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1. India's Nationally Determined Contribution (2031–2035)

A. Core Idea

India's climate plan to reduce emissions, increase renewable energy, and expand forests by 2035.

B. Why in News

India updated its climate targets under the Paris Agreement.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Emission intensity reduction: **47% by 2035 (base year 2005)**
- Non-fossil energy capacity: **60% by 2035**
- Carbon sink target: **3.5–4 billion tonnes CO₂**
- Net Zero target: **2070**

D. Important Terms

- **NDCs:** Climate targets submitted under Paris Agreement
- **Emission Intensity:** Emissions per unit of GDP
- **Carbon Sink:** System absorbing CO₂ (forests, oceans)

E. Institutions / Organisations

- International Solar Alliance
- Global Biofuel Alliance

F. Govt Acts / Policies

- Environment Protection Act, **1986** – environmental protection
- Energy Conservation (Amendment) Act, **2022** – carbon trading

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Base year for India's NDC: **2005**
- Net Zero target year: **2070**
- Paris Agreement → NDC concept
- Carbon sink mainly through **forests**
- ISA headquarters → **India (Gurugram)**

H. PYQ / Expected Questions

- Match: NDC – Paris Agreement
- Statement-based: emission intensity vs total emissions
- Year-based: Net Zero target

● 2. IVFRT Scheme (Immigration System)

A. Core Idea

Digital system to manage visas, immigration, and tracking of foreigners in India.

B. Why in News

Scheme extended for **2026–2031** with ₹1800 crore.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Budget: **₹1800 crore**
- Clearance time: **2.5–3 minutes**
- e-Visa approval: **91% within 72 hours**
- Trusted Traveller clearance: **~30 seconds**

D. Important Terms

- **e-Visa:** Online visa system
- **IVFRT:** Digital tracking system for foreigners
- **FRRO/FRO:** Foreigners registration authorities

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Ministry of Home Affairs
- FRRO (Foreigners Regional Registration Office)

F. Govt Acts / Policies

- Immigration and Foreigners Act, **2025**
- Passport Act, **1920**



G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Entry & exit → **Union List (Entry 17)**
- IVFRT = **digital immigration system**
- Used at **airports + immigration posts**
- Helps in **national security + tourism**
- Trusted Traveller Programme → fast clearance

H. PYQ / Expected Questions

- Full form of IVFRT
- FRRO functions
- Union List vs State List (visa/passage)

● 3. Organic & Natural Farming Seminar

A. Core Idea

Promotion of chemical-free farming using natural methods.

B. Why in News

National seminar organized to promote organic and natural farming.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- India ranks:

- 1st in number of organic farmers
- 9th in organic farming area
- Certification: PGS-India



D. Important Terms

- **Organic Farming:** No chemical fertilizers/pesticides
- **Natural Farming:** Uses cow-based inputs (Jeevamrut)
- **PGS-India:** Local organic certification system

E. Institutions / Organisations

- National Centre for Organic and Natural Farming
- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

F. Govt Acts / Policies

- National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
- Food Safety Regulations, 2017

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Jeevamrut → natural farming input
- PGS vs NPOP → certification systems
- Organic farming improves **soil health**
- Reduces **carbon footprint**
- Linked to **sustainable agriculture**

H. PYQ / Expected Questions

- Difference: Organic vs Natural farming
- PGS-India meaning
- Scheme-based question (NMNF)

4. India & West Asia Crisis

A. Core Idea

India maintains a balanced foreign policy to protect energy and citizens in West Asia.

B. Why in News

Discussion on India's response to West Asia tensions.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Strategic Petroleum Reserve: ~74 days
- LPG supply cycle increased: 20 → 45 days

- Major oil route: **Strait of Hormuz**

D. Important Terms

- **SPR**: Emergency oil storage
- **Strait of Hormuz**: Key oil route
- **Expatriates**: Citizens living abroad

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Ministry of External Affairs
- Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd (ISPRL)

F. Govt Acts / Policies

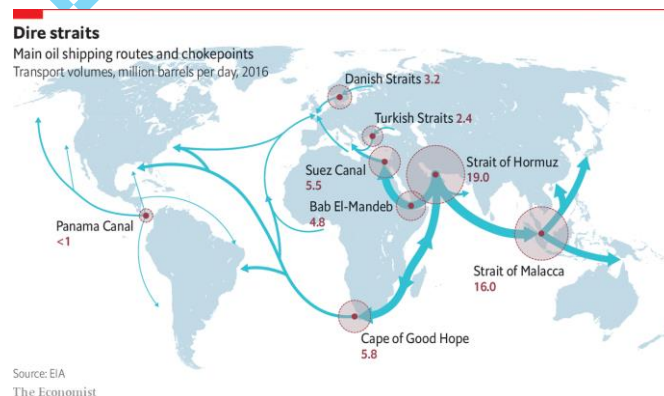
- Petroleum Act, 1934
- Merchant Shipping Act, 1958

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Strait of Hormuz connects **Persian Gulf–Gulf of Oman**
- SPR locations:
 - **Visakhapatnam**
 - **Mangaluru**
 - **Padur**
- West Asia → major source of **oil imports**
- India follows **balanced foreign policy**
- Important for **energy security**

H. PYQ / Expected Questions

- Map-based: Strait of Hormuz
- Location of SPR in India
- Statement: importance of West Asia



5. Hydrological Outlook – Cauvery Basin

A. Core Idea

Cauvery river water flow may decrease in future due to climate change.

B. Why in News

Study by Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar projected decline in flow.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Flow decline: **3.5% (2026–2050)**
- Past decline: **28% (1951–2012)**
- Source: **Talakaveri (Western Ghats)**

D. Important Terms

- **Streamflow:** Water flow in river
- **River Interlinking:** Transfer water between rivers
- **Constrained Modelling:** Uses past data for prediction

E. Institutions / Organisations

- IIT Gandhinagar
- Cauvery Water Management Authority

F. Govt Acts / Policies

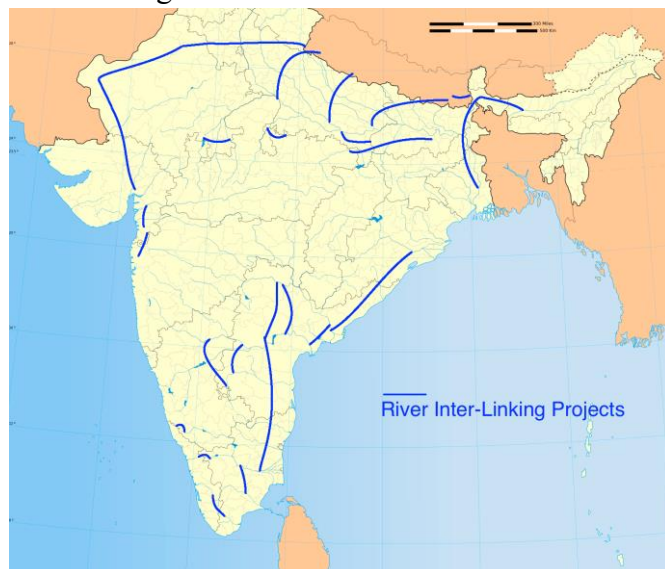
- Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, **1956**
- Article **262** – water disputes

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Cauvery flows through **Karnataka & Tamil Nadu**
- Tributaries: **Kabini, Bhavani, Hemavati**
- Western Ghats → major river source
- Godavari–Cauvery link proposed
- Water = **State List (Entry 17)**

H. PYQ / Expected Questions

- Map: origin of Cauvery
- Tributaries matching
- Article 262 → water disputes



6. Gujarat Property Transfer Amendment Bill, 2026

A. Core Idea

Law to control property transfer in sensitive areas.

B. Why in News

Gujarat introduced amendment to regulate property sales.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Year: **2026**
- Old law: Disturbed Areas Act, **1991**
- New term: **Specified Areas**

D. Important Terms

- **Specified Area:** Area with restricted property transfer
- **Suo Motu:** Action taken on its own
- **Involuntary Transfer:** Forced sale



E. Institutions / Organisations

- District Collector
- State Government (Gujarat)

F. Govt Acts / Policies

- Gujarat Disturbed Areas Act, **1991**
- Article **300A** – Right to property

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Property right → **Legal right (not fundamental)**
- Collector approval needed in such areas
- Linked to **law & order**
- Affects cities like **Ahmedabad, Surat**
- Prevents forced migration

H. PYQ / Expected Questions

- Article 300A meaning
- Suo motu definition
- State law vs Central law

7. Transgender Persons Amendment Bill, 2026

A. Core Idea

Amendment changes definition and rules for transgender persons.

B. Why in News

New bill modifies provisions of 2019 Act.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Original Act: **2019**
- Punishment (forced acts): **5–14 years**
- Medical board required for identity

D. Important Terms

- **Transgender:** Person with different gender identity
- **Intersex:** Biological variation in sex traits
- **Gender Identity:** Self-perceived gender

E. Institutions / Organisations

- National Council for Transgender Persons
- District Magistrate

F. Govt Acts / Policies

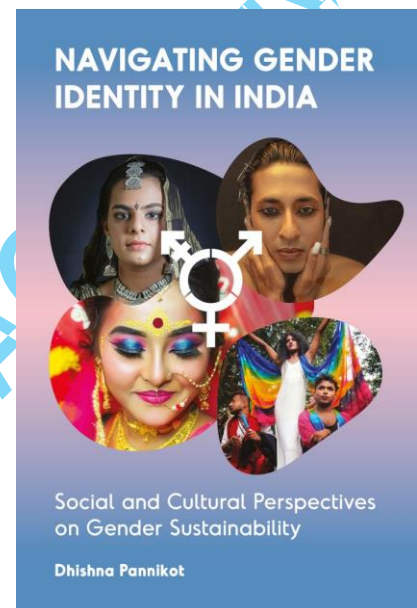
- Transgender Persons Act, **2019**
- NALSA vs Union of India

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- NALSA (2014) → Third gender recognition
- Article 14 → equality
- Article 21 → dignity & privacy
- Self-identification was earlier allowed
- Bill introduces **medical verification**

H. PYQ / Expected Questions

- NALSA judgement
- Fundamental rights (Art 14, 21)
- Definition-based MCQs



8. FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026

A. Core Idea

Law to regulate foreign funding to NGOs in India.

B. Why in News

Government proposed amendment to tighten rules.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Original Act: **FCRA 2010**
- Admin expense limit: **20% (2020 rule)**

D. Important Terms

- **Foreign Contribution:** Money from foreign sources
- **NGO:** Non-Governmental Organisation
- **Executive Power:** Government authority

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)

F. Govt Acts / Policies

- FCRA, 2010
- Amendment Act, 2020 & 2026

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- FCRA controlled by **MHA**
- Foreign funding is **regulated (not a right)**
- Used for **national security**
- NGOs must register under FCRA
- Admin expense capped

H. PYQ / Expected Questions

- Which ministry handles FCRA?
- Definition of foreign contribution
- Statement-based (NGO funding rules)



9. SC on Vande Mataram (MHA Circular)

A. Core Idea

Supreme Court said singing *Vande Mataram* is not compulsory.

B. Why in News

SC dismissed plea against MHA advisory.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Case dismissed as **premature**
- Circular is **advisory (not mandatory)**

D. Important Terms

- **National Song:** Vande Mataram
- **Mandatory:** Compulsory
- **Directory:** Optional guideline

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Supreme Court of India
- Ministry of Home Affairs

F. Govt Acts / Policies

- Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Composer: Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
- National Anthem $\neq$ National Song
- Article 19 $\rightarrow$ freedom of expression
- Right includes **right to remain silent**
- Advisory $\neq$ compulsory

H. PYQ / Expected Questions

- Difference: National Song vs Anthem
- Article 19 application
- Case-based question



10. Democracy & Dissent Debate

A. Core Idea

Right to protest is part of democracy.

B. Why in News

Debate after protests at international event.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Sedition law: **IPC Section 124A**
- Key case: **Kesavananda Bharati (1973)**

D. Important Terms

- **Dissent:** Disagreement with government
- **Sedition:** Anti-government acts
- **Federalism:** Power sharing

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Parliament of India
- Judiciary (Supreme Court)

F. Govt Acts / Policies

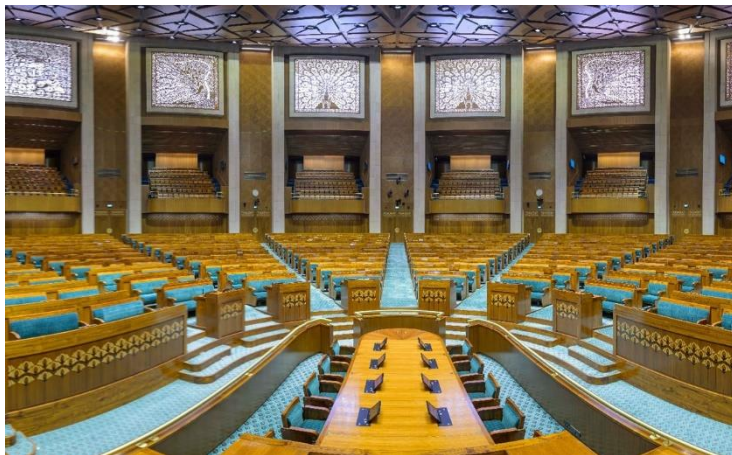
- Article 19(1)(a), (b) → speech & protest
- Article 19(2) → restrictions

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Protest must be **peaceful**
- Freedom of speech is **fundamental right**
- Reasonable restrictions allowed
- Basic Structure → cannot be changed
- State ≠ Government

H. PYQ / Expected Questions

- Article 19 rights
- Sedition definition
- Basic Structure doctrine



11. WTO Ministerial Conference (MC14)

A. Core Idea

Global trade meeting to discuss rules and disputes.

B. Why in News

14th WTO Ministerial Conference held in Yaoundé.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- WTO established: **1995**
- E-commerce moratorium: **since 1998**
- India loss estimate: **\$1.5 billion (2020)**

D. Important Terms

- **MFN**: Equal trade treatment
- **Bound Rate**: Max tariff limit
- **SDT**: Special treatment for developing nations

E. Institutions / Organisations

- World Trade Organization

F. Govt Acts / Policies

- Marrakesh Agreement, **1994**

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- WTO HQ → **Geneva**
- Appellate Body → dispute settlement
- India supports **food security (MSP)**
- E-commerce duty issue important
- MFN principle → equal treatment

H. PYQ / Expected Questions

- WTO headquarters
- MFN definition
- Match: WTO terms

12. Microplastics in Chennai Beaches

A. Core Idea

Microplastics found in Chennai beaches affecting marine life.

B. Why in News

New study highlighted pollution risk.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Size: < 5 mm
- Dominant type: **Nylon fibres (<1000 µm)**

D. Important Terms

- **Microplastics:** Small plastic particles
- **Benthic Zone:** Bottom of water body
- **Adsorption:** Sticking of chemicals

E. Institutions / Organisations

- V.O. Chidambaram College

F. Govt Acts / Policies

- Plastic Waste Management Rules, **2016 (Amended 2022)**
- Environment Protection Act, **1986**



G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Microplastics enter **food chain**
- Harm marine organisms
- Sources: **laundry, fishing nets**
- EPR → producer responsibility
- Linked to **Blue Economy**

H. PYQ / Expected Questions

- Definition of microplastics
- Plastic rules year
- Marine pollution questions

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