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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS



1. India–Israel Strategic Partnership: PM Address to Knesset

A. Core Idea

India and Israel strengthened cooperation in defense, agriculture, water and technology during PM Modi's address to Israel's Parliament (Knesset).

B. Why in News

Indian Prime Minister addressed Israel's Parliament and discussed bilateral cooperation and terrorism issues.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Israel among **top 4 arms suppliers** to India
- Extradition Treaty: **1993**
- I2U2 Group: India, Israel, USA, UAE
- Barak-8 missile: India-Israel joint project

D. Important Terms

- **Knesset**: Parliament of Israel
- **De-hyphenation policy**: India treats Israel and Palestine separately in foreign policy
- **I2U2**: Economic cooperation group of India, Israel, USA, UAE

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Government of India
- Government of Israel
- UN Security Council
- I2U2 grouping

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Extradition Treaty India-Israel (1993): Cooperation against crime/terrorism
- UAPA (1967): India's anti-terror law

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Israel Parliament = Knesset
- Israel is major defense partner of India
- Barak-8 missile is joint project
- I2U2 includes UAE and USA
- India supports two-state solution (Israel-Palestine)
- India-Israel ties started full diplomacy in 1992

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match country with parliament (Israel-Knesset)
- Members of I2U2
- India-Israel defense project question
- Year of diplomatic relations (1992)

2. Rajasthan Removes Two-Child Norm for Local Elections



A. Core Idea

Rajasthan removed the rule that disqualified people with more than two children from contesting local body elections.

B. Why in News

Rajasthan government amended laws to scrap the two-child condition for Panchayat and municipal elections.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Norm introduced: **1995**
- Removed: **2026**

- TFR Rajasthan: ~**2.0**
- Replacement fertility level: **2.1**

D. Important Terms

- **Total Fertility Rate (TFR):** Average children per woman
- **Replacement level fertility:** Population stability level (~2.1)
- **Local Self-Government:** Panchayats and Municipalities

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Rajasthan Government
- Panchayati Raj Institutions
- Municipal bodies

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Act (1994)
- Rajasthan Municipalities Act (2009) (Sections on two-child disqualification removed)

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Rajasthan removed two-child norm in 2026
- Norm existed since 1995
- Applies to local elections only
- TFR ≈ replacement level
- Panchayat & municipal elections affected
- States decide local election eligibility

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Definition of TFR
- Replacement fertility value (2.1)
- Local government eligibility decided by state
- Two-child norm states question

3. Meghalaya: Highest HIV Cases in India



A. Core Idea

Meghalaya has the highest HIV burden in India, mainly due to drug use and unsafe sex transmission.

B. Why in News

State reported highest HIV patients receiving treatment in India in 2026.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- HIV patients on ART: **10,293**
- HIV-related deaths (10 yrs): **949**
- East Khasi Hills share: **46% deaths**
- State programme fund: **₹25 crore (5 yrs)**

D. Important Terms

- **HIV:** Virus attacking immune system
- **ART:** Medicines controlling HIV

- **Opportunistic infections:** Infections in weak immunity
- **95-95-95 target:** Global HIV control goal

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Meghalaya AIDS Control Society
- State Health Department
- UNAIDS

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- HIV & AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017:
Prevents discrimination and protects confidentiality

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Meghalaya highest HIV burden state
- ART treats but does not cure HIV
- HIV deaths mainly from infections
- Northeast drug routes increase HIV risk
- 95-95-95 global HIV target
- HIV Act passed in 2017

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- ART meaning
- HIV transmission modes
- 95-95-95 targets
- HIV law year (2017)
- NE India HIV hotspot question



A. Core Idea

A rare migratory duck called Smew was recorded for the first time in Kaziranga National Park.

B. Why in News

Kaziranga bird census 2026 reported first-ever Smew sighting.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Waterbirds counted: **105,540**
- Species recorded: **107**
- Census year: **2026**
- Important wetlands: Rowmari & Donduwa beels

D. Important Terms

- **Smew:** Rare migratory diving duck
- **Vagrant species:** Animal outside normal range
- **Beel:** Assam wetland lake
- **IBA:** Important Bird Area

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Kaziranga National Park Authority

4. Rare Smew Duck Seen in Kaziranga

- Assam Forest Department
- Bird census teams

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Wildlife Protection Act, 1972
- Environment Protection Act, 1986

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Kaziranga in Assam
- Famous for one-horned rhinoceros
- Smew is migratory duck
- Beel = wetland in Assam
- Kaziranga in Central Asian Flyway
- Bird census done in wetlands

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Location of Kaziranga
- National park-state match
- Migratory bird routes (flyways)
- Meaning of beel
- Smew identification question

5. Kakkur Kalavayal Agricultural Fair (Kerala)



A. Core Idea

Kakkur Kalavayal is a traditional post-harvest

agricultural fair in Kerala featuring cattle races and rural trade.

B. Why in News

Annual Kakkur Kalavayal festival held in Ernakulam district promoting indigenous cattle and rural economy.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Location: **Ernakulam district, Kerala**
- Event type: Post-harvest agricultural fair
- Main sport: **Maramadi (cattle race)**
- Duration: ~1 week

D. Important Terms

- **Kalavayal**: Traditional cattle market/fair
- **Maramadi**: Cattle race in Kerala fields
- **Indigenous breeds**: Local native cattle varieties

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Kerala State Government
- Local Panchayats
- Animal welfare authorities

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960
- State rules regulating traditional animal sports

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Kakkur Kalavayal in Kerala
- Maramadi = cattle race
- Linked to harvest season
- Promotes indigenous cattle
- Rural trade fair tradition
- Similar to Jallikattu/Kambala

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match festival with state (Kerala)
- Traditional sports of India
- PCA Act year (1960)
- Indigenous cattle promotion events

6. NCERT Textbook–Judiciary Controversy



A. Core Idea

Supreme Court objected to NCERT textbook content mentioning corruption in the judiciary.

B. Why in News

Supreme Court took suo motu notice of Class-8 NCERT content on judiciary issues.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Court action: **Suo motu case**
- Textbook: Class 8 Social Science
- Law on contempt: **1971 Act**

D. Important Terms

- **Suo motu**: Court action on its own
- **NCERT**: National school education body
- **Defamation**: Damage to reputation
- **Contempt of court**: Disrespect to judiciary

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Supreme Court of India
- NCERT
- Ministry of Education

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Contempt of Courts Act, 1971
- Article 129: SC contempt power

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- NCERT = school curriculum body
- SC can take suo motu action
- Contempt law year 1971
- Judiciary is independent organ
- SC protects institutional dignity

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Meaning of suo motu
- Powers of Supreme Court
- NCERT full form
- Contempt of court definition

7. Sabarimala Temple Entry Case



A. Core Idea

Supreme Court allowed women of all ages to enter Sabarimala temple, removing earlier age restriction.

B. Why in News

Supreme Court hearing review petitions on Sabarimala women entry verdict.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Landmark judgment: **2018**
- Case: Indian Young Lawyers Association
- Earlier ban: Women **10–50 years**
- Temple: Kerala

D. Important Terms

- **Religious denomination:** Separate religious group
- **Essential religious practice:** Core ritual of religion
- **Constitutional morality:** Values of Constitution

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Supreme Court of India
- Travancore Devaswom Board
- Kerala Government

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Kerala Hindu Places of Public Worship Rules, 1965
- Articles 14, 15, 25, 26

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Sabarimala in Kerala
- Lord Ayyappa temple
- SC allowed women entry (2018)
- Equality vs religious rights case
- Age ban 10–50 removed
- Articles 14 & 25 involved

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Temple-state match
- Fundamental Rights articles
- Year of Sabarimala verdict
- Equality vs religion question

8. Bottled Water & Microplastic Risk in India



A. Core Idea

Bottled drinking water in India is found contaminated with microplastics from plastic packaging.

B. Why in News

Studies detected microplastics in bottled water samples across Indian cities.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Microplastics: particles <5 mm
- Highest reported: **212 particles/litre**
- Cities studied: Nagpur, Mumbai, Andhra Pradesh
- Plastic waste rules: **2016**

D. Important Terms

- **Microplastics:** Tiny plastic particles
- **Nanoplastics:** Ultra-small plastic particles
- **Chemical leaching:** Plastic chemicals entering water

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- FSSAI
- BIS
- State pollution bodies

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016
- FSSAI packaged water standards

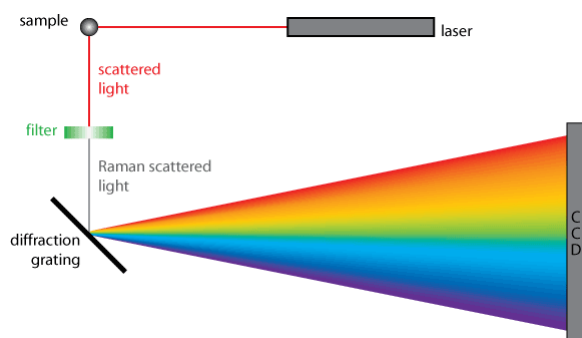
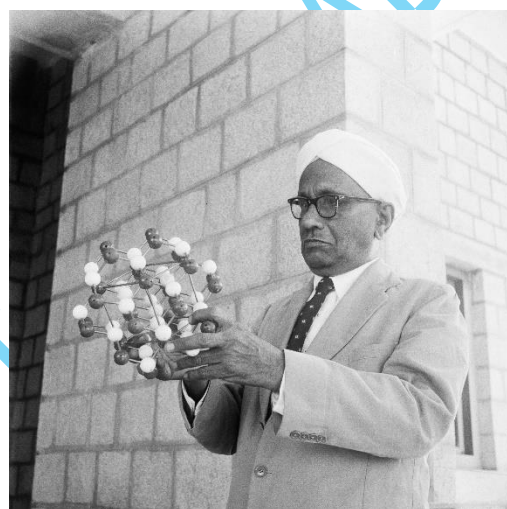
G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Bottled water may contain microplastics
- Heat increases chemical leaching
- FSSAI regulates packaged water
- Microplastics <5 mm
- Plastic waste rules 2016
- Health & environment issue

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Microplastics definition
- FSSAI role
- Plastic Waste Rules year
- Environmental pollution sources
- Safe drinking water question

9. National Science Day & Raman Effect





A. Core Idea

National Science Day celebrates the discovery of the Raman Effect by Indian scientist C.V. Raman.

B. Why in News

India celebrated National Science Day on 28 February highlighting contributions to science.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Date: **28 February**
- Discovery: **Raman Effect (1928)**
- Nobel Prize: **1930 (Physics)**
- Scientist: C.V. Raman

D. Important Terms

- **Raman Effect:** Change in light wavelength after scattering
- **Scientific temper:** Rational and logical thinking
- **Jugaad:** Local practical innovation

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Ministry of Science & Technology
- National Research Foundation (NRF)
- Schools & universities

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Article 51A(h): Duty to develop scientific temper
- NRF Act: Promote research in India

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- National Science Day: 28 Feb
- Raman Effect discovered 1928
- Nobel Prize 1930 Physics
- C.V. Raman Indian physicist
- Scientific temper in Constitution
- India's only physics Nobel (Raman)

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Date of National Science Day
- Raman discovery question
- Nobel Prize Indian scientists
- Fundamental Duties question

10. UDAN Scheme Slowdown





A. Core Idea

UDAN scheme connects small cities by air, but new airport additions slowed in 2026.

B. Why in News

Only four new airports became operational under UDAN in FY2026.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Launch: **2016**
- Full form: Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik
- Airports developed: **93**
- Operational: **78**
- FY26 additions: **4 airports**

D. Important Terms

- **VGF**: Government subsidy for unprofitable routes
- **Regional connectivity**: Air links to small towns
- **Water aerodrome**: Seaplane airport

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Ministry of Civil Aviation
- DGCA
- Airports Authority of India

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016
- UDAN / Regional Connectivity Scheme

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- UDAN launched 2016
- Connects Tier-2/3 cities
- Subsidy = VGF
- Civil aviation in Union List
- DGCA regulates aviation
- Regional airports revived

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- UDAN full form
- Aviation in which list (Union)
- DGCA role
- Scheme launch year

11. Russia–Iran–China Oil Trade Shift



A. Core Idea

Russia and Iran are selling discounted oil mainly to China after reduced purchases by India.

B. Why in News

Global oil trade shifting as sanctioned Russian and Iranian oil moves to China.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Russian oil discount: ~\$12/barrel
- Iranian oil discount: ~\$11/barrel
- Floating Iranian oil: ~48 million barrels
- China teapot refineries: ~25% capacity

D. Important Terms

- **Urals crude:** Russia's main export oil
- **Brent:** Global oil price benchmark
- **Teapot refineries:** Small Chinese refineries

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Russia oil companies
- Iran oil sector
- Chinese refineries
- OFAC (US sanctions body)

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- US economic sanctions on Russia & Iran
- India energy import diversification policy

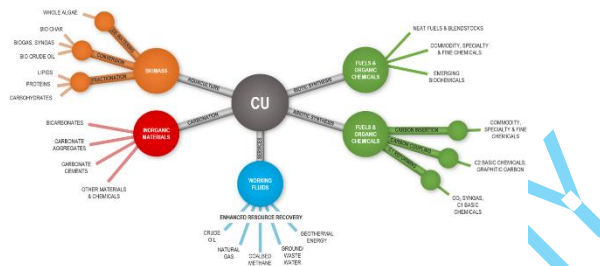
G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- China major buyer of Russian oil
- Sanctions shift oil trade routes
- Brent = global oil benchmark
- Urals = Russian crude
- Iran oil under sanctions
- Energy security issue

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Oil benchmarks (Brent)
- Major oil importers
- Sanctions impact trade
- Russia oil grade question

12. Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU)



A. Core Idea

CCU technology captures carbon dioxide from industries and converts it into useful products.

B. Why in News

India promoting CCU to reduce industrial emissions and meet climate targets.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- India Net-Zero target: **2070**
- Major sectors: steel, cement, chemicals
- Policy link: Energy Conservation Amendment **2022**

D. Important Terms

- **CCU:** Capture and use CO₂
- **Hard-to-abate sectors:** Heavy industries
- **Bio-CCU:** Biological CO₂ conversion

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Department of Science & Technology
- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
- IITs & industry

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

- Energy Conservation (Amendment) Act, 2022
- India Net-Zero commitment (COP26)

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- CCU reduces industrial CO₂
- Net-Zero target 2070
- Heavy industry emissions high
- Carbon credit system India
- Climate mitigation technology
- CO₂ used for fuels/materials

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Net-Zero year India
- CCU meaning
- Major emission sectors
- Carbon credit scheme law

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