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1. West Asia Tensions & Pakistan's Mediation

A. Core Idea

West Asia tensions increased due to conflict between Iran and the U.S./Israel, while Pakistan is trying to reduce tensions through talks.

B. Why in News

Pakistan hosted diplomatic meetings to reduce Iran–U.S. tensions.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Strait of Hormuz: ~20% of global oil passes
- Islamabad: Venue of diplomatic talks
- Countries involved: Iran, USA, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye, Egypt

D. Important Terms

- **Ground Invasion:** Entry of army troops into another country
- **De-escalation:** Reducing conflict intensity
- **Shuttle Diplomacy:** Mediation by a third country

E. Institutions / Organisations

- United Nations (UN)
- Foreign Ministries of involved countries

F. Government Acts / Policies

- UN Charter Article 2(4): No use of force
- UN Charter Article 51: Right to self-defense

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Pakistan acting as mediator between Iran and USA
- Strait of Hormuz is key for oil transport
- Iran warned against U.S. ground invasion
- Saudi Arabia & Turkiye part of talks
- West Asia = Middle East region
- Conflict affects India's energy security



H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match countries with region (West Asia)
- Strait of Hormuz → location-based question
- UN Charter Articles → statement-based MCQ

2. Telangana Parental Support Bill, 2026

A. Core Idea

Law makes it compulsory for earning children to financially support their parents.

B. Why in News

Telangana Assembly passed a new law on parental support.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Max deduction: **15% salary or ₹10,000**
- Applies to: Govt + Private employees + MLAs/MPs

- Year: 2026

D. Important Terms

- **Parental Support:** Providing food, shelter, medical care
- **Salary Deduction:** Money cut from salary legally
- **Nominated Member:** Appointed, not elected



E. Institutions / Organisations

- Telangana Legislative Assembly
- State Government Authorities

F. Government Acts / Policies

- Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007
- Article 41 (DPSP): Support in old age
- Article 21: Right to live with dignity

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- First law linking salary deduction to parental care
- Applies to private sector also
- Gender-neutral law
- Max ₹10,000 deduction limit
- Strengthens elderly welfare
- State-level law (not central)

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- DPSP (Article 41) → factual MCQ
- 2007 Act → direct question
- Statement-based on salary deduction limit

3. Theft of Explosives & Detonators in India

A. Core Idea

Large-scale theft of detonators from storage sites poses a security threat in India.

B. Why in News

RTI data revealed missing explosives in Naxal-affected areas.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Ban on electric detonators: **2023 notification**

- Full implementation: **April 2025**
- High-risk states: Chhattisgarh (Janjgir-Champa)

D. Important Terms

- **Detonator:** Device to trigger explosion
- **Magazine:** Storage place for explosives
- **IED:** Improvised explosive device

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO)
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry

F. Government Acts / Policies

- Explosives Act, 1884
- Explosives Rules, 2008
- UAPA, 1967

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Explosives fall under **Union List**
- PESO regulates explosives
- Electric detonators being phased out
- LWE areas most affected
- Used in mining + illegal activities
- RTI exposed security gaps

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- PESO → function-based MCQ
- Explosives Act → year-based question
- Union List → subject-based question

4. ASI Excavation at Balirajgarh (Bihar)



A. Core Idea

ASI is excavating Balirajgarh to study the ancient Videha Kingdom.

B. Why in News

New large-scale excavation started in Madhubani, Bihar.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Area: **176 acres**
- Location: Madhubani (Bihar)
- Periods found: Maurya, Sunga, Kushan, Gupta, Pala

D. Important Terms

- **NBPW**: Fine black pottery of Mauryan period
- **Virgin Soil**: Undisturbed natural layer
- **Punch-marked Coins**: Oldest Indian coins

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
- Ministry of Culture

F. Government Acts / Policies

- AMASR Act, 1958
- Article 49: Protect monuments

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Balirajgarh linked to Videha Kingdom
- Located in Bihar (Madhubani)
- Fortified ancient city
- NBPW → Mauryan period
- ASI conducts excavations
- Important for ancient Indian history



H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match dynasty with pottery (NBPW → Mauryan)
- ASI → function-based question
- Location-based MCQ (Bihar sites)

5. PM-KUSUM 2.0 (Solar Scheme Upgrade)

A. Core Idea

PM-KUSUM 2.0 aims to improve solar power use in farming by adding battery storage and agrivoltaics.

B. Why in News

Government preparing upgraded version of PM-KUSUM scheme.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Agrivoltaics target: **10 GW**
- Solar pumps installed: **10 lakh+**
- Solarised pumps: **13 lakh**
- Funding pattern: **30:30:40 (Centre:State:Farmer)**

D. Important Terms

- **Agrivoltaics:** Farming + solar panels on same land
- **BESS:** Battery system to store electricity
- **Feeder Solarisation:** Solar power for entire feeder line

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- Ministry of Power
- DISCOMs

F. Government Acts / Policies

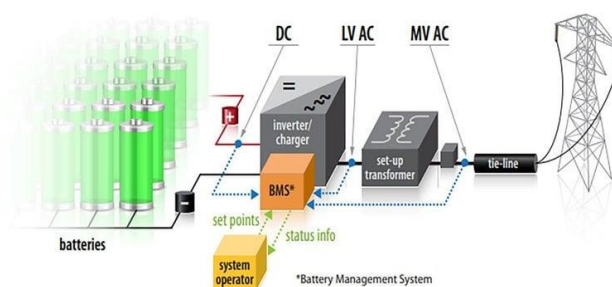
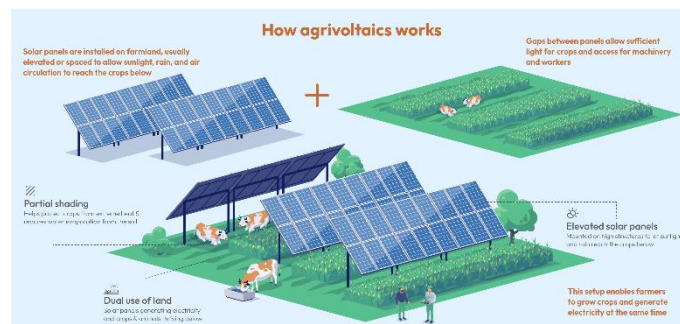
- Energy Conservation Act, 2001
- Article 48A (Environment protection)

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Farmers can sell surplus solar power
- Solar energy used for irrigation pumps
- Battery storage solves day-night mismatch
- Scheme promotes renewable energy
- Reduces diesel use in agriculture
- Digital portal for subsidy management

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match scheme with ministry (MNRE)
- Agrivoltaics → definition-based MCQ
- Funding pattern question



6. Ethanol Blending in India (E20 → E27 Debate)

A. Core Idea

India is increasing ethanol mixing in petrol to reduce oil imports.

B. Why in News

Industry pushing for higher blending beyond 20%.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Current blending: **20% (E20)**
- Earlier: **1.5% (10 years ago)**
- Oil saved: **45 million barrels/year**
- Savings: **₹1.44 lakh crore**
- EV share: **~3%**

D. Important Terms

- **E20**: 20% ethanol + 80% petrol
- **FFV**: Vehicle using petrol + ethanol mix
- **1G Ethanol**: From food crops

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas
- NITI Aayog



F. Government Acts / Policies

- National Policy on Biofuels, 2018 (amended 2022)
- Article 48A (Environment)

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- India achieved E20 target by 2025
- Ethanol reduces crude oil import
- Sugarcane, maize used for ethanol
- Risk: food vs fuel issue
- FFVs needed for higher blending
- Helps reduce air pollution

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- E20 meaning → direct MCQ
- Biofuel policy year → factual question
- 1G vs 2G ethanol → match-type

7. India Imports LPG & LNG from Angola

A. Core Idea

India is importing gas from Angola to reduce dependence on West Asia.

B. Why in News

Supply disrupted due to Strait of Hormuz tensions.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- LPG import dependency: ~60%
- Natural gas import: ~50%
- Hormuz carries: ~20% global oil
- Angola transit time shorter by 10–15 days

D. Important Terms

- **LPG:** Propane + Butane gas
- **LNG:** Liquefied natural gas
- **Term Contract:** Long-term supply agreement

E. Institutions / Organisations

- IOCL, BPCL, HPCL, GAIL
- Sonangol (Angola's oil company)



F. Government Acts / Policies

- Essential Commodities Act, 1955
- Union List Entry 53 (Petroleum)

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Angola is in Africa
- Strait of Hormuz = key oil route
- India diversifying energy sources
- LPG used as cooking fuel
- LNG used in power and industry
- Energy security = national priority

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Map-based: Angola location
- Strait of Hormuz → importance
- LPG vs LNG → difference

8. WTO Fisheries Subsidy Issue (India's Stand)

A. Core Idea

India supports small fishermen and opposes strict global subsidy rules.

B. Why in News

Issue discussed at WTO Ministerial Conference.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Fisher families: ~9 million
- India subsidy: ~\$15 per family
- Developed nations: very high subsidies

D. Important Terms

- **Artisanal Fishing:** Small-scale traditional fishing
- **Overfishing:** Catching more fish than sustainable
- **S&DT:** Special treatment for developing countries

E. Institutions / Organisations

- World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry

F. Government Acts / Policies

- Maritime Zones Act, 1976
- Article 21 (Right to livelihood)

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- WTO = global trade body
- India demands 25-year transition period
- Small fishermen need protection
- Industrial fishing causes overfishing
- Fisheries = State List subject
- India supports sustainable fishing

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- WTO → function-based MCQ
- S&DT meaning → conceptual question
- Fisheries → State List (important fact)



9. Rural Wage Issue: MGNREGA → VB-GRAM G Act

A. Core Idea

New rural employment law changes wage system but wages remain low compared to market rates.

B. Why in News

Shift from MGNREGA to VB-GRAM G Act created debate on wage issues.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Cost sharing: **60:40 (Centre:State)**
- Wage index: **CPI-AL (Agricultural Labourers)**
- Earlier: Centre paid **100% wages (MGNREGA)**

D. Important Terms

- **Real Wage Freeze:** No increase in actual purchasing power
- **CPI-AL:** Inflation index for rural labourers
- **Non-obstante Clause:** Law overriding other laws

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Ministry of Rural Development
- State Governments

F. Government Acts / Policies

- MGNREGA, 2005
- Minimum Wages Act, 1948
- Article 23: Prohibits forced labour
- Article 43: Living wage

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- MGNREGA guarantees rural employment
- VB-GRAM G introduces cost sharing
- Wages linked to CPI-AL
- Minimum wage law may apply now
- Payment delays affect participation
- Rural wages act as wage floor

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- MGNREGA → features-based MCQ
- CPI-AL → definition question
- DPSP (Article 43) → match-type



10. CAPF (General Administration) Bill, 2026

A. Core Idea

New law defines recruitment and IPS role in leadership of CAPFs.

B. Why in News

Bill introduced in Rajya Sabha on March 25, 2026.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- DG & Special DG: **100% IPS**
- Additional DG: **≥67% IPS**
- IG level: **50% IPS**

D. Important Terms

- **Deputation:** Temporary transfer of officer
- **GAGDO:** CAPF officers (Assistant Commandant+)
- **OGAS:** Group 'A' service status

E. Institutions / Organisations

- CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP, SSB
- Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)

F. Government Acts / Policies

- Article 312: All India Services
- Article 309: Service conditions
- Union List Entry 2: Armed forces

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- CAPFs known as “Five Sisters”
- IPS officers dominate top posts
- Bill applies to 5 CAPFs
- IPS ensures Centre-State coordination
- CAPF officers recruited via UPSC
- Internal security handled by CAPFs



H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Match force with function (BSF-border, CISF-industrial)
- IPS → All India Service (Article 312)
- Statement-based on deputation %

11. Maharashtra Freedom of Religion Bill, 2026

A. Core Idea

Law restricts forced or illegal religious conversions.

B. Why in News

Maharashtra passed new anti-conversion law.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Notice period: **60 days before conversion**
- Punishment: **7–10 years jail**
- Fine: Up to **₹7 lakh**

D. Important Terms

- **Allurement:** Offering money/gifts for conversion
- **Cognizable Offence:** Police can arrest without warrant
- **Non-bailable:** Bail not a right

E. Institutions / Organisations

- Maharashtra Government
- Police & District Authorities

F. Government Acts / Policies

- Article 25: Freedom of religion
- Article 21: Right to life
- Article 13: Laws cannot violate rights

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Conversion by force or fraud is illegal
- Prior declaration required
- Family members can file complaint
- Marriage for conversion can be void
- Higher punishment for women/minors/SC-ST
- Public order is State subject

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Article 25 → freedom of religion
- Cognizable offence → definition
- Statement-based on penalties



12. Anti-Maoist Strategy in India (LWE)

A. Core Idea

India's strategy against Maoists focuses on security + development.

B. Why in News

Government aims to eliminate Maoism by March 2026.

C. Key Facts & Figures

- Peak crisis: **2006–2009**
- Dantewada attack: **2010**
- Target elimination: **March 31, 2026**

D. Important Terms

- **LWE**: Left Wing Extremism (Maoists)
- **Red Corridor**: Naxal-affected region
- **Surrender Policy**: Rehab for militants

E. Institutions / Organisations

- CRPF
- Ministry of Home Affairs
- State Police

F. Government Acts / Policies

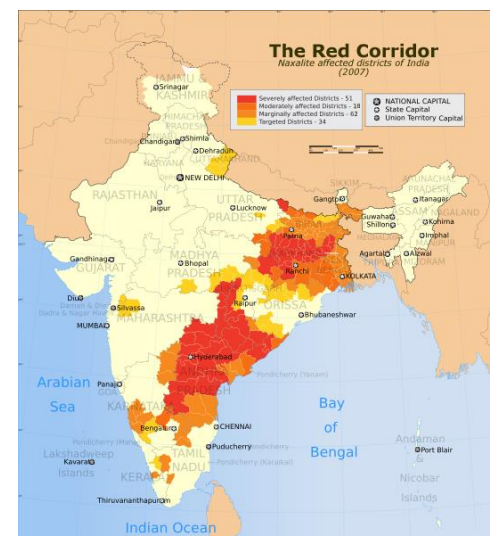
- UAPA, 1967
- Article 355: Centre protects states
- PESA Act, 1996

G. Direct Exam Takeaways

- Maoism = internal security threat
- CRPF plays major role
- Development reduces extremism
- Tribal participation important
- LWE mainly in central-eastern India
- Centre-State coordination needed

H. PYQ / Expected Question Angles

- Map: Red Corridor states
- UAPA → purpose-based MCQ
- Article 355 → duty of Union



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