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Expected Topics for UPSC GS Paper-I Mains 2025

| S.No | Topic | Sub-topic | Why It's Expected in 2025 |
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| I. Indian Culture (11 Topics) | | | |
| 1 | Nagara style of Temple Architecture and its regional variations | Indian Culture | Consecration of the Ram Mandir at Ayodhya (Jan 2024), a prime example of Nagara architecture, has brought the style into national focus. |
| 2 | The legacy and philosophy of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati | Indian Culture | The 200th birth anniversary of the founder of Arya Samaj was celebrated in February 2024, highlighting his contributions to social reform. |
| 3 | India's Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) and the UNESCO list | Indian Culture | Garba of Gujarat was added to the UNESCO ICH list in late 2023. Questions on the process and significance of such recognitions are highly probable. |
| 4 | The syncretic nature of Sufi and Bhakti movements in promoting social harmony | Indian Culture | This is a classic UPSC theme, gaining relevance in the context of contemporary debates on secularism and communalism. |
| 5 | Contributions of ancient India to Science and Mathematics (e.g., metallurgy, astronomy) | Indian Culture | Renewed government focus on highlighting India's ancient scientific achievements, as also reflected in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. |
| 6 | Development of Rock-Cut Architecture from Mauryan caves to Pallava Rathas | Indian Culture | An evergreen topic. UPSC often asks comparative questions on architectural evolution across different periods. |
| 7 | Maritime history of ancient and medieval India: Trade, cultural exchange, and naval power | Indian Culture | Growing focus on India's maritime security (e.g., SAGAR initiative) spurs interest in its historical maritime traditions and influence in the Indian Ocean Region. |
| 8 | The role and status of women in the Vedic and post-Vedic periods | Indian Culture | Contemporary debates on women's rights and the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) often draw parallels or contrasts with historical positions. |
| 9 | The influence of Buddhist art and philosophy on Southeast Asian culture | Indian Culture | Aligns with India's 'Act East' policy and the emphasis on strengthening cultural ties with ASEAN nations. |
| 10 | Chola bronze sculpture as a pinnacle of artistic achievement | Indian Culture | Recent efforts in retrieving stolen antiquities, including Chola-era idols, have kept this topic in the news. |

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| 11 | The evolution and significance of classical dance forms and their modern adaptations | Indian Culture | Government patronage and international recognition of artists keep classical performing arts relevant for the exam. |
| II. Modern Indian History (20 Topics) | | | |
| 12 | The decline of the Mughal Empire and the rise of regional powers in the 18th century | Modern Indian History | Foundational topic to understand the conditions that facilitated British conquest. UPSC often revisits this transition period. |
| 13 | Economic policies of the British Raj: Land revenue systems, de-industrialization, and drain of wealth | Modern Indian History | A core, high-yield topic. Its understanding is crucial for analyzing post-independence economic challenges. |
| 14 | The Charter Act of 1813 and its impact on Indian education and administration | Modern Indian History | This act marked a significant shift in the Company's role and is crucial for understanding the origins of modern education and missionary activities. |
| 15 | The role of the press in shaping public opinion and nationalist sentiment before 1857 | Modern Indian History | Increasing relevance due to contemporary debates on media freedom and its role in democracy. |
| 16 | Paika Rebellion (1817) and the debate over its recognition as the 'First War of Independence' | Modern Indian History | The ongoing historical debate and political discussions keep this tribal uprising a potential topic. |
| 17 | Social reform movements in the 19th century: Debates on Sati, widow remarriage, and child marriage | Modern Indian History | Essential topic, with direct linkages to contemporary social issues and legislation regarding women's rights. |
| 18 | The role of Christian Missionaries in colonial India: Impact on society, education, and religion | Modern Indian History | A nuanced topic that UPSC might explore to assess a candidate's balanced perspective on colonial-era interactions. |
| 19 | The administrative and judicial reforms of Cornwallis, Wellesley, and Bentinck | Modern Indian History | Understanding the foundation of India's modern civil services, police, and judicial systems is critical. |
| 20 | The nature of the Revolt of 1857: Historiographical debates | Modern Indian History | An evergreen topic that tests the candidate's analytical skills regarding different historical interpretations. |
| 21 | Development of railways in India: Motives, impact, and legacy | Modern Indian History | Links historical development with economic geography. Relevant due to the ongoing modernization of Indian Railways. |
| 22 | British forest policies and their impact on tribal communities | Modern Indian History | Relevant due to ongoing debates on the Forest Rights Act, Forest Conservation (Amendment) Act 2023, and tribal rights. |

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| 23 | The evolution of the Indian Civil Service (ICS) and the question of Indianization | Modern Indian History | Foundational for understanding the 'steel frame' of Indian administration and the challenges it faces today. |
| 24 | The contribution of Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule to social revolution | Modern Indian History | Their contributions to anti-caste movements and women's education are increasingly recognized and celebrated, making them important personalities. |
| 25 | The significance of the Ilbert Bill controversy (1883) | Modern Indian History | A crucial event that exposed the deep-seated racial arrogance of the British and galvanized Indian nationalist feelings. |
| 26 | The economic critique of colonialism by early nationalists like Dadabhai Naoroji and R.C. Dutt | Modern Indian History | A core theme of economic nationalism that shaped the freedom struggle and post-independence economic policy. |
| 27 | Peasant movements and agrarian struggles in the 19th and early 20th centuries | Modern Indian History | Current farmers' protests and agrarian distress make the historical context of such movements highly relevant. |
| 28 | The development of vernacular literature and its role in fostering nationalism | Modern Indian History | This cultural dimension of the freedom struggle is a potential area for a specific, nuanced question. |
| 29 | Lord Curzon's policies and their impact on the Indian national movement | Modern Indian History | Curzon's administrative actions, particularly the Partition of Bengal, were a turning point that intensified the freedom struggle. |
| 30 | The rise and impact of the Theosophical Society in India | Modern Indian History | Represents a unique interaction between Western and Indian thought, influencing figures like Annie Besant. |
| 31 | Tribal uprisings in colonial India: Causes, nature, and significance (e.g., Santhal, Munda) | Modern Indian History | Continued government focus on recognizing tribal heroes and their struggles (e.g., Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas) makes this a high-priority area. |

III. The Freedom Struggle (10 Topics)

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| 32 | The Swadeshi Movement (1905-08): Methods, participation, and long-term impact | Freedom Struggle | A key movement that saw the first major participation of the masses and introduced new techniques of protest. |
| 33 | The contribution of Revolutionary Nationalists (e.g., Anushilan Samiti, Bhagat Singh) | Freedom Struggle | The 100th anniversary of the Kakori Conspiracy will be in August 2025, making the role of revolutionaries a highly expected topic. |
| 34 | The significance of the Vaikom Satyagraha (1924-25) for social justice | Freedom Struggle | The centenary of this landmark movement against untouchability began in 2024, making it extremely important. |
| 35 | The Civil Disobedience Movement: Role of the Dandi March and participation of women | Freedom Struggle | A pivotal Gandhian movement. UPSC often focuses on the mass participation aspect, especially that of women. |

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| 36 | The role of Subhas Chandra Bose and the Indian National Army (INA) | Freedom Struggle | An enduringly popular and important topic, often in the news due to declassification of files and political discourse. |
| 37 | The Quit India Movement of 1942 as a spontaneous revolution | Freedom Struggle | Often called the 'leaderless' movement, its nature and the role of underground activities are key areas of analysis. |
| 38 | The Cabinet Mission (1946) and the final phase of the transfer of power | Freedom Struggle | Crucial for understanding the complex negotiations that led to Partition and Independence. |
| 39 | Role of business classes in the Indian National Movement | Freedom Struggle | An analytical topic exploring the complex and often vacillating relationship between Indian capitalists and the freedom struggle. |
| 40 | The contribution of women from different regions in the freedom struggle | Freedom Struggle | In line with UPSC's trend of focusing on gender, questions on specific women leaders or their collective role are likely. |
| 41 | The role of peasants and workers' organizations in the freedom struggle | Freedom Struggle | Explores the 'subaltern' dimension of the national movement, beyond mainstream political leadership. |

IV. Post-Independence Consolidation (10 Topics)

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| 42 | The challenge of the integration of Princely States and the role of Sardar Patel | Post-Independence Consolidation | The 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel falls on 31st October 2025, making his contributions exceptionally important. |
| 43 | The linguistic reorganization of states: Debates, process, and consequences | Post-Independence Consolidation | An evergreen topic that remains relevant amid sporadic demands for new states and debates on federalism. |
| 44 | The legacy of the Green Revolution: Achievements, failures, and the need for an evergreen revolution | Post-Independence Consolidation | Relevant in the context of ongoing agrarian distress, farmers' protests, MSP demands, and ecological concerns. |
| 45 | The imposition of the National Emergency (1975-77) and its impact on Indian democracy | Post-Independence Consolidation | The 50th anniversary of the Emergency will be in June 2025. A question on its causes, events, and consequences is almost certain. |
| 46 | India's Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) policy: Its relevance in the contemporary multi-polar world | Post-Independence Consolidation | India's push for 'strategic autonomy' and leadership of the 'Global South' brings the principles of NAM back into discussion. |
| 47 | The JP Movement (Total Revolution) and its influence on Indian politics | Post-Independence Consolidation | A precursor to the Emergency and a significant event that reshaped India's political landscape. |
| 48 | India's Nuclear Program: From Pokhran-I (1974) to Pokhran-II (1998) | Post-Independence Consolidation | The 50th anniversary of Pokhran-I was in May 2024, highlighting India's journey as a nuclear power. |

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| 49 | The land reform movement in post-independence India: Successes, limitations, and unfinished agenda | Post-Independence Consolidation | A foundational topic for understanding rural poverty and social structure in India. |
| 50 | The challenge of insurgency in North-East India and the evolution of state policy | Post-Independence Consolidation | Ongoing peace talks (e.g., with Naga groups) and the sensitive security situation in states like Manipur keep this topic relevant. |
| 51 | The 1991 economic reforms: Rationale, components, and impact on the Indian economy and society | Post-Independence Consolidation | A landmark event whose long-term consequences are still being debated and analyzed. |

V. World History (10 Topics)

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| 52 | The Industrial Revolution: Causes and its social and economic impact on society | World History | A fundamental syllabus topic that lays the groundwork for understanding modern capitalism and socialism. |
| 53 | The American Revolution: Key ideas and their global influence | World History | Its emphasis on liberty, constitutionalism, and republicanism influenced many subsequent freedom movements. |
| 54 | The Unification of Germany and Italy in the 19th century | World History | Classic examples of nationalism shaping state boundaries, a core syllabus theme. |
| 55 | World War I: Causes, course, and its geopolitical consequences | World History | The redrawing of national boundaries and the fall of empires after WWI are key syllabus areas. |
| 56 | The Russian Revolution (1917) and the rise of Communism | World History | Understanding the ideology and impact of communism is essential, especially its contrast with capitalism. |
| 57 | The Great Depression (1929) and its impact on the world economy and politics | World History | Relevant for understanding global economic crises and the rise of state intervention in the economy. |
| 58 | World War II: End of the war and the establishment of the post-war global order | World History | The 80th anniversary of the end of WWII and the founding of the UN is in 2025. The current stress on this global order makes this topic critical. |
| 59 | The process of decolonization in Africa and Asia after WWII | World History | Relevant due to the rising voice of the 'Global South' and contemporary debates on neo-colonialism. |
| 60 | The Cold War and its end: The collapse of the USSR and its consequences | World History | The current Russia-Ukraine conflict and NATO-Russia tensions are direct consequences of the post-Cold War geopolitical shifts. |
| 61 | The Vietnam War (ending 1975) as an example of Cold War proxy conflict | World History | The 50th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon is in 2025. The war offers lessons on asymmetric warfare and superpower limitations. |

VI. Indian Society (17 Topics)

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| 62 | The debate over a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and its implications for India's diversity | Indian Society | A major political and social issue, with the Law Commission actively seeking views. A highly probable question. |
| 63 | The 'Gig Economy': Its impact on labour rights, social security, and the future of work in India | Indian Society | A defining feature of modern urban employment. Recent government reports and worker protests make it a hot topic. |
| 64 | The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (Women's Reservation Act): Prospects and challenges for political empowerment | Role of Women and Women's Organization | A landmark legislation whose implementation and potential impact will be a key area of discussion. |
| 65 | The issue of Caste Census: Social, political, and administrative implications | Social Empowerment | A highly contentious and politically significant issue that has dominated national discourse. |
| 66 | The impact of social media on Indian social fabric and electoral politics | Effects of Globalization | Relevant due to concerns over fake news, polarization, and the role of social media in shaping public opinion. |
| 67 | Urbanization and the growing crisis of urban flooding in India | Urbanization, their problems and their remedies | Frequent flooding in major cities (Delhi, Chennai, Bengaluru) has made this a critical issue of urban planning and governance. |
| 68 | The challenge of an aging population in India: Socio-economic and health implications | Population and Associated Issues | India's demographic transition is leading to a growing elderly population, requiring policy focus on pensions, healthcare, and social support. |
| 69 | Regionalism in India: Is it a threat to national integration or an expression of cultural identity? | Regionalism | The persistence of regional aspirations and center-state tensions keeps this a relevant analytical topic. |
| 70 | The role of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in women's empowerment and rural development | Role of Women and Women's Organization | A success story of social empowerment that is frequently highlighted by the government (e.g., Lakhpati Didi scheme). |
| 71 | Effects of Globalization on Indian family structures and value systems | Effects of Globalization on Indian society | A classic sociological topic that remains relevant as India navigates the interplay of tradition and modernity. |
| 72 | Malnutrition and hunger as persistent developmental challenges in India | Poverty and Developmental issues | India's performance on global hunger indices and the focus on schemes like Poshan Abhiyaan make this a critical issue. |
| 73 | Secularism in India: Philosophical debates and contemporary challenges | Secularism | The concept of secularism is constantly debated in India's political and social spheres. |

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| 74 | The Digital Divide and its impact on access to education and essential services | Poverty and Developmental issues | While Digital India is a priority, the gap in access remains a significant barrier to inclusive development, as highlighted during the pandemic. |
| 75 | Communalism: Factors responsible for its rise and its impact on society | Communalism | An evergreen topic of high sensitivity and importance for understanding Indian polity and society. |
| 76 | Mental health issues among youth and the urban workforce | Population and Associated Issues | Increasing recognition of mental health as a major public health challenge in post-COVID India. |
| 77 | Internal migration in India: Patterns, challenges, and policy responses | Urbanization, their problems and their remedies | The plight of migrant workers remains a key concern, linking to issues of urban planning, social security, and 'One Nation, One Ration Card'. |
| 78 | The changing nature of marriage and divorce in urban India | Salient features of Indian Society | Reflects societal change, the evolving status of women, and legal reforms. |

VII. Geography (22 Topics)

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| 79 | The mechanism of the Indian Monsoon and its link to El Niño/La Niña Southern Oscillation (ENSO) | Salient features of World's Physical Geography | Perennially important for India. Recent erratic monsoons and global weather pattern shifts make it critical. |
| 80 | Heatwaves as a disaster: Causes, impact, and mitigation strategies | Important Geophysical Phenomena | Increasing frequency and intensity of heatwaves in India have led to their formal recognition as a disaster by the NDMA, making it a hot topic. |
| 81 | The geopolitical and economic impact of the Red Sea shipping crisis on global trade routes | Distribution of Key Natural Resources | The Houthi attacks have disrupted a key artery of world trade, highlighting the vulnerability of global supply chains. |
| 82 | Critical Minerals: Global distribution and India's strategy for securing supply chains | Distribution of Key Natural Resources | The government's focus on identifying and securing critical minerals (e.g., Lithium, Cobalt) for the green energy and electronics sectors is a major policy push. |
| 83 | Location factors for the Semiconductor Industry and India's push for establishing a manufacturing ecosystem | Factors responsible for location of industries | The India Semiconductor Mission is a flagship program. A question on the geographical and economic factors required for its success is highly likely. |
| 84 | Melting Himalayan glaciers and the threat of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) | Changes in critical geographical features | Climate change's impact on the 'Third Pole' is a major concern, highlighted by events like the Sikkim GLOF disaster (2023). |
| 85 | Urban Flooding: Geographical causes and the role of urban planning in mitigation | Geographical features and their location | A recurring disaster in Indian cities, linking geography with poor urban governance, encroachment on floodplains, and climate change. |

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| 86 | The formation and intensification of tropical cyclones in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea | Important Geophysical Phenomena | With climate change, the frequency and intensity of cyclones hitting Indian coasts are increasing, testing disaster management systems. |
| 87 | The water crisis in Indian cities, with a focus on groundwater depletion (e.g., Bengaluru) | Distribution of Key Natural Resources | The severe water crisis in cities like Bengaluru in 2024 has brought the issue of urban water management and over-extraction of groundwater to the forefront. |
| 88 | Ocean current systems and their influence on global climate and marine ecosystems | Salient features of World's Physical Geography | A fundamental concept in climatology, linking to broader themes of climate change and marine resource distribution. |
| 89 | The concept of 'Virtual Water Trade' and its relevance for a water-stressed country like India | Distribution of Key Natural Resources | An advanced concept linking trade, agriculture, and water resources management that UPSC might ask to test deeper understanding. |
| 90 | The National Green Hydrogen Mission and its geographical implications | Factors responsible for location of industries | This mission requires specific geographical conditions (e.g., solar radiation in Rajasthan/Gujarat) and has huge implications for India's energy landscape. |
| 91 | Soil degradation and desertification in India: Causes and remedial measures | Changes in critical geographical features | A slow-onset disaster that affects agricultural productivity and links to land use patterns and climate change. |
| 92 | Plate Tectonics and the seismic vulnerability of the Himalayan region | Important Geophysical Phenomena | The Himalayan seismic gap remains a major threat. Recent earthquakes in Nepal and Afghanistan highlight the region's vulnerability. |
| 93 | Factors responsible for the location of the iron and steel industry in Eastern India | Factors responsible for location of industries | A classic economic geography question that tests understanding of Weber's theory of industrial location. |
| 94 | The geographical and ecological significance of the Western Ghats | Geographical features and their location | A UNESCO World Heritage site facing threats from development and climate change, making it a perennial topic of concern. |
| 95 | Coral bleaching: Causes, consequences, and global hotspots | Changes in flora and fauna | A direct consequence of rising ocean temperatures due to climate change, threatening vital marine ecosystems. |
| 96 | Changes in cropping patterns in India due to climate change and market forces | Factors responsible for location of primary sector industries | An intersection of geography, economics, and climate change, affecting farmer incomes and food security. |
| 97 | Geothermal Energy: Potential in India and factors determining its location | Distribution of Key Natural Resources | As India diversifies its renewable energy portfolio, the potential of geothermal energy (e.g., Puga Valley) becomes a relevant topic. |

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| 98 | The process and landforms associated with Karst topography | Salient features of World's Physical Geography | A core topic from geomorphology that UPSC can ask to test fundamental knowledge. |
| 99 | India's inland waterways project: Potential, challenges, and geographical factors | Distribution of Key Natural Resources | An important infrastructure project that leverages India's river systems for transport, linking geography and economy. |
| 100 | The concept of planetary boundaries and its implications for sustainable development | Changes in critical geographical features | A broader conceptual topic that frames the environmental challenges facing humanity within a scientific framework. |

UPSC Mains GS 2: Expected Topics

| | Topic | Reason for Importance | Relevance to GS 2 Syllabus Heading |
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| 1 | One Nation One Election proposal | Debate on simultaneous elections; JPC on 129th Amendment Ramnath Kovind committee report | Federalism; Electoral reforms; Parliament & State legislatures |
| 2 | Women's Reservation Act 2023 | 33% reservation for women; to be implemented post-delimitation | Constitutional amendment; Social Justice—women's empowerment |
| 3 | Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023 | First comprehensive data privacy law | E-governance; Fundamental Rights (Art 19/21) |
| 4 | Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 (IPC overhaul) | Major criminal law reforms; sedition removed | Separation of powers; Criminal-justice reforms |
| 5 | Electoral Bonds verdict 2024 | SC invalidation of anonymous funding; transparency push | Judiciary; Representation of People Act; Voting rights |
| 6 | Same-Sex Marriage SC ruling 2023 | SC declined marriage equality; judicial vs legislative role | Fundamental Rights; LGBTQ+; Social Justice |
| 7 | Uniform Civil Code (Uttarakhand) 2024 | First state UCC; debates on secularism and personal law | Directive Principles; Federalism; Gender equality |
| 8 | Remote Voting for Migrant Workers | ECI pilot on Remote EVM; inclusive democracy | ECI reforms; Governance—inclusivity |
| 9 | GST Council vs States (Mohit Minerals 2022) | SC clarified Council's non-binding nature; fiscal federalism | Federalism; Centre-State financial relations |
| 10 | Internal Reservation for SC Sub-castes | Empirical sub-categorization allowed post-SC verdict | Affirmative action; Social Justice |
| 11 | Karnataka OBC Muslim quota litigation | SC: reservation not solely on religious basis | Reservation policy; Secularism; Equality |
| 12 | Economic Weaker Sections (EWS) Review | Assessment after 103rd Amendment upheld by SC | Affirmative action; Constitutional amendments |

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| 13 | Parliamentary Ethics Committee controversies 2024 | MPs' conduct and accountability | Functioning of Parliament |
| 14 | Speaker's disqualification powers (10th Schedule) | Floor crossing, "resort politics," demand for independent tribunals | Anti-defection law; Judiciary-Legislature interface |
| 15 | Delimitation after 2026 freeze | Impending population-based seat reallocation; federal friction | Federalism; Delimitation laws |
| 16 | Appointment of Election Commissioners Act 2023 | New selection process for ECs; Independence question | Constitutional bodies; Checks & balances |
| 17 | Judicial Accountability & Collegium transparency | MoP reforms, RTI queries on collegium | Judiciary appointments; Separation of powers |
| 18 | Lokayukta & Lokpal performance audit | Low disposal rates; calls for wider jurisdiction | Statutory bodies; Governance—accountability |
| 19 | NJAC revival debate | Political push to revisit NJAC verdict | Judiciary-Executive relations; Constitutional amendment |
| 20 | Governor-State friction (TN, Kerala) | Delays in bill assent; SC guidelines | Federalism; Governor's role |
| 21 | Tribal autonomy & Sixth Schedule expansion | Demands from Ladakh, NE states | Local governance; Fifth/Sixth Schedule |
| 22 | Panchayat digital governance reforms | E-GramSwaraj and audit portals | Local bodies; e-governance |
| 23 | Urban Local Body finance post-15th FC | Implementation of property tax reforms | Urban governance; Fiscal decentralization |
| 24 | Police reforms and Model Police Act | BNS, CBI vs state consent | Law & order; Police reforms |
| 25 | Judicial infrastructure mission | District court digitalization mission | Judiciary—access & efficiency |
| 26 | National Education Policy (federal challenges) | Tussle over Higher Education Commission Bill | Education governance; Centre-State relations |
| 27 | Health federalism post-COVID | Ayushman Bharat Digital; state schemes | Health governance; Social Justice |
| 28 | Gig-worker social security | Final rules under Social Security Code; protests by gig platforms | Labour policy; Welfare schemes |
| 29 | Climate governance & Just Transition | India's G20 climate commitments | International Relations—climate; Governance—environment |
| 30 | India-Maldives tensions 2024 | Regime change; India Out campaign | IR—Neighbourhood; Maritime security |
| 31 | India-Sri Lanka economic integration | Rupee trade; Tamil issue | IR—Neighbourhood; Diaspora |
| 32 | India-Bhutan energy cooperation | New hydropower MoUs, connectivity | IR; Energy diplomacy |

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| 33 | India–Nepal border settlements | Kalapani issue; diplomatic dialogue | IR—Borders |
| 34 | India–China LAC disengagement | Corps-Commander talks | IR—Security; SCO, BRICS |
| 35 | India–US tech initiative (iCET) | AI, semiconductors | IR—Strategic partnerships; Tech governance |
| 36 | Quad-Plus and Indo-Pacific law | UNCLOS compliance; FON ops | IR—Global groupings, maritime security |
| 37 | BRICS expansion 2024 | New members admitted | IR—Multilateral institutions |
| 38 | UNSC reform negotiations | India’s G4 engagement | IR—International institutions |
| 39 | Global South after India’s G20 presidency | IMEC launches, South-South partnership | IR; Development diplomacy |
| 40 | Israel– Hamas war & India | UN votes; energy security | West Asia relations |
| 41 | Afghanistan engagement | Taliban recognition debate | IR—Regional security |
| 42 | ASEAN–India trade upgrade | Services, digital trade deals | IR—Act East; Trade diplomacy |
| 43 | EU Carbon Border Mechanism | Indian exports’ WTO challenge | IR—International trade; Climate policy |
| 44 | Arctic Policy & Svalbard Treaty | Draft policy updates | IR—Global commons |
| 45 | International Solar Alliance expansion | New initiatives | Climate diplomacy |
| 46 | World Bank Evolution Roadmap | India on MDB reforms | Global economic governance |
| 47 | AI governance & global norms | UNESCO AI ethics, India’s draft AI policy | Tech policy; IR — global standards |
| 48 | Cybersecurity strategy 2024 | CERT-In amendments; surge in cyberattacks | Governance—cybersecurity |
| 49 | Deepfake regulation | Election misinformation, IT Act use | Media ethics; Election laws |
| 50 | Press freedom & defamation | SC on criminal defamation, sedition | Fundamental Rights; Judiciary |
| 51 | RTI Act dilution concerns | DPDP Act exemptions | Accountability mechanisms; Governance |
| 52 | Mission Karmayogi (Civil services reforms) | Competency-based training | Civil service reforms |
| 53 | Citizen charters & Sevottam 2.0 | Public delivery benchmarks | Governance—service improvement |
| 54 | NITI Aayog SDG Localisation dashboards | District competition | Governance—policy think-tank |
| 55 | NGT caseload & effectiveness | Caseload and expansion proposals | Statutory bodies; Environment |

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| 56 | Judicial review of environmental clearances | Great Nicobar dispute | Judiciary vs Executive |
| 57 | Disaster Management Act post-cyclones | Funding reforms; climate resilience | Disaster management |
| 58 | NCRB data transparency | Delayed statistics | Evidence-based policy |
| 59 | Prison reforms & overcrowding | Model Prison Manual, community service | Social Justice—vulnerable |
| 60 | E-Courts Phase-III | Paperless, virtual hearings | Judiciary—ICT |
| 61 | Transgender Persons Act | Slow implementation, GRC issues | Social Justice—marginalised groups |
| 62 | Rights of Persons with Disabilities audit | Accessibility audits in public sector | Social Justice |
| 63 | Juvenile Justice Model Rules 2023 | Faster adoptions, child care | Social Justice—children |
| 64 | Nutrition governance—Poshan Tracker | Scheme rationalisation | Governance—social sector |
| 65 | Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) export | Aadhaar/UPI exports | E-governance; Tech Diplomacy |
| 66 | FRBM review | 15th FC, states' freebies vs fiscal discipline | Fiscal policy; Governance |
| 67 | Cooperative federalism—PM GatiShakti | State onboarding issues | Federal relations |
| 68 | Concurrent List disputes | Education & Health bills tension | Federalism |
| 69 | Inter-State Council revival | Demand for meetings post-2016 | Centre–State relations |
| 70 | River water disputes | Mekedatu, Mahanadi; tribunal reforms | Federalism; Water resources |
| 71 | Tribal rights vs forest conservation | Cheetah project, FRA challenges | Social Justice; Environment |
| 72 | Minority welfare schemes review | Budget cuts, commission reports | Social Justice—minorities |
| 73 | NGO roles & FCRA | Restrictive licensing, civil society | Participatory governance |
| 74 | Electoral roll & Aadhaar linkage | SC: privacy vs voter fraud | Electoral reforms |
| 75 | Model Code of Conduct digital enforcement | Influencer regulation | Election management |
| 76 | Parliamentary Committees backlog | Pending reports, scrutiny quality | Legislative oversight |
| 77 | State Legislative Council creation | Odisha, Rajasthan proposals | Federalism; Bicameralism |
| 78 | Coastal zone governance (CRZ-II) | Balancing blue economy with livelihoods | Environment; Governance |

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| 79 | National Language Commission idea | Official language vs cultural diversity | Polity—language; Federalism |
| 80 | Digital Commons & Open Source policy | Government procurement; GNU | Digital India; Governance |
| 81 | ADR criminal MPs data | Push for electoral reforms | Representation of People Act |
| 82 | Court-mandated mediation law | ADR, Mediation Bill rules | Judicial reforms |
| 83 | India's refugee policy | No formal law; Rohingya/Afghan cases | IR—International conventions; Rights |
| 84 | Smart Cities Mission audit | Mission phasing out | Urban governance |
| 85 | Swachh Bharat Phase-II | ODF+ targets, behaviour change | Public service delivery |
| 86 | One Health approach | Pandemic response, zoonoses | Health governance; IR |
| 87 | National Research Foundation Bill | Research autonomy debate | Innovation governance |
| 88 | Internet shutdowns & proportionality | SC precedents; security vs rights | Fundamental Rights; Security |
| 89 | Caste census demand | Bihar pilot, policy implications | Social Justice; Data for policy |
| 90 | Crypto-assets regulation draft | Investor protection; FATF compliance | Fin/Tech governance |
| 91 | Public Sector Bank governance reforms | FSIB replaces Bank Boards Bureau | Regulatory reforms |
| 92 | New Logistics Policy & ULIP | Digital single window | Economic governance |
| 93 | Labour Codes implementation | States slow in adopting rules | Labour reforms; Centre–State |
| 94 | NaMo Drone Didi scheme | Tech for rural women's empowerment | Social Justice—gender; Innovation |
| 95 | PM-JANMAN tribal mission | Development of PVTGs | Tribal welfare; Social Justice |
| 96 | Vibrant Village Programme | Border area governance | Frontier development; Security |
| 97 | Cyber-bullying legal framework | DPDP, IT nexus | Cyberlaw; Social Justice—children |
| 98 | Plea bargaining expansion | BNS reforms; backlog relief | Criminal justice reforms |
| 99 | UNHRC votes & India's HR stance | Balancing rights concern, diplomacy | IR—multilateral diplomacy |
| 100 | Green Hydrogen Mission governance | Energy transition, policies | Climate & energy; Governance |
| 101 | Right to Digital Access (Fundamental Right) | SC: Amar Jain v. UOI (Apr 2025) held digital access under Art 21 | Fundamental Rights; Social Justice; Judiciary |
| 102 | Broadcasting Services Regulation Bill 2024 | Withdrawn & re-drafted for OTT/media rules | Media regulation; Freedom of expression |
| 103 | National Commission for Minorities restructuring | Demands for autonomy and "RADA" creation | Statutory bodies; Minority rights |

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| 104 | Cooperative Federalism vs State Autonomy tensions | TN's special committee on state rights | Federalism; Centre-State relations |
| 105 | Governor's Discretionary Powers— SC guidelines | New SC rules for Bill assent (Art 200) | Governor's role; Federalism; Judiciary |
| 106 | Cybersecurity governance updates | CERT-In new rules, sectoral CERTs | Cybersecurity; Digital governance |
| 107 | Parliamentary Committee system reforms | Report backlog, scrutiny reforms | Legislative oversight; Parliament |
| 108 | AI governance framework | Draft policy, ethical AI in government | Technology policy; Fundamental Rights |
| 109 | Inter-State Council effectiveness | Calls post Punchhi Commission | Centre-State relations |
| 110 | Digital Public Infrastructure governance | India Stack exports; data issues | E-governance; Tech diplomacy |
| 111 | Constitutional amendment procedure debates | Article 368 flexibility vs sanctity | Constitutional amendments; Parliament |
| 112 | Delimitation Commission & population freeze | Apprehensions among southern states | Delimitation; Federalism |
| 113 | Emergency provisions misuse concerns | Article 356 reviews; demand for stricter checks | Emergency provisions; Federalism |
| 114 | Lokpal/Lokayukta performance audit | Low disposal & jurisdiction limits | Statutory/anti-corruption bodies |
| 115 | Social media regulation & liability | IT Rules updates; free speech vs accountability | Digital policy; Free speech; Media governance |

1. Make concise notes on each topic, with at least one current example/case law and a relevant constitutional/statutory reference.
2. Practice answer writing using these topics—create questions or use them as themes for 150/250 - word answers, linking static concepts with current affairs.
3. Make Micro-Notes & Example Banks
 - Create concise notes on each topic:
 - Definition/Background
 - Constitutional/Statutory Basis
 - Recent Event, Case Law, or Scheme (linked to the topic)
 - Quotable Fact/Data/Report

Expected Topics for UPSC GS Paper-III Mains 2025

| Sl. No. | Topic | Why Expected? |
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| INDIAN ECONOMY | | |
| 1 | Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Economic Roadmap and Challenges | The government's central vision document shaping all economic policies and budgetary allocations. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 2 | Re-evaluating India's GDP Calculation Methodology and Base Year | Planned revision to a new base year; constant debate on data accuracy and its impact on policy-making. (Current Affairs Relevance + Policy Updates) |
| 3 | Capital Expenditure (Capex) as a Driver of Economic Growth | Continued focus in the Union Budget; its multiplier effect and sustainability are key debate points. (PYQs + Policy Updates) |
| 4 | The Persistent Challenge of "Jobless Growth" in India | High growth rates not translating into commensurate formal employment, a core socio-economic issue. (Static-Dynamic Linkage + Pending Reforms) |
| 5 | Rationalization of the GST Regime and Inclusion of Excluded Items | Ongoing discussions in the GST Council to simplify slabs and bring items like petroleum and electricity under GST. (Pending Reforms / Debates) |
| 6 | The National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP): Progress, Hurdles, and Economic Impact | A flagship government program facing implementation challenges; critical for infrastructure financing. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 7 | Fiscal Consolidation Path and Review of the FRBM Act | Post-pandemic fiscal strategy is a central theme; debates around fiscal prudence vs. growth stimulus. (Policy Updates + PYQs) |
| 8 | Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme: Sectoral Impact and Employment Generation | Assessing the effectiveness of a key 'Make in India' initiative across various sectors like electronics, pharma, etc. (Current Affairs Relevance + Policy Updates) |
| 9 | Tackling Urban Unemployment and the Case for an Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme | Rising concern post-pandemic; policy debate on extending a MGNREGA-like structure to urban areas. (Pending Reforms / Debates) |
| 10 | The Gig Economy: Growth, Opportunities, and the Need for Social Security | Rapid growth of platform-based work; parliamentary committee reports and debates on labor rights and social security for gig workers. (Current Affairs Relevance + Pending Reforms) |

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| 11 | PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan: Integrating Infrastructure and Logistics | A transformative approach to infrastructure planning; its implementation and inter-ministerial coordination are key. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 12 | Revitalizing Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Models for Infrastructure | Efforts to address issues like risk allocation and stalled projects to attract private investment. (PYQs + Pending Reforms) |
| 13 | India's Semiconductor Mission: Building a Resilient Electronics Supply Chain | A strategic and high-investment initiative to reduce import dependence and enhance national security. (Current Affairs Relevance + Policy Updates) |
| 14 | Strategic Disinvestment Policy: Rationale, Progress, and Criticisms | A key policy for resource mobilization, with significant political and economic implications. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 15 | Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC): The Future of the Indian Rupee | RBI's pilot projects are underway; its impact on the banking system, monetary policy, and financial inclusion is a futuristic topic. (Current Affairs Relevance + Policy Updates) |
| 16 | Free Trade Agreements (FTAs): Opportunities, Risks, and Impact on Domestic Industry | India's active pursuit of FTAs (e.g., with UK, EFTA); balancing trade benefits with protecting local manufacturers. (International Developments + Current Affairs) |
| 17 | Corporate Debt Market Deepening and the Role of the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund | A specific government initiative to create an alternative source of finance for India Inc. and enhance financial stability. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 18 | The Challenge of Rising Regional Economic Disparities | NITI Aayog reports highlighting the widening gap between states; a core issue for inclusive growth. (Policy Updates / Reports + Static-Dynamic Linkage) |
| 19 | Ease of Doing Business: From Global Rankings to Ground-Level Reforms | Focus on decriminalization of minor offenses, single-window clearances, and reducing compliance burden. (Policy Updates + PYQs) |
| 20 | India's Energy Transition: Economic Costs and Opportunities | Balancing developmental needs with climate commitments, huge investment required in renewable energy infrastructure. (International Developments + Policy Updates) |
| 21 | Inflation Targeting and the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC): An Evaluation | The effectiveness of the inflation targeting framework in controlling recent inflationary pressures is under scrutiny. (PYQs + Current Affairs Relevance) |

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| 22 | Role of NITI Aayog in Cooperative and Competitive Federalism | Its role in policy formulation and state-level monitoring (e.g., SDG India Index) is a recurring theme. (Static-Dynamic Linkage) |
| 23 | Reforming the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Act (DESH Bill) | Proposed reforms to make SEZs WTO-compliant and integrate them better with the domestic economy. (Pending Reforms / Debates) |
| 24 | Tackling Inequality: Wealth and Consumption Disparities | Reports from organizations like Oxfam and the World Inequality Lab consistently highlight this issue. (Current Affairs Relevance / Reports) |
| 25 | National Logistics Policy: Reducing Costs and Improving Efficiency | Aims to make Indian goods more competitive; its implementation is crucial for the success of 'Make in India'. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |

AGRICULTURE

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| 26 | The Debate over a Legal Guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP) | A persistent demand from farmer groups, with significant fiscal and economic implications. (Current Affairs Relevance + Pending Reforms) |
| 27 | Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in Agriculture | Evaluating the impact of direct income support and its potential extension to other subsidies like fertilizer. (Policy Updates + PYQs) |
| 28 | Climate-Resilient Agriculture: Adapting to Erratic Weather Patterns | Increased frequency of extreme weather events; need for new crop varieties, and water conservation techniques. (Static-Dynamic Linkage + Current Affairs) |
| 29 | Food Processing Industry: Scope, Supply Chain Management, and the PLI Scheme | A high-potential sector for value addition and employment; government focus through PLI and other schemes. (PYQs + Policy Updates) |
| 30 | Crop Diversification: Moving Beyond the Wheat-Paddy Cycle | Critical for tackling groundwater depletion, stubble burning, and improving soil health, especially in the Green Revolution belt. (Pending Reforms + Environmental Linkage) |
| 31 | 'Shree Anna' (Millets): Mainstreaming Millets for Nutritional and Food Security | Following the International Year of Millets, sustained government push for production, procurement, and consumption. (Current Affairs Relevance + Policy Updates) |
| 32 | E-technology in Aid of Farmers: Progress and Challenges of e-NAM | Digital platforms for agricultural marketing are a key reform, but face challenges of adoption and infrastructure. (PYQs + Static-Dynamic Linkage) |

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| 33 | WTO and Indian Agricultural Subsidies: The Peace Clause and Permanent Solution | A recurring issue in international trade negotiations affecting India's food security programs. (International Developments) |
| 34 | One Nation, One Ration Card (ONORC): Impact on Food Security for Migrant Workers | A major reform in the PDS; its implementation, successes, and challenges are important. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 35 | Nano-Fertilizers (Nano Urea): Efficacy, Adoption, and Impact on Subsidy Burden | A new technological intervention with the potential to revolutionize agriculture and reduce fiscal deficit. (Science & Tech Linkage + Policy Updates) |
| 36 | Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY): A Critical Assessment of Revamped Scheme | Issues of timely claim settlement, state participation, and coverage of farmers remain pertinent. (PYQs + Policy Updates) |
| 37 | Animal Rearing and Dairy Sector: Challenges of Disease Control (e.g., Lumpy Skin Disease) and Market Linkages | A major source of rural income; recent disease outbreaks highlight vulnerabilities in animal health infrastructure. (Current Affairs Relevance) |
| 38 | SVAMITVA Scheme: Digitization of Land Records and its Impact on Rural Economy | Aims to provide a record of rights to village household owners, enabling monetization and reducing disputes. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 39 | Agricultural Exports: Potential, Policy Support, and Non-Tariff Barriers | Government targets for agricultural exports and challenges faced by Indian exporters in global markets. (Current Affairs Relevance) |
| 40 | Water Use Efficiency in Agriculture: 'Per Drop, More Crop' and Micro-Irrigation | With growing water stress, schemes promoting drip and sprinkler irrigation are crucial. (PYQs + Environmental Linkage) |
| 41 | The Economics of Natural Farming | Government promotion of chemical-free farming; debates on its scalability, yield, and economic viability. (Policy Updates + Debates in Public Domain) |
| 42 | Food Inflation: Supply-Side Bottlenecks and Policy Responses | Persistent issue affecting household budgets and monetary policy; role of supply chain management and trade policies. (Current Affairs Relevance) |
| 43 | Buffer Stocks and Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS): Role in Price Stabilization | The government's use of FCI stocks to control food inflation is a key operational aspect of food policy. (Static-Dynamic Linkage) |

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| 44 | Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs): Empowering Small and Marginal Farmers | Government scheme to promote 10,000 FPOs; their role in improving market access and bargaining power. (Policy Updates + PYQs) |
| 45 | Land Leasing Reforms: Improving Access to Land for Cultivation | A pending reform to formalize tenancy and improve agricultural efficiency. (Pending Reforms / Debates) |
| SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY | | |
| 46 | Gaganyaan Mission: India's Human Spaceflight Program and its Strategic Significance | A milestone mission for ISRO; highlights India's technological prowess and ambitions in space. (Current Affairs Relevance + Policy Updates) |
| 47 | Regulating Artificial Intelligence (AI): Balancing Innovation with Ethics and Risk | Global and domestic debates on AI governance, deepfakes, and job displacement. (International Developments + Pending Reforms) |
| 48 | The National Quantum Mission: India's Foray into a Disruptive Technology | A major government initiative to develop quantum computing, communication, and sensing technologies. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 49 | Indigenization of Defence Technology: Aatmanirbhar Bharat and the Role of DRDO & Private Sector | Focus on reducing defence imports through negative import lists and promoting domestic manufacturing. (PYQs + Policy Updates) |
| 50 | 5G Rollout and the Path to 6G in India | Economic impact of 5G, and India's early start in 6G research and standardization. (Current Affairs Relevance + Policy Updates) |
| 51 | Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA), 2023: Implementation and Impact | The operationalization of India's first comprehensive data protection law, affecting all sectors. (Policy Updates + Current Affairs) |
| 52 | Private Sector Participation in Space: The Role of IN-SPACe | Policy changes allowing private companies in satellite launches and space services, a new frontier for Indian startups. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 53 | Critical and Emerging Technologies (CET): International Cooperation and Domestic Strategy | India's partnership with the US (iCET) and others on AI, quantum, semiconductors, and biotech. (International Developments + Policy Updates) |
| 54 | Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Regime in India: Challenges and the Path Forward | India's position on global IPR debates (e.g., TRIPS waiver) and efforts to strengthen its domestic IPR ecosystem. (PYQs + Static-Dynamic Linkage) |

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| 55 | Genome India Project: Applications in Healthcare and Agriculture | A national project to map Indian genomes, with huge potential for personalized medicine and crop improvement. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 56 | Green Hydrogen Mission: A Technological and Economic Game-Changer | A cornerstone of India's climate strategy, aiming to make India a global hub for green hydrogen production and export. (Policy Updates + Environmental Linkage) |
| 57 | Space Debris Management: ISRO's Efforts and Global Concerns | A growing threat to space assets; ISRO's Project NETRA and international cooperation are key. (Current Affairs Relevance + International Developments) |
| 58 | mRNA Vaccine Technology: Building Self-Reliance for Future Pandemics | Post-COVID focus on developing indigenous capacity for new vaccine platforms. (Current Affairs Relevance + Static-Dynamic Linkage) |
| 59 | Robotics and Automation: Impact on Indian Manufacturing and Services Sector | Adoption of robotics for efficiency and precision; implications for employment and skill development. (Static-Dynamic Linkage) |
| 60 | Applications of Nanotechnology in Health, Agriculture, and Energy | Development of nano-sensors, targeted drug delivery, and nano-fertilizers are practical, exam-relevant examples. (PYQs + Static-Dynamic Linkage) |

ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY

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| 61 | India's Updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) at UNFCCC | The core of India's climate action plan, including emission intensity and renewable energy targets. (International Developments + Policy Updates) |
| 62 | Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification: The Development vs. Conservation Debate | Proposed changes and controversies around the dilution of environmental safeguards. (PYQs + Pending Reforms / Debates) |
| 63 | The Challenge of Urban Air Pollution and the Role of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) | A perennial issue in North India; effectiveness of GRAP and other measures. (Current Affairs Relevance + Policy Updates) |
| 64 | Project Cheetah: A Mid-Term Assessment of India's Transcontinental Conservation Effort | The success, challenges, and ecological implications of the cheetah reintroduction project. (Current Affairs Relevance + Policy Updates) |

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| 65 | Single-Use Plastic Ban: Implementation Gaps and the Search for Alternatives | Assessing the on-ground effectiveness of the ban and the challenges in promoting sustainable alternatives. (Current Affairs Relevance + PYQs) |
| 66 | Establishing a Carbon Market in India: The Carbon Credit Trading Scheme | A new mechanism for pricing emissions and promoting low-carbon technologies. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 67 | Water Pollution and the Efficacy of River Rejuvenation Programs like Namami Gange | Persistent pollution in rivers despite significant investment; challenges of sewage treatment and industrial effluent. (PYQs + Current Affairs Relevance) |
| 68 | India's E-Waste (Management) Rules: Challenges of Collection and Recycling | The growing problem of electronic waste and the role of the informal sector. (Policy Updates + Current Affairs) |
| 69 | Conservation of Wetlands and India's Ramsar Sites | Increasing number of Ramsar sites and the need for effective management plans to conserve these critical ecosystems. (Current Affairs Relevance + Policy Updates) |
| 70 | Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA): Auditing the Outcomes | The effectiveness of funds meant to compensate for forest land diversion is often debated. (PYQs + Policy Updates) |
| 71 | Human-Wildlife Conflict: Causes, Consequences, and Mitigation Strategies | Increasing instances of conflict due to habitat fragmentation and changing land use patterns. (Current Affairs Relevance + Static-Dynamic Linkage) |
| 72 | Green Credits Programme: Incentivizing Pro-Environment Actions | A new market-based mechanism announced by the government to encourage voluntary environmental actions. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 73 | Amendments to the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 | Changes aimed at simplifying compliance and promoting research, but criticized for potentially favouring industry. (Policy Updates + Debates in Public Domain) |
| 74 | Circular Economy Model for Sustainable Development | A paradigm shift from a 'take-make-dispose' model to one based on recycling and reuse. (Policy Updates / Reports) |
| 75 | Critical Minerals for Clean Energy and the Need for a Secure Supply Chain | India's push to secure minerals like lithium and cobalt, essential for batteries and EVs. (International Developments + Strategic Importance) |
| DISASTER MANAGEMENT | | |
| 76 | Urban Flooding as a Man-Made Disaster: Causes and | Frequent floods in cities like Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai; highlights poor urban planning and drainage. (Current Affairs Relevance + PYQs) |

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| | Management in Indian Cities | |
| 77 | Managing Landslides and Land Subsidence in the Himalayan Region | Incidents like Joshimath; the impact of climate change and large-scale infrastructure projects. (Current Affairs Relevance) |
| 78 | Heatwaves as a Notified Disaster: Need for National Policy and Heat Action Plans | Increasing frequency and intensity of heatwaves, necessitating a more structured disaster management response. (Current Affairs Relevance + Pending Reforms) |
| 79 | National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF): From Relief-Centric to a Proactive Approach | Operationalization of the mitigation fund to focus on disaster prevention and preparedness. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
| 80 | Application of Space Technology and AI in Disaster Management | Use of satellites for early warning, GIS for mapping, and AI for damage assessment and response coordination. (Static-Dynamic Linkage) |
| INTERNAL SECURITY | | |
| 81 | Challenges to Internal Security through Communication Networks and Social Media | The role of social media in spreading misinformation, radicalization, and inciting violence. (PYQs + Current Affairs Relevance) |
| 82 | Cybersecurity and the Protection of Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) | Increase in ransomware and state-sponsored cyber-attacks on critical sectors like banking, power, and transport. (Current Affairs Relevance + Policy Updates) |
| 83 | The Proposed Digital India Act: Replacing the IT Act, 2000 | A new legal framework being planned to address contemporary challenges like AI, online safety, and cybercrime. (Pending Reforms / Debates) |
| 84 | Money Laundering through Cryptocurrencies and Regulatory Challenges | The use of virtual digital assets for illicit financing and the challenges for enforcement agencies. (Current Affairs Relevance + International Developments) |
| 85 | Left-Wing Extremism (LWE): The Shrinking Geography and Evolving Strategy | Government data shows a reduction in LWE violence, but the threat persists in certain pockets; focus on development and security. (PYQs + Current Affairs Relevance) |
| 86 | Linkages of Organized Crime with Terrorism: The Narco-Terror Nexus in Border States | The growing nexus between drug trafficking, arms smuggling, and terrorist groups, especially in Punjab and the Northeast. (PYQs + Current Affairs Relevance) |
| 87 | Security Challenges in Border Areas and the | A development-focused initiative to counter Chinese influence and improve security in northern border villages. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |

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| | Vibrant Villages Programme | |
| 88 | Drone Threats: From State Actors to Local Criminals | Use of drones for cross-border smuggling of drugs/arms and for surveillance by adversaries; need for counter-drone tech. (Current Affairs Relevance + Technology Linkage) |
| 89 | The Role of External State and Non-State Actors in Fomenting Instability | Proxy wars, cyber-attacks, and disinformation campaigns by hostile neighbours and their allied groups. (PYQs + Static-Dynamic Linkage) |
| 90 | Theaterisation of Armed Forces: Impact on Tri-Service Synergy and National Security | A major military reform with implications for command structures, resource allocation, and operational efficiency. (Pending Reforms / Debates) |
| 91 | Police Reforms in India: Implementation of the Prakash Singh Judgment | A long-pending reform crucial for improving law and order, police accountability, and internal security. (PYQs + Pending Reforms) |
| 92 | Radicalization and the Role of Online Propaganda | The use of the internet and social media by extremist groups for indoctrination and recruitment. (Current Affairs Relevance + PYQs) |
| 93 | Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA): Efficacy vs. Concerns about Misuse | A key anti-terror law that is frequently in the news due to judicial scrutiny and debates on civil liberties. (Current Affairs Relevance + Debates in Public Domain) |
| 94 | Role and Mandate of Various Security Forces (e.g., CAPFs, Assam Rifles) | Issues related to jurisdiction, coordination, and modernization of central armed police forces. (PYQs + Static-Dynamic Linkage) |
| 95 | Maritime Security and the Role of the Indian Coast Guard | Challenges like smuggling, piracy, and illegal fishing in India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). (Static-Dynamic Linkage) |
| 96 | Challenges of Coastal Security Post 26/11 | Assessing the progress and gaps in the three-tiered coastal security architecture. (PYQs) |
| 97 | Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and its Impact on India's Counter-Terrorism Financing Regime | India's compliance with FATF standards and its use of the platform to pressure other nations. (International Developments) |
| 98 | Linkages between Development and the Spread of Extremism | Analyzing how lack of development, education, and employment fuels extremism in regions like LWE-affected areas and J&K. (PYQs + Static-Dynamic Linkage) |
| 99 | Management of India-Myanmar Border amidst Regional Instability | The impact of the civil war in Myanmar on India's security, including influx of refugees and insurgent activities. (Current Affairs Relevance + International Developments) |

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| 100 | The Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) | Evaluating the role of the CDS in promoting jointness and streamlining defence procurement and modernization. (Policy Updates / Government Initiatives) |
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