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1 DGCA Reforms: Swift Bans for
Unruly Air Passengers

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS



A. Core Idea

DGCA plans to allow airlines to impose immediate short-term flying bans on unruly passengers to improve flight safety.

B. Why in News

DGCA proposed amendments to Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) to allow 30-day instant bans.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Proposed instant ban: up to 30 days
- Earlier decision time: up to 45 days
- Rule used: Rule 133A, Aircraft Rules 1937
- Regulator: DGCA (India aviation authority)

D. Important Terms

- **Unruly Passenger:** Person disturbing discipline on aircraft or disobeying crew.
- **Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR):** DGCA safety regulations for aviation.
- **No-Fly List:** Official list banning passengers for serious offences.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)
- Airlines operating in India
- Ministry of Civil Aviation

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Aircraft Act 1934 – Aviation law in India
- Aircraft Rules 1937 – Rules for aircraft operation
- Rule 133A – DGCA power to issue safety directions

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- DGCA regulates civil aviation in India.
- Airlines may impose 30-day instant ban.
- Instant ban ≠ National No-Fly List.
- Aircraft Rules issued under Aircraft Act 1934.
- Unruly behaviour includes smoking, violence, exit tampering.
- Earlier bans required committee decision.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- DGCA functions (aviation regulator).
- Aircraft Act year (1934).
- Statement: "Airlines can impose 30-day ban."
- Match: DGCA – Civil Aviation safety.

2 Supreme Court on Racial Slurs & Hate Crimes



A. Core Idea

Supreme Court discussed whether racial slurs should be treated as a separate hate-crime category.

B. Why in News

Petition filed after racial attack on a student from Northeast India.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Case examined by 3-judge bench

- Laws referenced: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023
- Bezbaruah Committee: 2014 (Northeast protection)

D. Important Terms

- **Hate Crime:** Crime motivated by bias against group identity.
- **Racial Slur:** Insult based on race or ethnicity.
- **Discrimination:** Unfair treatment based on identity.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Supreme Court of India
- Attorney General of India
- Ministry of Home Affairs

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Article 14 – Equality before law
- Article 15 – No discrimination on race etc.
- Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 – Criminal law code

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Article 15 prohibits race discrimination.
- BNS replaced IPC (2023).
- Bezbaruah Committee linked to Northeast safety.
- Hate crime motive = identity bias.
- Supreme Court protects fundamental rights.
- Attorney General is top legal advisor.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Article 15 provisions.
- BNS vs IPC question.
- Committee for Northeast protection.
- Statement: Hate crime based on victim identity.

3 Sovereign AI: India's 'Vikram' AI Models

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दादा	कह	रहा

Hindi

মুখ	শিখার	জরুর
টাকা	ছিল	না

Bengali

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పెట్టు	తిరమై	జయపెట్టు

Telugu

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Malayalam

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ஏதோ	அதன்	நீங்கள்

Tamil

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Odia

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Urdu

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Kannada

A. Core Idea

India launched indigenous AI language models "Vikram" to support Indian languages and reduce dependence on foreign AI.

B. Why in News

Startup Sarvam AI unveiled Vikram models under IndiaAI Mission.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Models: 35B & 105B parameters
- Supports: 22 Indian languages
- IndiaAI Mission outlay: ₹10,300 crore
- Developer: Sarvam AI (India)

D. Important Terms

- **AI (Artificial Intelligence):** Machines performing human-like tasks.
- **LLM:** AI trained on large text data to generate language.
- **Parameters:** Internal AI learning units.
- **Open Source:** Publicly usable software.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY)

- IndiaAI Mission
- Sarvam AI startup

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- IndiaAI Mission (2024) – Develop AI ecosystem in India
- Digital Public Infrastructure – Digital systems like UPI, Aadhaar

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Vikram named after Vikram Sarabhai.
- Supports 22 official Indian languages.
- IndiaAI under MeitY.
- AI models measured in parameters.
- Goal: data sovereignty & local AI.
- India promoting indigenous technology.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Father of Indian Space Programme (Sarabhai).
- IndiaAI Mission ministry.
- AI definition question.
- Match: UPI – DPI example.

4 Supreme Court Panel on Judicial Sensitivity



A. Core Idea

Supreme Court formed a panel to guide judges on using respectful language in cases involving victims.

B. Why in News

Insensitive language used by a High Court judge in a sexual assault case.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Panel head: Justice Aniruddha Bose (Retd.)
- Institution: National Judicial Academy
- Law referenced: POCSO Act 2012

D. Important Terms

- **Judicial Sensitivity:** Respectful and compassionate conduct by judges.
- **Vulnerable Witness:** Victim needing special protection (child, assault survivor).
- **Right to Dignity:** Respectful treatment under law.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Supreme Court of India
- National Judicial Academy (Bhopal)
- Indian Judiciary

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- POCSO Act 2012 – Protection of children from sexual offences
- Article 21 – Right to life & dignity
- Article 141 – SC judgments binding

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

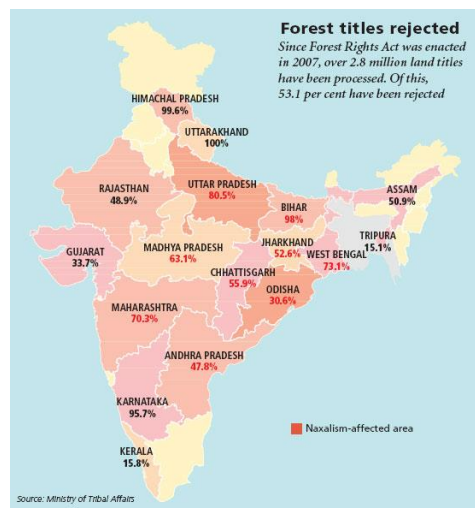
- NJA trains Indian judges.
- POCSO protects children from sexual crimes.
- Article 21 includes dignity.
- SC guidelines binding on courts.
- Judicial language must protect victims.
- Vulnerable witness concept in law.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Location: National Judicial Academy (Bhopal).
- Article 21 scope.
- POCSO Act purpose.

- Statement: SC rulings binding (True).

5 Centre Reviews Odisha's Closure of Forest Rights Cells



A. Core Idea

Centre is reviewing Odisha's decision to close FRA support cells that help tribals get forest land rights.

B. Why in News

Odisha ordered closure of 50 Forest Rights Act (FRA) Cells by March 2026.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- FRA Act: 2006
- FRA Cells closed: 50
- Pending claims in Odisha: ~1.5 lakh
- Pendency rate: ~20%
- Total claims filed: ~7.69 lakh

D. Important Terms

- **Forest Rights Act (FRA):** Law recognizing land rights of forest-dwelling tribals.
- **Individual Forest Rights (IFR):** Land rights to individuals.
- **Community Forest Resource (CFR):** Community rights over forest resources.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)
- Odisha State Government
- FRA Cells (local implementation units)

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- FRA Act 2006 – Tribal forest rights recognition
- Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (2024) – Tribal village development
- Schedule V – Protection of Scheduled Areas

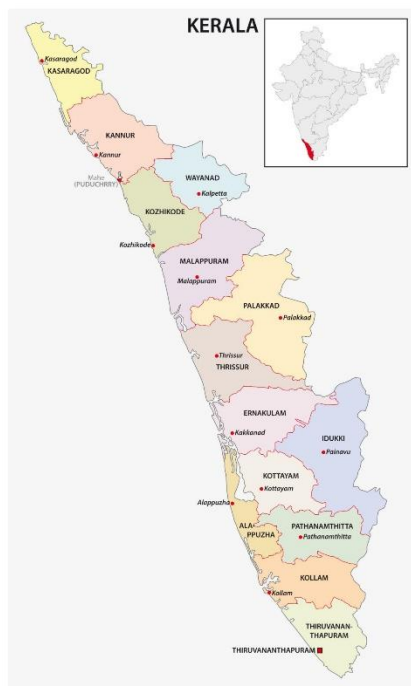
G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- FRA passed in 2006.
- MoTA is nodal ministry for FRA.
- Odisha has highest FRA claims.
- IFR vs CFR distinction.
- FRA aims to correct "historical injustice."
- Schedule V relates to tribal areas.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- FRA year and purpose.
- Ministry for tribal affairs.
- IFR vs CFR match.
- Schedule V → tribal administration.

6 Kerala Nativity Card Bill



- Kerala Nativity Card Bill 2026 – Permanent nativity ID
- Article 162 – State executive powers
- State List – Public order & revenue

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Nativity Card = state identity proof.
- Issued by Tahsildar.
- Linked to village records.
- Used for state benefits & quotas.
- India has single citizenship.
- Domicile allowed for state quotas.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Difference: citizenship vs domicile.
- Issuing authority (Tahsildar).
- State List subjects.
- Statement: India has single citizenship.

A. Core Idea

Kerala plans a permanent Nativity Card to certify a person as a native of the state.

B. Why in News

Kerala Cabinet approved Nativity Card Bill to replace nativity certificates.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Bill to be introduced: Feb 2026
- Issuing authority: Tahsildar
- Maintained at: Village register & digital database

D. Important Terms

- **Nativity:** State origin or birth connection.
- **Native:** Person born in Kerala or with Kerala ancestry.
- **Domicile:** Legal residence in a place.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Kerala State Government
- Revenue Department
- Tahsildar & District Collector

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

7 IACE 2026: Global Promotion of AYUSH

A. Core Idea

International conference promoted India's AYUSH systems as global healthcare solutions.

B. Why in News

3rd International Ayush Conference & Exhibition (IACE 2026) held in Dubai.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Participating countries: 28
- Delegates: ~1,500
- AYUSH economy: ~\$43 billion
- WHO Global Centre: Jamnagar (India)

D. Important Terms

- **AYUSH:** Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa, Homoeopathy.

- **Medical Value Travel:** Travel for medical treatment.
- **Pharmacopeia:** Standards for medicines.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Ministry of AYUSH
- WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine
- National Ayush Mission

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- National Ayush Mission – Promote AYUSH healthcare
- Article 47 – Duty to improve public health
- One Health approach – Human-animal-environment health

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- AYUSH has 6 systems.
- WHO centre at Jamnagar.
- Ayurveda is India's traditional medicine.
- Medical tourism linked to AYUSH.
- NAM promotes AYUSH services.
- Article 47 → public health duty.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Expand AYUSH acronym.
- WHO centre location.
- NAM scheme ministry.
- Match: Sowa-Rigpa → traditional medicine.



A. Core Idea

Debate on copyright laws affecting AI training and access to books for visually impaired people.

B. Why in News

AI summit discussed need to update copyright law for data use and accessibility.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Copyright Act: 1957
- Marrakesh Treaty: 2013
- India ratified: first country
- Copyright term: life + 60 years

D. Important Terms

- **Copyright:** Legal right over creative works.
- **Fair Dealing:** Limited use without permission.
- **Text & Data Mining:** AI analysis of large text data.
- **DAISY:** Accessible digital book format.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- WIPO (UN IP body)
- Government of India
- AI developers & publishers

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Copyright Act 1957 – IP protection law
- Marrakesh Treaty 2013 – Accessible books for disabled
- Article 19(1)(a) – Right to information

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

8 Copyright vs AI: Marrakesh Treaty & Data Mining Debate

- Marrakesh Treaty aids visually impaired.
- India first to ratify treaty.
- Copyright term = life + 60 years.
- WIPO handles global IP.
- Fair dealing allows research use.
- AI training uses data mining.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Copyright duration in India.
- Marrakesh Treaty purpose.
- WIPO function.
- Statement: Fair dealing allows limited use.

9 Military AI Governance & India's Abstention



A. Core Idea

India did not sign a global declaration on military AI to keep freedom for developing its defence AI systems.

B. Why in News

India abstained from REAIM-2026 military AI declaration in Spain.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- REAIM 2026 participants: 85
- Countries signing pact: 35
- Issue: Lethal Autonomous Weapons (LAWS)
- Indian body: Defence AI Council

D. Important Terms

- **LAWS:** Weapons operating without human control.
- **Human-in-loop:** Human approves AI attack.
- **Dual-use technology:** Civil + military use tech.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Defence AI Council (India)
- Indian Armed Forces
- UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Article 51 – Promote international peace
- Defence AI initiatives (India)
- International Humanitarian Law (war rules)

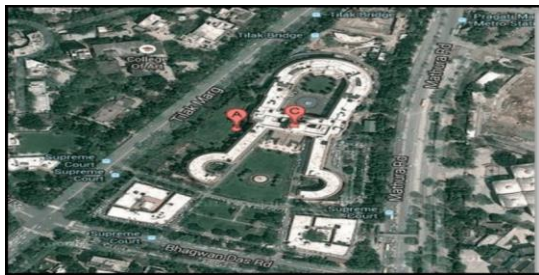
G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- India abstained at REAIM 2026.
- LAWS = autonomous weapons.
- AI is dual-use technology.
- Defence AI Council chaired by Defence Minister.
- CCW forum discusses autonomous weapons.
- Human-in-loop ensures control.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Dual-use technology examples.
- LAWS definition.
- Article 51 purpose.
- Match: CCW → arms control forum.

10 Judicial Reforms: Diversity & Regional Benches



A. Core Idea

Bill proposes diversity in judges and regional benches of Supreme Court for easier access to justice.

B. Why in News

Private Member Bill introduced in Parliament on judicial appointments reform.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- SC pending cases: ~90,000
- Proposed benches: Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata
- Appointment delay limit: 90 days

D. Important Terms

- **Collegium:** Judges appoint judges system.
- **Regional Bench:** Court branch outside capital.
- **Private Member Bill:** Bill by non-minister MP.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Supreme Court of India
- Parliament of India
- Law Commission

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Article 124 – SC judge appointment
- Article 217 – HC judge appointment
- Article 130 – SC seat location
- 99th Amendment (NJAC) – struck down

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Collegium from SC judgments.
- SC sits in Delhi (Article 130).
- NJAC struck down in 2015.

- Private Member Bills rarely pass.
- Diversity issue in judiciary.
- Law Commission supported regional benches.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Collegium origin cases.
- Article 124 vs 217.
- NJAC year.
- Article 130 meaning.

1 1 Venezuelan Oil & Indian Refineries



A. Core Idea

India may import Venezuelan heavy crude oil but faces technical and transport challenges.

B. Why in News

Possible return of Venezuelan oil to global market in 2026.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- India savings estimate: \$3 billion/year
- Required discount: \$10–12/barrel
- Past share: 12% (2015) → ~1–2% now
- Heavy crude needs 10–15% blending

D. Important Terms

- **Heavy crude:** Thick, low-quality oil.
- **Viscosity:** Resistance to flow.
- **Co-blending:** Mixing heavy & light crude.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Indian oil refineries (Reliance, HPCL, BPCL)
- SBI Research
- Oil exporting countries

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Energy Security policy (diversified imports)
- International oil trade agreements
- Article 73 – Union external affairs power

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Venezuela has heavy crude reserves.
- Jamnagar refinery handles heavy oil.
- Heavy crude needs blending.
- India diversifies oil sources.
- Transport distance affects cost.
- Oil quality affects refining.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Heavy vs light crude difference.
- Major refinery location (Jamnagar).
- Energy security meaning.
- Oil import diversification.

1 2 CRPF High-Altitude Bases in Jammu & Kashmir



A. Core Idea

CRPF set up high-altitude bases in J&K to target terrorists hiding in mountain areas.

B. Why in News

43 Temporary Operating Bases created after new militant tactics in hills.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Total bases: 43
- Kashmir: 26
- Jammu: 17
- Altitude: 3,000–6,000 ft
- Team size: 15–20 personnel

D. Important Terms

- **Temporary Operating Base (TOB):** Short-term military post.

- **Area Domination:** Continuous security presence.
- **Foreign Terrorists:** Non-Indian militants.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force)
- Indian security forces
- Ministry of Home Affairs

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- CRPF Act 1949 – Force law
- AFSPA 1958 – Special powers in disturbed areas
- Article 355 – Union protects states

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- CRPF = Central Armed Police Force.
- TOBs used in counter-terrorism.
- AFSPA applies in disturbed areas.
- Pir Panjal range in J&K.
- High-altitude operations require special training.
- Article 355 internal security duty.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- CRPF role vs Army.
- AFSPA purpose.
- Article 355 meaning.
- Map: Pir Panjal range.



A. Core Idea

Government launched Phase-II of Vibrant Village Programme to develop border villages for security and growth.

B. Why in News

VVP-II launched Feb 2026 covering villages along multiple international borders.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Villages covered: 1,954
- States/UTs: 15 States + 2 UTs
- Outlay: ₹6,839 crore
- Period: till 2028-29
- Phase-I launch: 2023

D. Important Terms

- **Central Sector Scheme:** Fully funded by Centre.
- **Border Village:** Settlement near international border.
- **Reverse Migration:** People returning to villages.

1 3 Vibrant Village Programme Phase-II (VVP-II)

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Ministry of Home Affairs
- Border Guarding Forces (BSF, ITBP etc.)
- State Governments

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Vibrant Village Programme (2023/2026) – Border development
- PMGSY-IV – Rural roads
- Article 355 – Union protects states

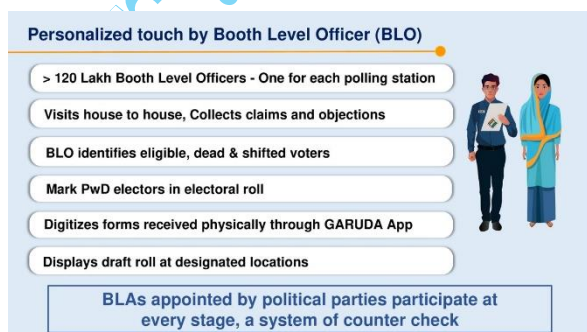
G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- VVP improves border infrastructure.
- Phase-II expanded beyond China border.
- Central Sector = 100% Union funded.
- Border population aids security.
- Includes telecom, roads, power.
- Linked to national security.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Central Sector vs CSS difference.
- Border development schemes.
- Article 355 meaning.
- Border forces roles.

14 Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls 2026



A. Core Idea

Election Commission conducting door-to-door voter list verification in many states.

B. Why in News

ECI ordered Special Intensive Revision (SIR) before Census 2027.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- States/UTs covered: 22
- Start: April 2026
- Last full SIR: 2002-04
- Eligible age: 18+

D. Important Terms

- **Electoral Roll:** Official voter list.
- **BLO:** Officer verifying voter data locally.
- **Qualifying Date:** Age eligibility date.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Election Commission of India
- Chief Electoral Officers
- Booth Level Officers

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Article 324 – ECI powers
- Article 326 – Adult suffrage
- RPA 1950 – Electoral rolls
- Registration of Electors Rules 1960

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- ECI controls voter lists.
- Voting age = 18.
- BLO verifies voters.
- SIR removes duplicate voters.
- Linked with Census update.
- RPA 1950 → voter rolls law.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Article 324 functions.

- Voting age article.
- RPA 1950 vs 1951.
- BLO role.

1 5 Pax Silica: Global Technology Alliance



A. Core Idea

India joined a global alliance to secure supply of semiconductors and critical minerals.

B. Why in News

India to join US-led Pax Silica alliance in Feb 2026.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Focus: semiconductors & AI supply chain
- Partners: US, Japan, UK, UAE, etc.
- India program: \$10B semiconductor mission
- Critical minerals: lithium, cobalt

D. Important Terms

- **Critical Minerals:** Rare elements for tech & batteries.
- **Semiconductor:** Material for electronic chips.
- **Supply Chain:** Production & delivery network.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Government of India
- Pax Silica member countries
- India Semiconductor Mission

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- India Semiconductor Mission – Chip industry
- MMDR Act 1957 – Mineral regulation
- Article 51 – International cooperation

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Pax Silica = tech supply alliance.
- Chips use silicon.
- Critical minerals essential for EVs & electronics.
- India promoting semiconductor industry.
- Supply chain security important.
- Minerals like lithium strategic.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Semiconductor meaning.
- Critical minerals examples.
- MMDR Act purpose.
- Supply chain resilience concept.