target: **18 March 2026**

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **Control Rods:** Devices that absorb neutrons to control nuclear reaction
- **Criticality:** Stage when nuclear reaction becomes self-sustaining
- **ABWR:** Advanced Boiling Water Reactor design

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- **Tokyo Electric Power Company** – Plant operator
- **Nuclear Regulation Authority (Japan)** – Nuclear safety regulator

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- **Atomic Energy Basic Act, 1955 (Japan)** – Nuclear law
- **GX Basic Policy, 2023** – Nuclear as core energy
- Japan's **Carbon Neutrality Target: 2050**

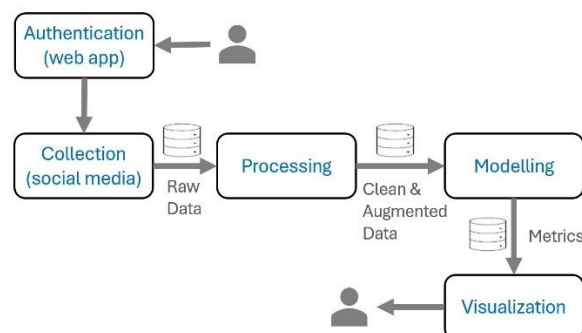
G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Largest nuclear plant in the world
- Restart after Fukushima disaster
- Nuclear helps reduce fuel imports
- Japan uses nuclear for clean energy
- Strict safety checks by NRA

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MCQ: Largest nuclear plant location
- Statement-based: Control rods function
- Match: TEPCO – Nuclear operator

10. The “Mineable Self” and Digital Data Economy



A. Core Idea

Human data and online behavior are now used as economic resources.

B. Why in News

Sociologist Arjun Appadurai highlighted how digital platforms profit from personal data.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Platforms involved: Social media, OTT, AI tools
- Data collected: Likes, searches, stories, profiles
- Law in India: **DPDP Act, 2023**

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **Mineable Self:** Human identity used for data profit
- **Surplus Value:** Extra value generated beyond cost
- **Parasocial Interaction:** One-sided emotional attachment

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- OTT platforms
- Social media companies
- Government data regulators

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- **DPDP Act, 2023** – Personal data protection
- **IT Rules, 2021** – Platform accountability
- **Article 21** – Right to privacy

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Data is a new economic resource
- Privacy is a fundamental right
- AI systems use human data
- OTT platforms monetize emotions

- Digital literacy is important

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MCQ: Meaning of mineable self
- Statement-based: Privacy as fundamental right
- Match: DPDP Act – Data protection

11. India's Chairmanship of the Kimberley Process (2026)



A. Core Idea

India is leading the global system that certifies diamonds as conflict-free.

B. Why in News

India became Chair of the Kimberley Process for the year 2026.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Chair year: **2026**
- India processes: **~90%** of world diamonds

- KP members: **60 participants**
- Global diamond production covered: **99.8%**

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **Conflict Diamonds:** Diamonds used to fund conflicts
- **KPCS:** Certification scheme for rough diamonds
- **Tripartite System:** Govt + Industry + Civil society

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- **Kimberley Process**
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- World Diamond Council

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- **Foreign Trade Act, 1992**
- **Customs Act, 1962**
- **Article 253** – Implement treaties

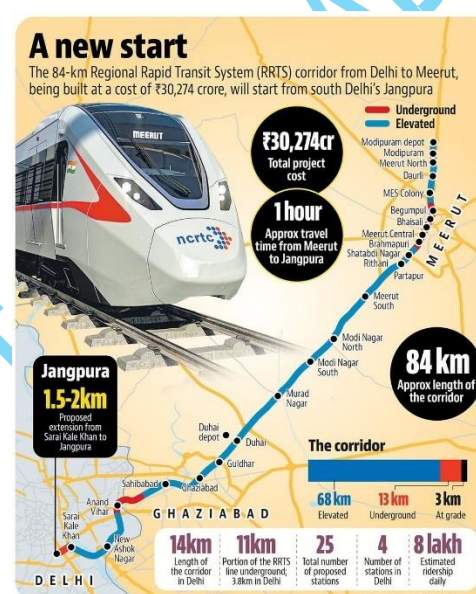
G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- India is a founding KP member
- KP stops diamond-funded violence
- Surat is global diamond hub
- Certificates needed for exports
- Blockchain proposed for traceability

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MCQ: Purpose of Kimberley Process
- Match: Conflict diamonds – KP
- Statement-based: India's role in diamond trade

12. Kerala Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)



A. Core Idea

Kerala plans a high-speed regional rail system across the state.

B. Why in News

Kerala approved a 583 km RRTS as an alternative to SilverLine.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Length: **583 km**
- Speed: **160–180 kmph**
- Cost: **₹1.92 lakh crore**
- Phases: **4**
- Completion target: **2036**

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **RRTS:** High-speed commuter rail
- **Viaduct:** Elevated rail structure
- **Last-mile Connectivity:** Travel from station to home

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Kerala Government
- Ministry of Railways
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- **Railways Act, 1989**
- **Metro Rail Policy, 2017**
- **Article 293** – State borrowing

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- RRTS is elevated, not ground-level
- Covers entire Kerala length
- Links all major cities & airports
- Requires central approval
- Inspired by Delhi-Meerut RRTS

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MCQ: Full form of RRTS
- Statement-based: Elevated rail benefits
- Match: Railways – Union subject

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA	
FORM-7	Acknowledgement No. _____ (To be filled by office)
(See Rules 13(2) and 20 of Registration of Electors Rules 1960)	
Application for Objecting Inclusion of Name of Other Person / Seeking Deletion of Own Name/Seeking Deletion of Any Other Person's Name in Electoral Roll due to Death/Shifting.	
To, The Electoral Registration Officer, _____ Assembly / Parliamentary Constituency	
I hereby object to the proposed inclusion of the name of the under mentioned person in the electoral roll ☐	
I hereby request that entry relating to name of the person mentioned below is required to be deleted ☐	
I request that the entry relating to myself is to be deleted from Electoral Roll ☐	
Particulars in support of my objection/deletion are given below:-	
Particulars of the applicant	
(a) Name	_____
(b) Surname(if any)	_____
(c) Part No. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	(d) Serial No. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
(e) EPIC No. (If issued) _____	
Details of person inclusion of whose name is objected to/whose entry is to be deleted:	

A. Core Idea

Form 7 is used to remove names from voter lists under legal procedure.

B. Why in News

Large-scale use of Form 7 during voter list revision raised concerns.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Deleted voters (draft rolls): ~6.5 crore
- States involved: **12**
- ASD category: Absent, Shifted, Dead
- Amendment year: **2022**

D. Important Terms (Exam-Friendly Definitions)

- **Form 7:** Application for deletion of voter name
- **ERO:** Officer in charge of voter list
- **BLO:** Booth-level verifier

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- **Election Commission of India**
- Electoral Registration Officers
- Booth Level Officers

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- **RPA Act, 1950**
- **Registration of Electors Rules, 1960**
- **Article 324** – EC powers
- **Article 326** – Adult suffrage

13. Form 7 and Voter Deletion Process

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Form 7 used only for deletion
- False Form 7 is punishable
- ERO must verify before deletion
- Notice and hearing mandatory
- Right to vote is constitutional

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MCQ: Purpose of Form 7
- Statement-based: Adult suffrage
- Match: Form 6 – Inclusion | Form 7 – Deletion

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