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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls

A. Core Idea

Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is a special verification process conducted by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to update and clean voter lists by removing fake, duplicate, dead, or shifted voters.

B. Why in News

The Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of the SIR exercise started by the ECI.

C. Key Facts & Figures

Fact	Details
Conducted By	Election Commission of India (ECI)
Pilot State	Bihar
Related Law	Representation of the People Act, 1950
Key Section	Section 21(3)
Citizenship Law	Citizenship Act, 1955
Constitutional Provision	Article 324
Documents Accepted	12 documents including Aadhaar

D. Important Terms

Special Intensive Revision (SIR)

A special voter verification exercise to update electoral rolls.

Electoral Roll

Official list of eligible voters.

Test of Proportionality

Judicial principle to check whether government action is reasonable and balanced.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Election Commission of India
Conducts elections and prepares voter lists.
- Supreme Court of India
Upheld legality of SIR.

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

Act/Provision	Purpose
Article 324	Powers of ECI
RPA Act, 1950	Preparation of electoral rolls
Section 21(3)	Allows special revision
Section 16	Disqualification of non-citizens
Citizenship Act, 1955	Citizenship determination

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Article 324 deals with Election Commission powers.
- Section 21(3) allows special revision of electoral rolls.
- Aadhaar was included among accepted documents.

- ECI cannot finally decide citizenship status.
- Citizenship determination comes under Citizenship Act, 1955.
- Bihar was the pilot state for SIR.
- Electoral rolls are governed under RPA Act, 1950.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match Article 324 with ECI powers.
- Question on Section 21(3) of RPA Act.
- Statement-based question on electoral rolls.
- Citizenship Act vs ECI powers comparison.

2. Assam Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill

A. Core Idea

The Assam government passed a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill to create common laws for marriage, divorce, inheritance, and live-in relationships.

B. Why in News

The Assam Legislative Assembly passed the UCC Bill amid opposition protests.

C. Key Facts & Figures

Fact	Details
State	Assam
Constitutional Article	Article 44
Tribal Population in Assam	12.44% (2011 Census)
Exempted Group	Scheduled Tribes (STs)
Related Schedule	Sixth Schedule

Fact

Details

Topics Covered

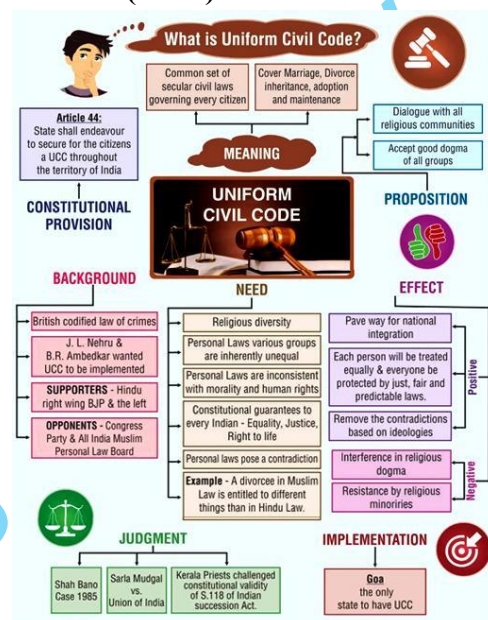
Marriage, divorce, succession, live-in relationships

D. Important Terms

Uniform Civil Code (UCC)

One common law for personal matters for all citizens.

Intestate



Inheritance

Distribution of property when a person dies without a will.

Sixth Schedule

Provides autonomy to tribal areas in Northeast India.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Assam Legislative Assembly Passed the Bill.
- Law Commission of India Earlier discussed UCC reforms.

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

Provision	Purpose
Article 44	Directive for UCC
Sixth Schedule	Protection of tribal autonomy
Articles 25–28	Freedom of religion
Concurrent List Entry 5	Marriage and succession laws

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Article 44 is part of DPSP.
- UCC relates to marriage, divorce, inheritance.
- Scheduled Tribes are exempted in Assam UCC.
- Sixth Schedule applies to tribal areas.
- Assam followed Uttarakhand and Gujarat in UCC-related laws.
- Live-in relationship registration made compulsory.
- Polygamy and child marriage prohibited under the Bill.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- DPSP-related question on Article 44.
- Match Sixth Schedule states.
- Statement-based question on UCC provisions.
- Questions on Concurrent List Entry 5.

3. Rediscovery of Rare Dragonfly in Arunachal Pradesh

A. Core Idea

A rare dragonfly species named *Gynacantha khasiaca* was rediscovered in Arunachal Pradesh after 110 years.

B. Why in News

The species was found in Namdapha National Park by citizen scientists.

C. Key Facts & Figures

Fact	Details
Species Name	<i>Gynacantha khasiaca</i>
Common Name	Long-tailed Duskhawker
State	Arunachal Pradesh
Place Found	Namdapha National Park
Last Recorded	1914

Fact	Details
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Gap	110 years
IUCN Status	Data Deficient (DD)
Order	Odonata

D. Important Terms

Odonata

Order of insects including dragonflies and damselflies.

Citizen Science

Research done by common people/non-professional scientists.

Crepuscular Behaviour

Animals active during dawn and dusk.



E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Namdapha National Park
Site of rediscovery.
- International Union for Conservation of Nature
Provides IUCN Red List status.

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

Act	Purpose
Wildlife Protection Act, 1972	Protection of wildlife
Biological Diversity Act, 2002	Biodiversity conservation
Environment Protection Act, 1986	Environmental protection

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Gynacantha khasiaca* belongs to order Odonata.
- Rediscovered in Namdapha National Park.
- Namdapha is located in Arunachal Pradesh.

- IUCN status is Data Deficient.
- Dragonflies are indicators of freshwater ecosystem health.
- India has about 504 species of Odonata.
- Arunachal Pradesh has rich biodiversity.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- National Park location-based question.
- Match species with IUCN status.
- Statement-based question on Odonata.
- Biodiversity Act and Wildlife Protection Act questions.

4. India–US Strategic Relations and Transactional Foreign Policy

A. Core Idea

India–US relations are facing challenges due to US protectionist policies, sanctions pressure, visa restrictions, and differences over Russia and global geopolitics.

B. Why in News

Recent policy changes in the US created tensions in trade, immigration, and defense cooperation with India.

C. Key Facts & Figures

Fact	Details
Related Law	CAATSA
US Visa Type Mentioned	H-1B Visa
Key Grouping	QUAD
Constitutional Provision	Article 51
Important Region	Indo-Pacific
Major Issue	Sanctions on Russian ties

D. Important Terms

Transactional Foreign Policy

Foreign policy focused on short-term benefits and deals.

Friend-shoring

Importing goods and technology mainly from friendly countries.

De-hyphenation

Treating India and Pakistan separately in foreign policy.

CAATSA

US law imposing sanctions on countries dealing with Russia, Iran, and North Korea.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Quadrilateral Security Dialogue
Security cooperation in Indo-Pacific.
- United States
Major strategic partner of India.
- Russia
India's long-term defense partner.

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

Provision / Law	Purpose
Article 51	Promote international peace
CAATSA (2017)	Sanctions on countries dealing with Russia
Union List Entry 10	Foreign affairs
Union List Entry 11	Treaties and agreements

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- CAATSA was passed in 2017.
- H-1B visa is related to skilled workers in the US.
- QUAD includes India, US, Japan, and Australia.
- Article 51 is part of DPSP.
- India follows strategic autonomy in foreign policy.
- Indo-Pacific is important for India-US cooperation.
- Friend-shoring reduces dependence on rival countries.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match QUAD member countries.
- Questions on Article 51.
- Statement-based question on CAATSA.
- H-1B visa related MCQ.

5. Schengen Visa Processing Issues in India

A. Core Idea

An EU inspection found problems and delays in Schengen visa processing in India by VFS Global.

B. Why in News

An internal EU report highlighted procedural errors and misuse in visa appointment systems.

C. Key Facts & Figures

Fact	Details
Visa Type	Schengen Visa
Countries Covered	29 European countries
Stay Limit	90 days in 180 days
Service Provider	VFS Global
Inspection Year	2023
Key Law	Passports Act, 1967

D. Important Terms

Schengen Visa

Visa allowing travel across Schengen Area countries.



Outsourced Visa Processing

Private agencies handle visa application procedures.

FOI Records

Government documents accessible to the public.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- European Union
Conducted inspection.
- VFS Global
Handles visa applications.

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

Provision / Act	Purpose
Article 21	Right to personal liberty
Article 11	Parliament regulates citizenship
Passports Act, 1967	Passport and travel regulation
Union List Entry 17	Immigration and emigration
Union List Entry 19	Passports and visas

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Schengen Area has 29 countries.
- Schengen visa allows short stay travel.

- VFS Global is a visa outsourcing company.
- Maneka Gandhi case expanded Article 21.
- Article 21 includes right to travel abroad.
- Passports Act was enacted in 1967.
- FOI is similar to India's RTI system.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Article 21 related MCQ.
- Questions on Schengen Area.
- Match Passports Act with its purpose.
- Statement-based question on visa processing.

6. Transition from MGNREGA to VB-G RAM G

A. Core Idea

The Government introduced the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 to replace MGNREGA with changes in rural employment guarantees and funding rules.

B. Why in News

The Ministry of Rural Development released draft rules for implementing the new rural employment scheme.

C. Key Facts & Figures

Fact	Details
Old Scheme	MGNREGA
New Scheme	VB-G RAM G
Effective From	July 1
Guaranteed Work Days	Increased from 100 to 125
Budget Allocation	₹95,692.31 crore
Related Article	Article 280

D. Important Terms

Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

Money transferred directly to beneficiaries' bank accounts.

Horizontal Devolution

Distribution of funds among states.

Normative Allocation

Formula-based fund allocation by the Centre.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Ministry of Rural Development
Released draft rules.
- Finance Commission of India
Recommends fund distribution.

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

Act / Provision	Purpose
MGNREGA, 2005	Rural employment guarantee
VB-G RAM G Act, 2025	New rural employment framework
Article 280	Finance Commission
Article 39	Adequate livelihood
Article 21	Right to livelihood

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- MGNREGA guaranteed 100 days of work.
- VB-G RAM G increases guarantee to 125 days.
- DBT transfers money directly to accounts.
- Article 280 relates to Finance Commission.
- Finance Commission recommends tax distribution.
- Seasonal work pause introduced for agriculture.
- e-KYC mandatory for registration.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Questions on Finance Commission.
- Match Article 280 with its function.
- MGNREGA scheme-based MCQ.
- Statement-based question on DBT.

7. Hong Kong Becomes Top Cross-Border Wealth Hub

A. Core Idea

Hong Kong overtook Switzerland to become the world's largest center for managing offshore wealth and foreign assets.

B. Why in News

The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) Global Wealth Report 2026 ranked Hong Kong above Switzerland in cross-border wealth management.

C. Key Facts & Figures

Fact	Details
Report	BCG Global Wealth Report 2026
Top Wealth Hub	Hong Kong
Hong Kong Offshore Assets	\$2.95 trillion
Switzerland Offshore Assets	\$2.94 trillion
Global Cross-Border Wealth	\$15.7 trillion
Annual Growth Projection for Asia	9% till 2030
Important Indian Law	FEMA, 1999

D. Important Terms

Cross-Border Wealth

Assets held by people in foreign countries.

Booking Centre

Financial hub where offshore assets are managed.

Jurisdictional Diversification

Keeping assets in multiple countries to reduce risk.

Offshore Wealth

Money or property held outside one's home country.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Boston Consulting Group Released the wealth report.
- Reserve Bank of India Regulates foreign exchange under FEMA.

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

Law / Provision	Purpose
FEMA, 1999	Regulation of foreign exchange
Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)	Overseas remittance facility
Article 246	Parliament's powers on foreign exchange
Union List Entry 36	Currency and foreign exchange

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Hong Kong overtook Switzerland in offshore wealth.
- FEMA was enacted in 1999.
- LRS allows overseas remittance by Indians.
- RBI regulates foreign exchange transactions.
- Cross-border wealth means offshore assets.
- Emerging economies like India are generating new wealth rapidly.
- Asian financial hubs are growing faster than European hubs.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match FEMA with its function.
- Questions on LRS limit and purpose.
- Statement-based question on offshore wealth.
- Financial hub location-based MCQ.

8. Ebola Outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

A. Core Idea

A severe Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo has spread rapidly due to weak healthcare systems, violence, and lack of vaccines.

B. Why in News

WHO and Africa CDC warned about the fast-spreading Ebola outbreak crossing into Uganda.

C. Key Facts & Figures

Fact	Details
Country	Democratic Republic of Congo
Virus Strain	Bundibugyo Ebolavirus
Cases Reported	Around 900
Suspected Deaths	Around 220
Cross-Border Spread	Uganda
Contact Tracing Success	Only 7%
Key Global Body	WHO

D. Important Terms

Bundibugyo Ebolavirus

A rare strain of Ebola virus.

Contact Tracing

Tracking people who came in contact with infected persons.

Cross-Border Transmission

Spread of disease across countries.

PPE

Personal Protective Equipment used by healthcare workers.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- World Health Organization
Monitoring the outbreak.
- Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
Coordinating regional response.

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

Law / Provision

Purpose

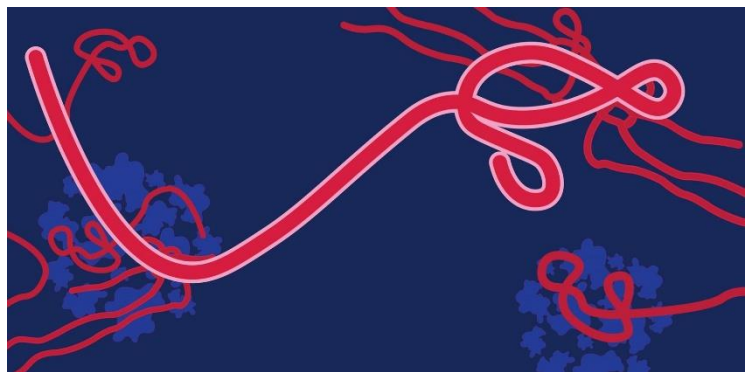
Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897	Control of epidemics
Disaster Management Act, 2005	Disaster response framework
International Health Regulations (2005)	Global disease monitoring
Article 21	Right to health and life

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Ebola outbreak occurred in DRC.
- Bundibugyo strain currently has no approved vaccine.
- Uganda reported cross-border Ebola cases.
- WHO handles international health emergencies.
- PPE protects healthcare workers.
- Epidemic Diseases Act was enacted in 1897.
- Contact tracing helps stop disease spread.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match WHO with its



headquarters/functions.

- Questions on Epidemic Diseases Act.
- Statement-based question on Ebola.
- International Health Regulations-related MCQ.

9. European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

A. Core Idea

The European Union introduced CBAM to impose carbon-based charges on imported goods with high emissions.

B. Why in News

CBAM entered its full implementation phase from January 1, 2026.

C. Key Facts & Figures

Fact	Details
Mechanism	Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
Implemented By	European Union
Full Implementation	1 January 2026
Proposed In	July 2021
Affected Sectors	Steel, aluminium, cement, fertilizers
Key Indian Law	Energy Conservation (Amendment) Act, 2022

D. Important Terms

CBAM

Carbon-based tax on imported products.

Carbon Leakage

Industries shifting to countries with weaker climate rules.

Embedded Emissions

Total emissions produced during manufacturing of a product.

Carbon Credit

Permit allowing emission of a certain amount of carbon dioxide.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- European Union Implemented CBAM.

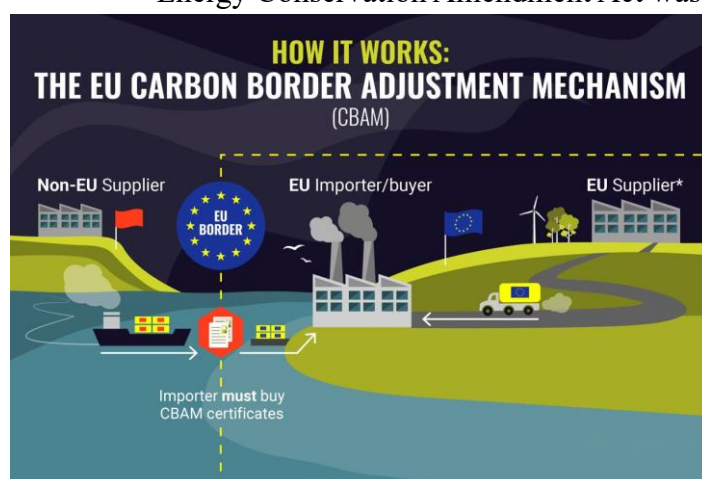
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Handles climate-related policies in India.

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

Law / Provision	Purpose
Energy Conservation (Amendment) Act, 2022	Carbon trading framework
Article 253	Laws for international agreements
Article 48A	Environmental protection
Union List Entry 41	Foreign trade and commerce

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- CBAM is linked to carbon emissions.
- EU started full CBAM implementation in 2026.
- Steel and aluminium sectors are highly affected.
- Carbon leakage means shifting polluting industries.
- Article 48A relates to environmental protection.
- Energy Conservation Amendment Act was



passed in 2022.

- Fertilizer prices may rise due to CBAM.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match Article 48A with environment protection.
- Questions on carbon leakage.

- Statement-based question on CBAM.
- MCQ on Energy Conservation Act.

A single scheme combining multiple related schemes.

10. SARTHAK-PDS Scheme

A. Core Idea

The Government launched SARTHAK-PDS to modernize the Public Distribution System (PDS) using technology and better transport management.

B. Why in News

The Union Cabinet approved SARTHAK-PDS with a central allocation of ₹25,530 crore till 2031.

C. Key Facts & Figures

Fact	Details
Scheme Name	SARTHAK-PDS
Full Form	Scheme for Assistance in Ration Transport and Handling-Income with Automation in PDS
Total Central Allocation	₹25,530 crore
Implementation Period	2026–2031
Parent Law	National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013
Beneficiaries under NFSA	About 81.35 crore people
Key Technology	AI, ML, Blockchain, NLP

D. Important Terms

Public Distribution System (PDS)

Government system for supplying subsidized food grains.

Fair Price Shop (FPS)

Ration shop distributing food grains under PDS.

Umbrella Scheme



Intra-State Movement

Transport of food grains within a state.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Food Corporation of India Stores and supplies food grains.
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs Approved the scheme.

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

Act / Scheme	Purpose
National Food Security Act, 2013	Legal food security
One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)	Portable ration access
Article 47	Nutrition and public health
Article 21	Right to life and dignity

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- SARTHAK-PDS modernizes ration distribution.
- NFSA was enacted in 2013.
- ONORC helps migrant workers access ration anywhere.
- FPS means Fair Price Shop.
- AI and Blockchain will be used in PDS.
- FCI handles food grain storage.
- Article 47 relates to nutrition and health.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Questions on NFSA provisions.

- Match ONORC with its purpose.
- Statement-based question on PDS reforms.
- Article 47 related MCQ.

11. Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) Programme

A. Core Idea

India has started the development process for its indigenous fifth-generation stealth fighter aircraft called AMCA.

B. Why in News

The Ministry of Defence issued tenders to private companies for AMCA prototype development.

C. Key Facts & Figures

Fact	Details
Aircraft Name	AMCA
Full Form	Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft
Generation	Fifth-generation fighter aircraft
Ministry	Ministry of Defence
Key Agency	Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA)
Infrastructure Project Cost	₹15,803 crore
State Linked	Andhra Pradesh

D. Important Terms

Fifth-Generation Fighter Aircraft

Advanced stealth fighter aircraft with modern sensors and radar evasion.

Stealth Technology

Technology reducing radar detection.

Supercruise

Supersonic flight without afterburners.

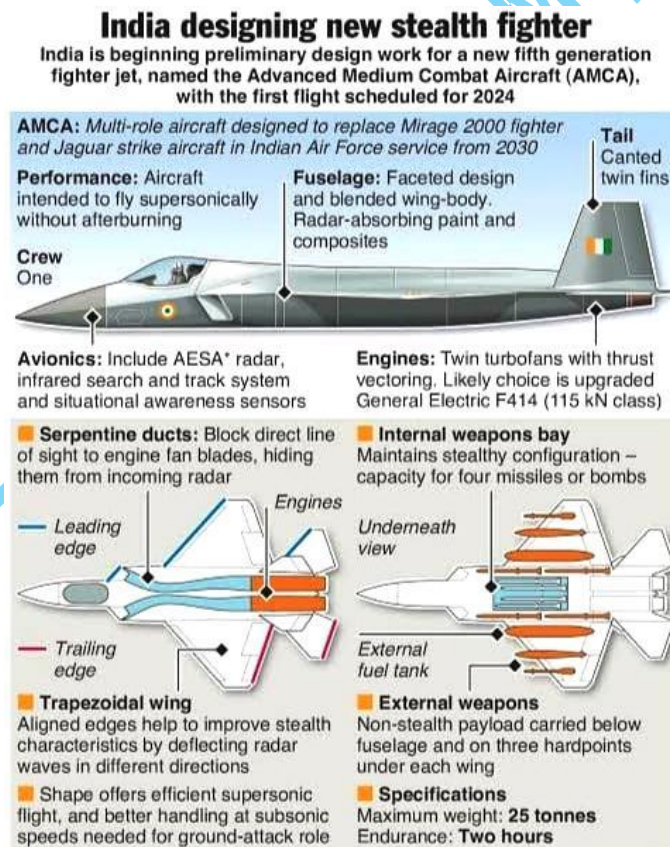
Request for Proposal (RFP)

Official invitation for companies to submit bids.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Aeronautical Development Agency Leads AMCA development.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Traditional aircraft manufacturer.
- Tata Advanced Systems One of the shortlisted bidders.

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes



Provision / Policy

Purpose

Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020	Defence procurement framework
Atmanirbhar Bharat	Self-reliance initiative
Union List Entry 1	Defence of India
Union List Entry 2	Armed forces

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- AMCA is India's fifth-generation fighter aircraft.
- ADA is developing the aircraft.

- DAP 2020 promotes indigenous defence production.
- Stealth technology reduces radar visibility.
- Supercruise allows sustained supersonic flight.
- Andhra Pradesh hosts AMCA infrastructure project.
- Atmanirbhar Bharat promotes self-reliance.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match AMCA with stealth aircraft.
- Questions on DAP 2020.
- Statement-based question on supercruise.
- Defence manufacturing-related MCQ.

12. National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates 2022-23

A. Core Idea

India's healthcare spending pattern is changing with lower out-of-pocket expenses and higher government health spending.

B. Why in News

The Ministry of Health released the National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates 2022-23.

C. Key Facts & Figures

Fact	Details
Report	National Health Accounts (NHA)
Year	2022-23
OOPE in 2013-14	64.2%
OOPE in 2022-23	43.4%
Public Health Spending	1.43% of GDP
Target under NHP 2017	2.5% of GDP

Fact

Details

Ayushman Centres Over 1.8 lakh

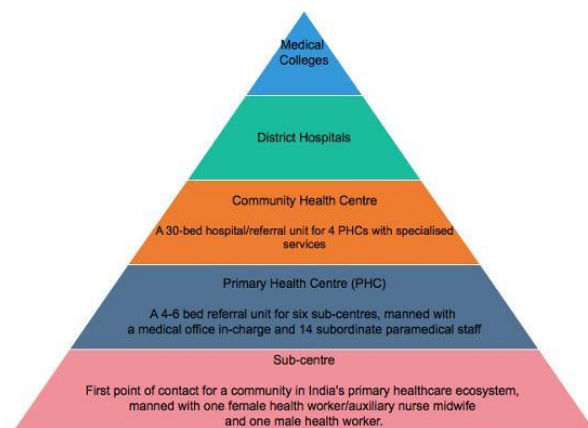
D. Important Terms

Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE)

Healthcare expenses directly paid by households.

National Health Accounts (NHA)

India's Public Health Delivery System



System to track health expenditure in a country.

Social Security Expenditure

Government-supported healthcare spending.

Per Capita Health Expenditure

Average health spending per person.

E. Institutions / Organisations Involved

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Released the report.
- National Health Accounts Technical Secretariat Prepared NHA estimates.

F. Government Acts / Policies / Schemes

Provision / Scheme	Purpose
National Health Policy, 2017	Improve healthcare system
Ayushman Arogya Mandir	Primary healthcare centres
Article 21	Right to health
Article 47	Public health improvement

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- OOPE declined from 64.2% to 43.4%.
- Public health spending increased to 1.43% of GDP.
- National Health Policy target is 2.5% of GDP.
- Ayushman Arogya Mandirs provide primary healthcare.
- Article 47 relates to public health.

- Pharmaceutical purchases still increase OOPE.
- NHA tracks healthcare financing data.

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Questions on National Health Policy 2017.
- Match OOPE with its meaning.
- Statement-based question on health expenditure.
- Article 21 and right to health MCQ.

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