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# What is Unlawful Activity?

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**CONTEXT:** Activist Umar Khalid has moved the Supreme Court against the Delhi High Court's order rejecting his bail plea in an Unlawful Activities Prevention Act case related to the alleged conspiracy behind 2020 riots in the national capital

## Chapter 1: Historical Backdrop of UAPA 1967:

**Article 19: Freedom of Speech & Expression**

**Vernacular Press Act 1878**

**Criminal Law Amendment Act 1908**

**Seditious Meeting Act 1911 & Defence of India Act 1915**

### Rising "Internal Security" Challenges (1947-67):

- **Rise of Separatist Movements:** Dravida Nadu & Punjabi Suba
- **Sino - Indian War 1962:** Claim on Tawang
- **Insurgency in NE States:** NNC
- **Naxalbari Uprising 1967:** Charu Mazumdar & Kanu Sanyal
- **CPI - Marxist - Leninist (CPI - ML)**

## Chapter 2: Salient Provisions of UAPA 1967:

**What constitutes an "Unlawful activity"?**

Action of an **Individual or Association**:  
Intends to bring **cession or secession** of Indian territory

**Disclaims or questions India's sovereignty and integrity**

**Causes disruption of harmony or public order**

**2004 Amendment** included for the first time, the term **"Terrorism"** in the provisions of the Act

**Section 3:** Only Central Government can declare any association as "unlawful"

**Applicable to both Citizen or a foreign national**

**First Schedule:**  
Lists banned organisations

**CPI(ML), SIMI, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM)**



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## 2013 Amendment

India became 34th member of FATF in **2010**

Inter - Governmental body established by **G7** in **1989**

Curb down money laundering & Hawala Channels

**2001 Mandate :** Illicit use to fund terrorist activities

**Black List :** Countries with serious strategic deficiencies in countering **money laundering** and **terrorist financing**

Included **"money laundering"** as one of the offences

Prosecution of individual or Organisation involved in **Money laundering**

Established links with Terrorist groupings or Act

Extended ban on Organisations for period of **5 years**

## Investigation & Enforcement

- **Section 43A–43F :** Special powers to National Investigation Agency (**NIA**) & state police
- **NIA** can take over cases **without State govt consent** (post-2008 amendment)
- **Section 25 :** Property of accused can be seized

## Arrest & Bail Provisions :

- **NIA** can detain a person for **180 days** without filing charge sheet
- **Section 43D(5) :** Bail denied if **prima facie** case exists
- Courts have very **limited power** to grant bail
- Penalty : **Capital Punishment** or Life imprisonment
- **Tribunal under Section 5** headed by a High Court judge reviews bans within 6 months



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## Hard line

The UAPA Bill, 2019, amends the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Some highlights:

**TERRORISM:** Under the Act, the central government may **designate an organisation as a terrorist organisation** if it: (i) commits or participates in acts of terrorism, (ii) prepares for terrorism, (iii) promotes terrorism, or (iv) is involved in terrorism. The Bill additionally empowers the government to **designate individuals as terrorists** on the same grounds

**SEIZURE OF PROPERTY:** Under the Act, an **investigating officer must obtain prior approval of the DGP** to seize properties that may be connected with terrorism. If the investigation is conducted by an officer of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the approval of the Director General, NIA is mandatory

**INVESTIGATION:** Under the Act, investigation of cases may be conducted by officers of the rank of DSP or ACP or above. Officers of the NIA, of the rank of Inspector or above, can also investigate cases

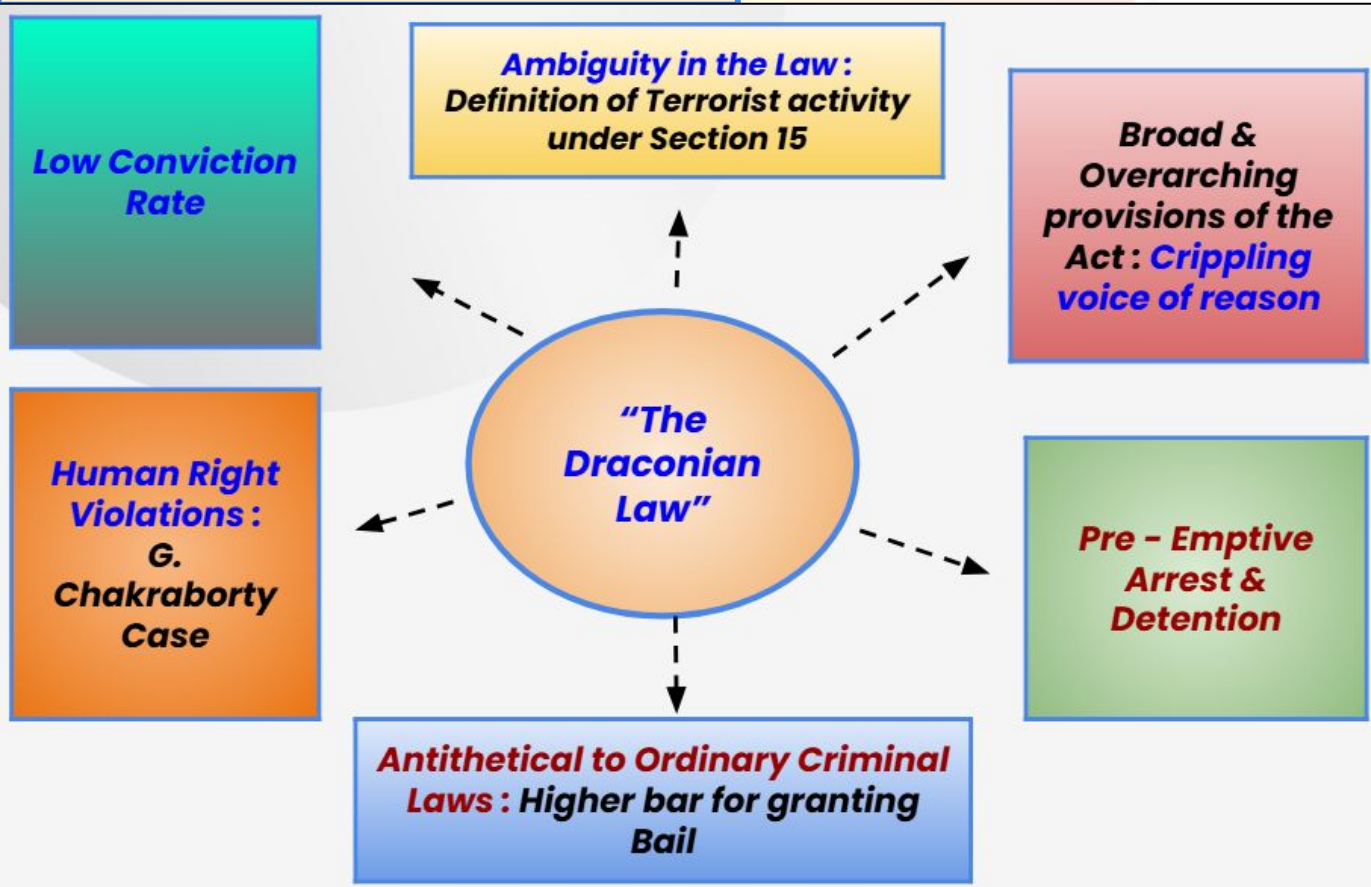
Court pulls up police for 'slow' investigation in UAPA case against NewsClick

Judge grants 20 days' more time for filing of chargesheet after reprimanding police

Half of UAPA investigations pending for over three years: Data

While stalled investigations are par for the course, the draconian nature of the UAPA makes the process the punishment

## Chapter 3 : Criticism of UAPA 1967 :

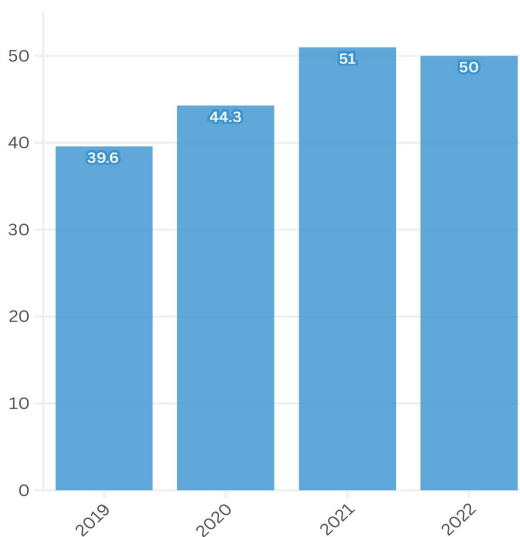


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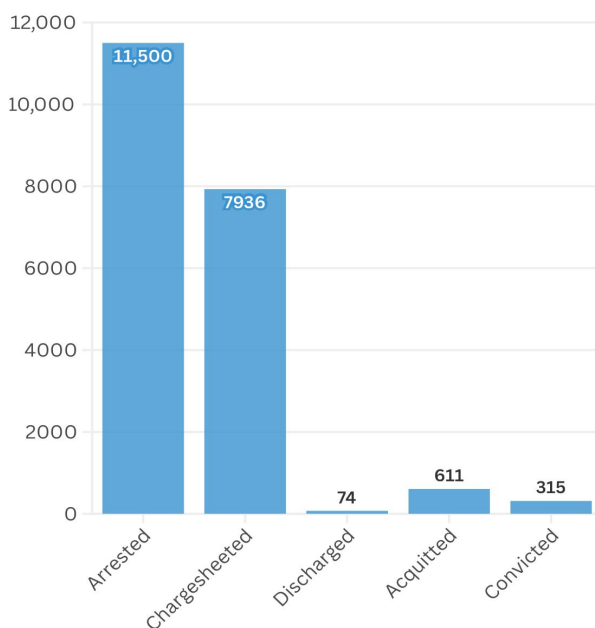
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## Chapter 3 : Criticism of UAPA 1967 :

**Chart 2** shows the share of UAPA cases between 2019 and 2022 whose investigations have been pending for more than three years.



**Chart 3** shows the number of persons arrested under the UAPA, persons charge sheeted, discharged, acquitted, and convicted in the 2017-2022 period.



Do not hesitate to invoke UAPA, Amit Shah tells State police, Central agencies

Home Minister releases SoP for UAPA investigations, promises new National Counter Terrorism Policy and Strategy; says combating terror involves legally empowering agencies fighting it

## Chapter 4 : Way Forward for UAPA 1967 :

### Judicial Precedents :

**Balchand Case 1978**

**"Bail is the rule, Jail is the exception"**

**UOI v. KA Najeeb Case 2021**

**"Bail under UAPA is exception, but shall be balanced by "Speedy trial"**

**V. Gonsalves Case 2023**

**"Surface analysis of probative values of accused's plea is necessary"**

**Gurvinder Singh Case 2024**

**Bail is the exception, Jail is rule under UAPA**



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## Suggestive Measures :

- **Law Commission of India Report 2018 :** "If prima facie no case under Section 43D (5), Bail shall given by court"
- **Justice AP Shah Committee 2010 :** Repeal Section 43D (5) & precisely define "Terrorist acts"
- **NIA Review Committee 2018 :** Robust protection of accused
- **Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy :** Introduce pre- and post-facto judicial or independent oversight for the application of UAPA provisions

## Mains Practise Question

**Question :** What are the **salient provisions of the UAPA Act**? What was the need of enactment of such stringent law in the independent India? Why it has remained a **centre of controversy** since its inception? Provide **suggestive measures** in this regard.  
(15 Marks, 250 words)



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## Chapter 1: Historical Backdrop:

### Soft Power: Buddhist Diplomacy:

"Lankadeepa or Anuradhapura or Taprobana"

3rd Buddhist Sangiti & Mahinda – Son of Ashoka

70% Buddhist Population

Raja Raja (985–1014 CE) & Rajendra Chola (1014–44 CE)

Portuguese, Dutch & Britishers : Treaty of Amiens 1802



Gilded bronze statue of the Bodhisattva Tara, from the Anuradhapura period (8th century CE)



Isurumuniya temple

## Chapter 2: Growing Strategic Importance of Indo – Sri Lanka ties :

### "Sits at Heart of Indian Ocean":

Importance of Palk Strait

Major Shipping lanes

Security in Indo – Pacific

- SAGAR Policy
- Neighbourhood First
- Colombo Security Conclave
- MITRA & SHAKTI

3rd largest ocean

Touches shore of 26 countries

80% of World's seaborne trade in Oil & 70% World's Container Traffic

India : 80% External trade & 90% Energy trade



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## Indian Oil Corporation to expand operations in Sri Lanka

The IOC would invest in storage tanks and other equipment while the dealers are expected to have the land and bear other infrastructure costs, Lanka IOC Managing Director Manoj Gupta said.

## India, Sri Lanka decide to ramp up defence, energy, trade ties

The decisions were taken during wide-ranging talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Disanayake

### Chapter 3 : Growing **Economic Importance** of Indo - Sri Lanka ties :

**Major Investments by Indian Companies in Sri Lanka**

**Sri Lanka : 2nd Largest Trading partner in SAARC**

#### Trade

In June 2025, the top exports of **India** to **Sri Lanka** were Ship, Boat And Floating Struct (\$64.2M), Petroleum Products (\$51.7M), and Cotton Fabrics, Madeups Etc. (\$28M).

In June 2025, the main imports of **India** from **Sri Lanka** were Spices (\$13.5M), Other Commodities (\$9.59M), and Fresh Fruits (\$8.41M).

**Huge Trade Potential in Diamonds & Refined Petroleum**

**Economic Convergence**

**Major Transshipment Hub for India**

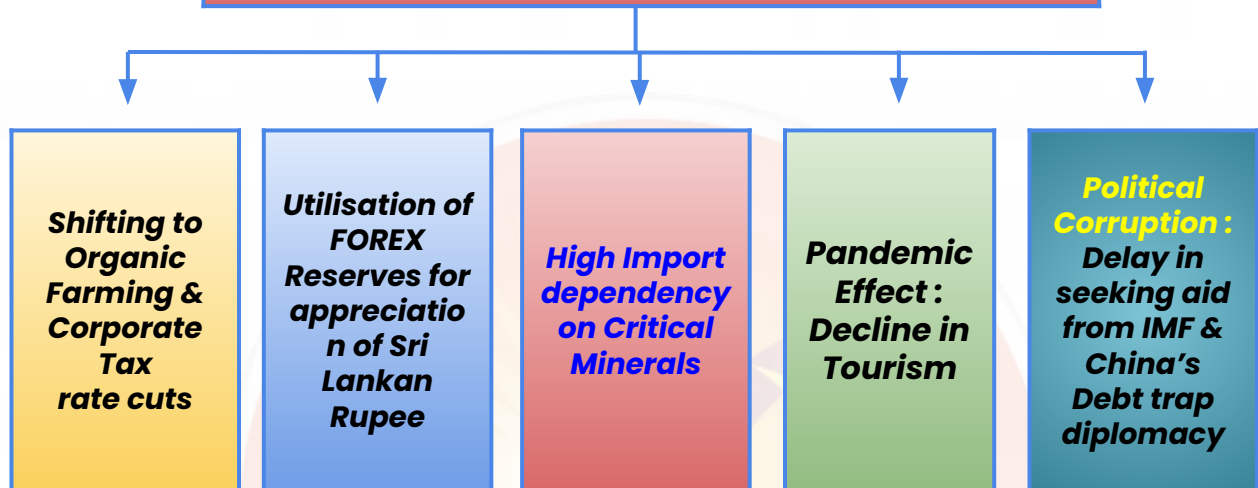
**Positive BOT & BOP**



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## Sri Lanka's BOP Crisis due to Poor Economic policies :

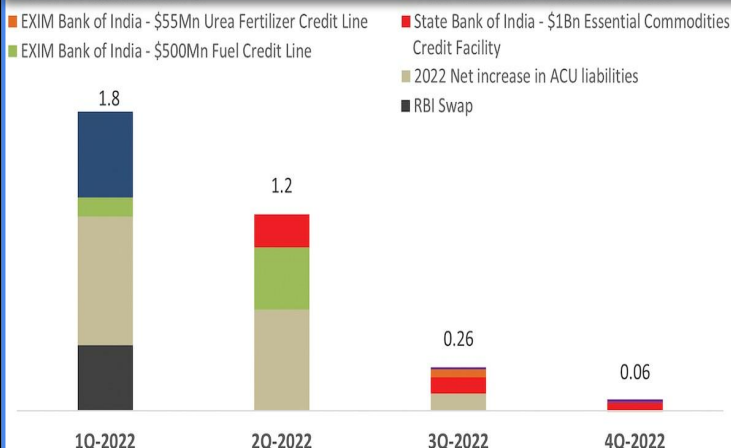


## Chapter 4 : Turn of Events : Economic Crisis in Sri Lanka :

Sri Lanka: President Gotabaya Rajapaksa flees the country on military jet

India is Sri Lanka's biggest friend in time of crisis: PM Dinesh Gunawardena

Prime Minister Gunawardena called on Indian companies to invest further in Sri Lanka amid economic woes



## Chapter 5: India's aid to Sri Lanka :

Line of Credit : \$4 Billion

India's  
Neighbourhood  
First Policy

Paris Club : \$3  
Billion bailout  
package from  
IMF

\$400 Million  
Currency  
Swap

EXIM BANK :  
\$55 Million  
facility to  
finance  
Fertiliser  
Imports

26 Tonnes of  
Drugs & Medical  
supplies



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## Chapter 6: Editorial : Issues that prevails :

### "Livelihood & Conservation at odds"

Indian vessels carrying mechanised "**Bottom Trawling**" in Palk Strait

Damage coral beds, shrimp habitats & depleting fish stocks

**Depletion of Near shore resources lead to fishing in contested waters**

UNCLOS : Exclusive Economic Zone extends upto **200 nautical miles**

- **Article 123 of UNCLOS : Cooperation in semi - enclosed seas such as Palk Bay & Gulf of Mannar**
- **Baltic Sea fisheries convention : Quotas to conserve resources**
- **FAO's Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries 1995 : Bottom trawling unacceptable**

### Ceding of **Katchatheevu** :

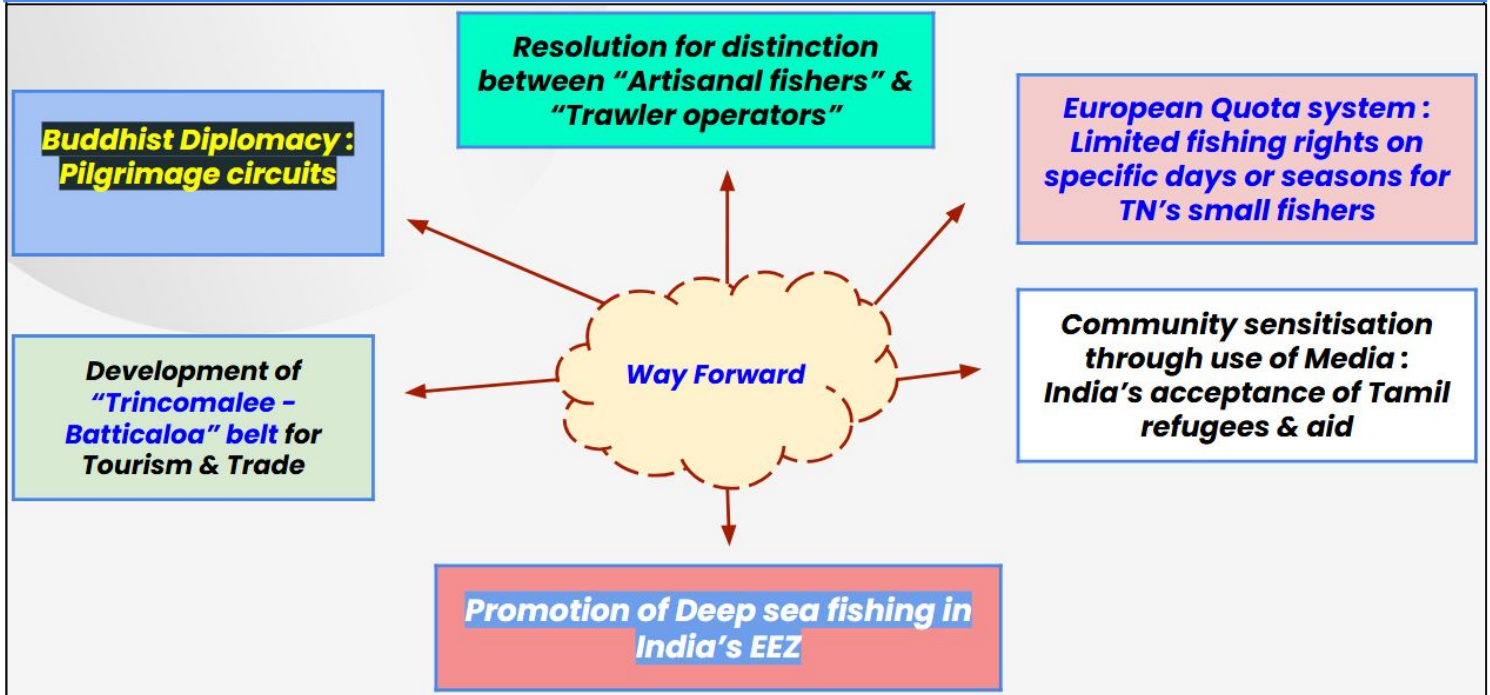
- **St. Anthony church : Fisherman of TN**
- **Indira Gandhi - Bandaranaike 1974 : Boundary settlement**
- **"Vote based politics" by Regional parties : Claim of "Gifting away"**
- **Weak legal standing & **Good Neighbour policy****
- **US - France Case in ICJ 1953**



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## Chapter 7: Editorial : WAY FORWARD



## Mains Practise Question

**Question :** Discuss the *historical & strategic importance of India - Sri Lanka ties* in the light of the economic crisis being faced by Sri Lanka. How both countries can *work together to overcome these challenges?*  
(10 Marks, 150 words)



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**SYLLABUS: GS 3 Paper: Issues related to Economic Development**

**Newspaper: Indian Express; Page No: 15**

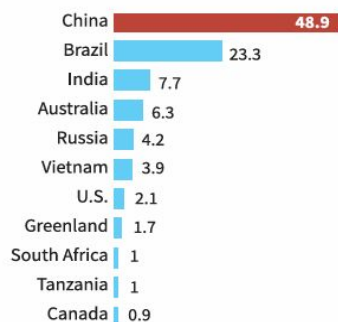
## PLI Benefits & RE Magnet Curbs

### Context of News :

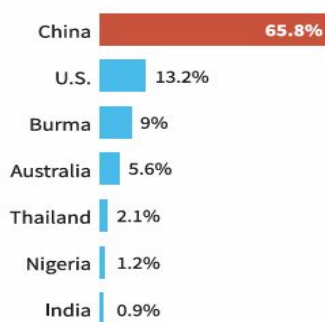
EVEN AS India and China have signalled a relaxation in ties, Beijing continues its stranglehold over exports of rare earth (RE) magnets, with applications made by Indian automakers to source the key minerals from that country continuing to hang fire. This has forced them to procure entirely built motor parts and components from China and Vietnam, which could adversely impact automobile prices and end up reducing the manufacturers' domestic value addition percentages.

## China's Dominance in Critical Minerals

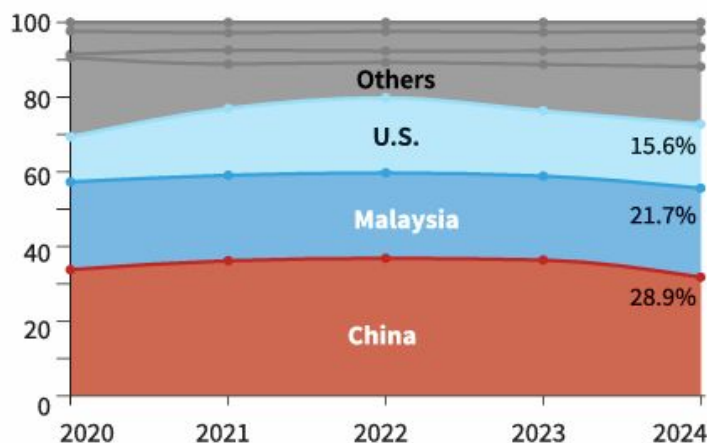
**Chart 1:** Country-wise share (in %) of global reserves of rare earths (as per U.S. Geological Survey 2025)



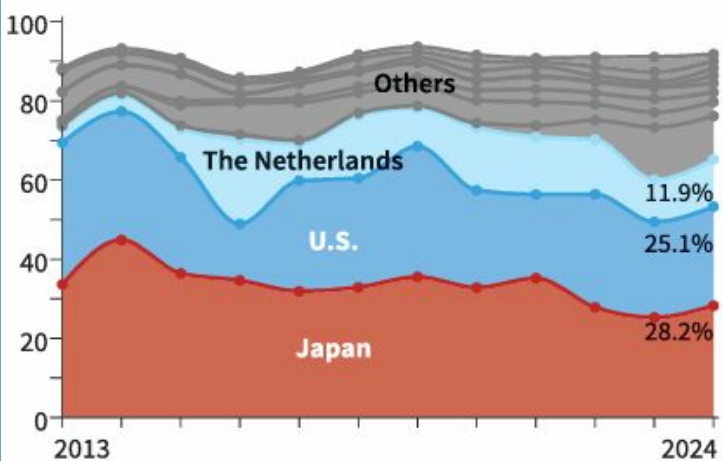
**Chart 2:** Country-wise share of estimated global mine production of rare earths in the last five years



**Chart 3:** Major exporters of rare earth. Figures in % shows their share in global exports



**Chart 5:** Major importers of China's rare earth. Figures in % shows their share in China's exports



**'India seeks rare-earth samples from Myanmar's KIA rebels'**



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New Delhi: India is working to obtain rare-earth samples from Myanmar with the assistance of a powerful rebel group, according to four people familiar with the matter, as it seeks alternative supplies of a strategic resource tightly controlled by China.

The Ministry of Mines asked state-owned and private firms to explore collecting and transporting samples from mines in northeastern Myanmar that are under the control of the Kachin Independence Army, three of the people said. State-owned IREL and private firm Midwest

## What is PLI Scheme?

**Traditional Input based subsidies v. Output linked incentive scheme**

**14 Key sectors : Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing, Pharmaceuticals & Automotive**

**Incentive of 4-6% per incremental sales offset higher cost of manufacturing in India**

**Budget 2025 : ₹8885 crore allocation**

**Create "Champion Units" to increase competitiveness of Indian products**

## How China's Dominance impacts India?



**Limited Production Capacity:**  
"Producing Rare Earth Magnets in India will take 3-4 years"

**Lack of Resources, Capital Investment by Private Sector & Skilled Manpower**

**Import Reliance:**  
Purchasing complete parts & components from China

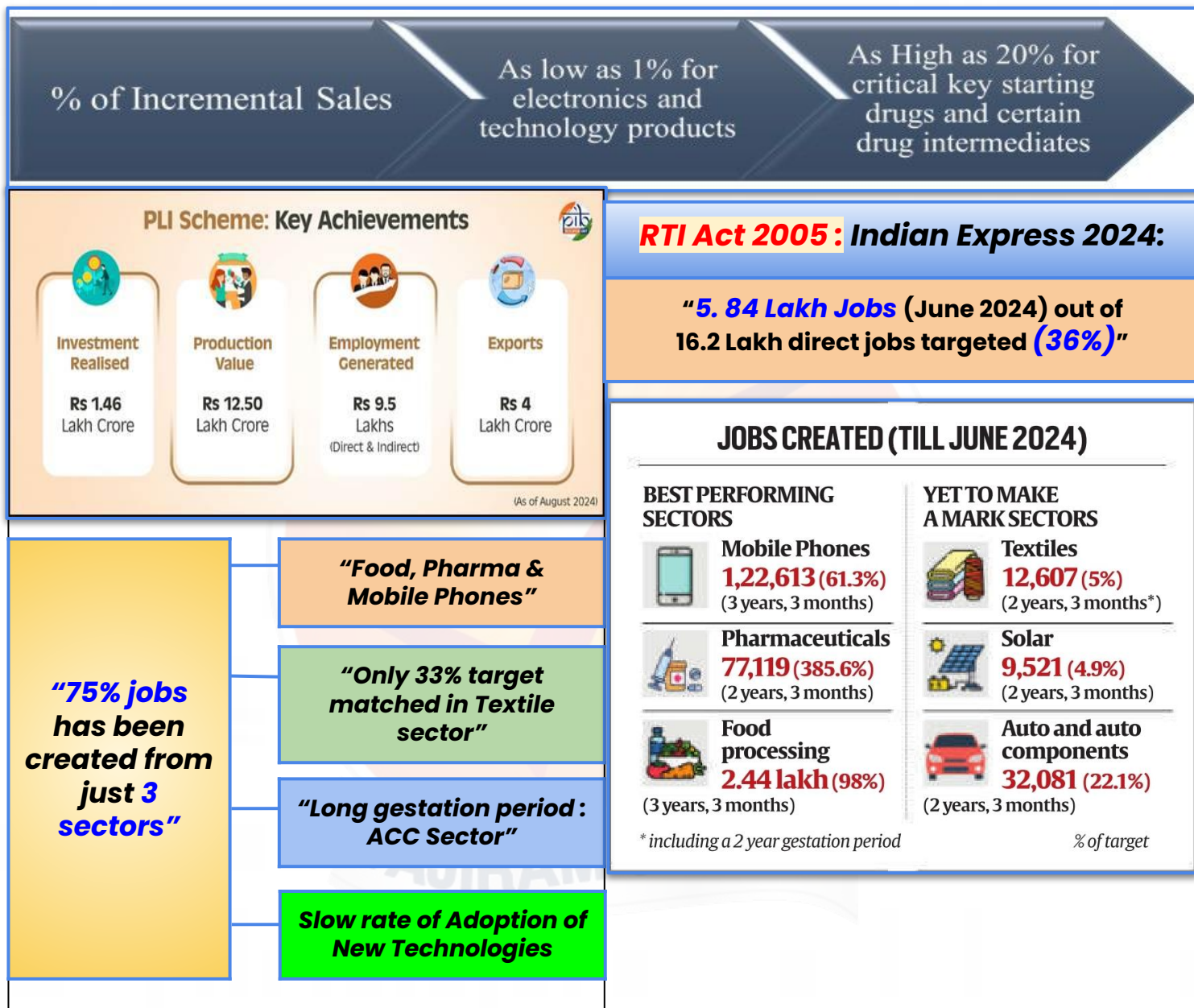
**Price - Sensitive market:**  
Cost of Automobiles will shoot up & Negative BOP

**"Bring down Domestic Value Addition":**  
Less incentive under PLI Scheme



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# PLI Benefits & RE Magnet curbs



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## What is Government's stand?

**Production & Sale :**  
**₹ 8.6 Lakh Crore**

**Catalysed Private Investment :**  
**1.03 Lakh Crore Investment (2021-24)**

**176 MSMEs as**  
**PLI Beneficiaries**

**Import Substitution : 60% Import**  
**substitution in Telecom sector**

**K - Shaped recovery &**  
**Low Consumer demand**

## Steps taken :

- **"Zero Defect Zero Effect" policy**
- **Free Trade Agreements**
- **"Funds of Funds: For Startups**
- **Research under ANRF**
- **ELI & DLI Schemes**
- **Kaushal vikas Yojana 4.0**



# "Fully" Literate State

**SYLLABUS: GS 2 Paper: Governance : Education**  
**Newspaper: Indian Express; Page No: EXPLAINED**

## Context of News :



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Proud to announce that Himachal has become a Fully Literate State - a historic milestone in our journey of progress.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to our teachers, students, employees & every citizen whose contribution made this dream a reality.

## A Historic Milestone for Himachal

Himachal declared a Fully Literate State

**Literacy Rate:**  
**99.30%**

**No.1**  
**in India**



**5th state/UT : Goa, Ladakh, Mizoram & Tripura**

**None of the States boast 100% Literacy : Then how a fully Literate state?**

**"Ability to read, write & compute with comprehension"**

**Identify, understand & create along with critical life skills such digital & financial literacy**

**"Full Literacy " : Achieving 95% literacy**

## ULLAS Programme

**Literacy programme for people over 15 years who may have not attended school**

**Launched in 2022 to achieve 100% literacy by 2030**

**SDG 4 : Ensure inclusive & equitable quality education**

**NEP 2020 : Adult education initiatives to achieve 100% literacy**

**Adult learners are taught basic reading, writing, and math (arithmetic like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) that a child in school would learn up to class 3**

**How to read & measure time?**

**Make sense of Calendars**

**Use currency notes & cheques**

**Safely make digital transactions**



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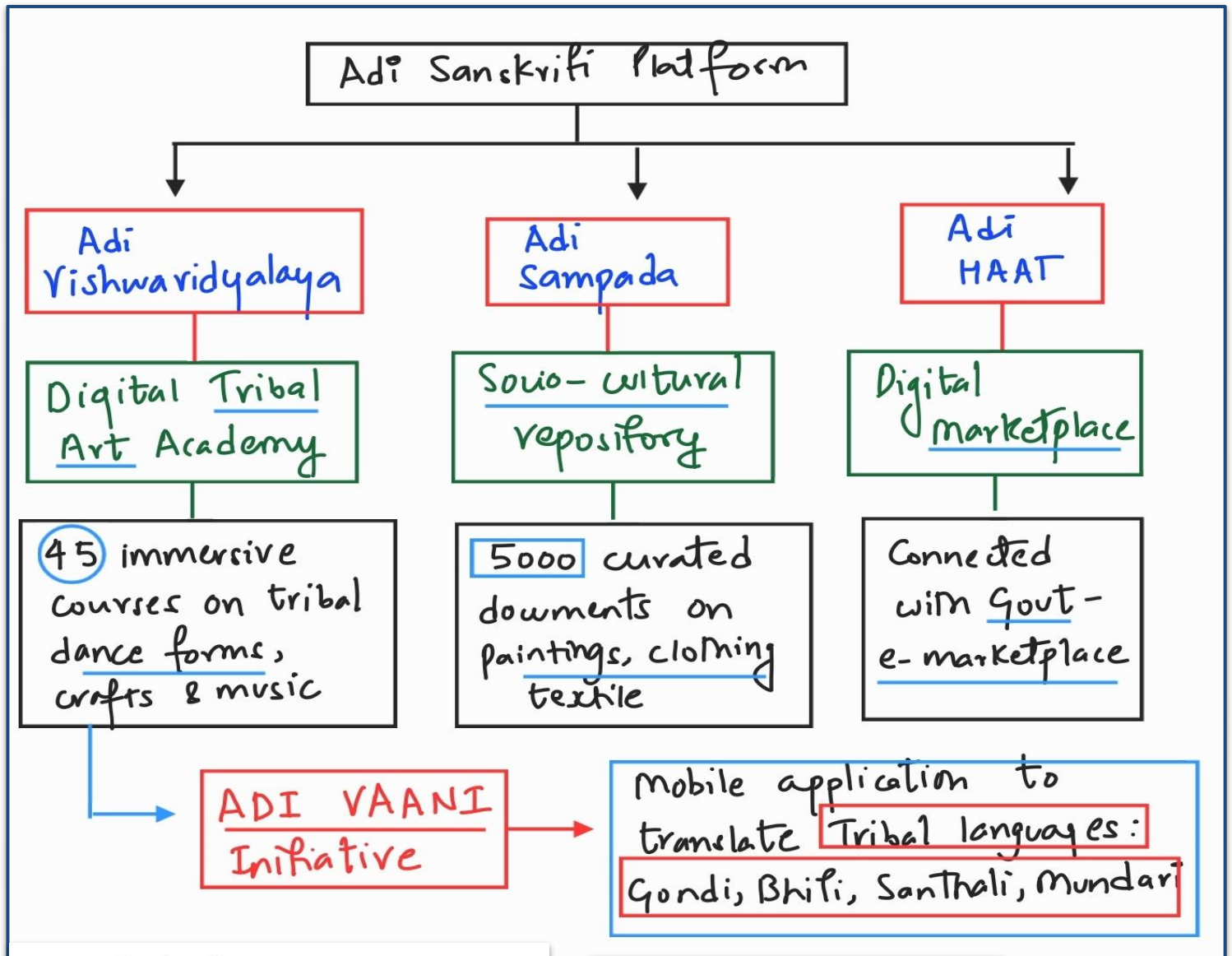
| Census 2011  |  | Legal & Constitutional Mandate  |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Any person <b>aged 7 and above</b> who can read and write with understanding in any language was considered literate   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>86th CA 2002</b> : “Free &amp; compulsory education to all children of age <b>6-14 years</b> as state may determine”</li><li>• <b>Article 45</b> : Early childhood care &amp; education for all children <b>until they complete 6 years</b></li><li>• <b>Article 51 A (k)</b> : Duty of every citizen who is a parent or guardian to provide opportunity for education between <b>age of 6-14 years</b></li><li>• <b>RTE Act 2009</b> : Legal entitlement to quality education between <b>6-14 years</b></li></ul> |  |
| Women : <b>64%</b> v. Men : <b>80.9%</b>   |  |   |  |
| Adult Literacy (aged 15 & above) : <b>69%</b>  |  |   |  |
| Literacy rate for Tribal Women : <b>49%</b>  |  |   |  |
| PLFS 2023 - 24 : National Literacy Rate : <b>77%</b>   |  |   |  |
| Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan 2001   |  | OTHER ADULT LITERACY SCHEMES  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Centrally <b>Sponsored</b> scheme</li><li>• Ministry of Education</li><li>• Useful &amp; relevant elementary education for children in <b>6-14 years group</b> (Grade 1 - Grade VIII)</li><li>• Providing new upper primary schools within a <b>3 km radius</b> of every habitation</li><li>• <b>Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs)</b> as residential primary schools for girls from marginalized communities</li><li>• improve the <b>Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR)</b> : 30:1 for primary &amp; 35:1 for upper primary</li></ul> |  | ULLAS is latest of govt initiatives to promote adult literacy from 1950s onward   |  |
|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ In 1960s-70s, the Centre and several states ran programs targeting literacy among farmers and women.</li><li>■ The National Literacy Mission, which ran from 1988 to 2009, also targeted this age bracket.</li></ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ The National Adult Education Programme was launched in 1978 to eliminate illiteracy in 15-35 group.</li><li>■ ‘Saakshar Bharat’ (Literate India) mission ran from 2009-18. Meant for ages 15 and above, it also focused on functional literacy and numeracy.</li></ul> |



## "Adi Sanskriti" & NFST

**SYLLABUS: GS 1 Paper:** Issues related to Tribal Development

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### Digital platform to preserve tribal art, culture launched

The Union Tribal Affairs Ministry on Wednesday launched the beta version of "Adi Sanskriti", a digital platform for "tribal artforms and heritage". Officials said it had been envisioned to become the "world's first Digital University to preserve and promote the culture and knowledge of tribal communities". The digital platform will have an online marketplace, opening up a digital market for products made by tribal artisans in India. The platform consists of three

Research scholars from Scheduled Tribe communities across the country have reported months-long delays and irregularities in the disbursement of funds under the National Fellowship for Scheduled Tribes (NFST), a scholarship programme administered by the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs.



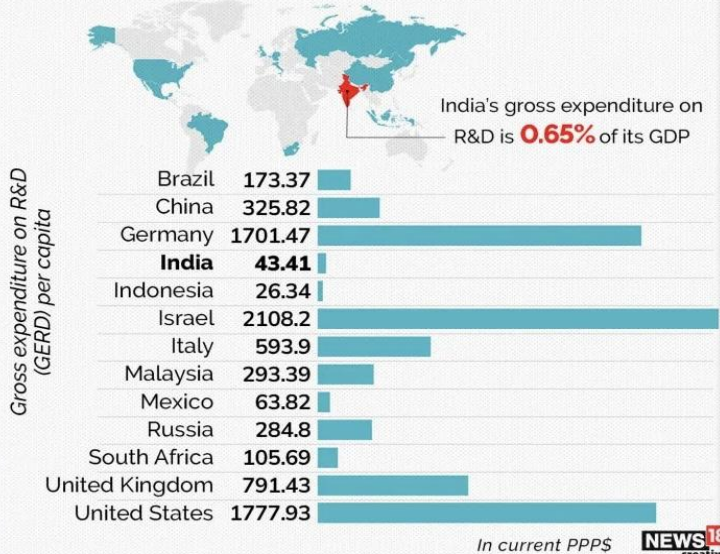
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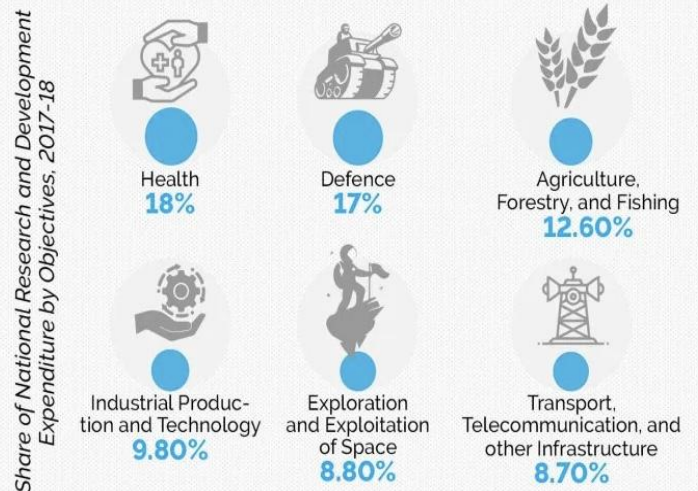
## HOW MUCH COUNTRIES SPEND ON R&D

India's GERD is one of the lowest in the world



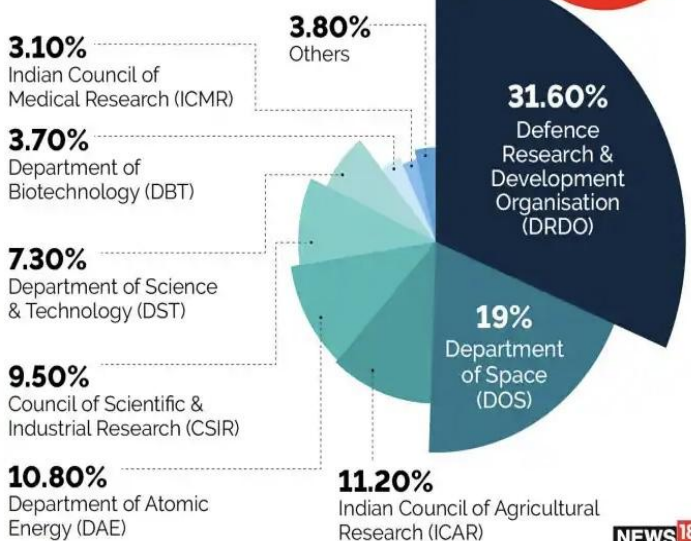
## HOW INDIA SPENDS ITS R&D BUDGET

More than one-third of the total national expenditure on R&D is spent on health and defence



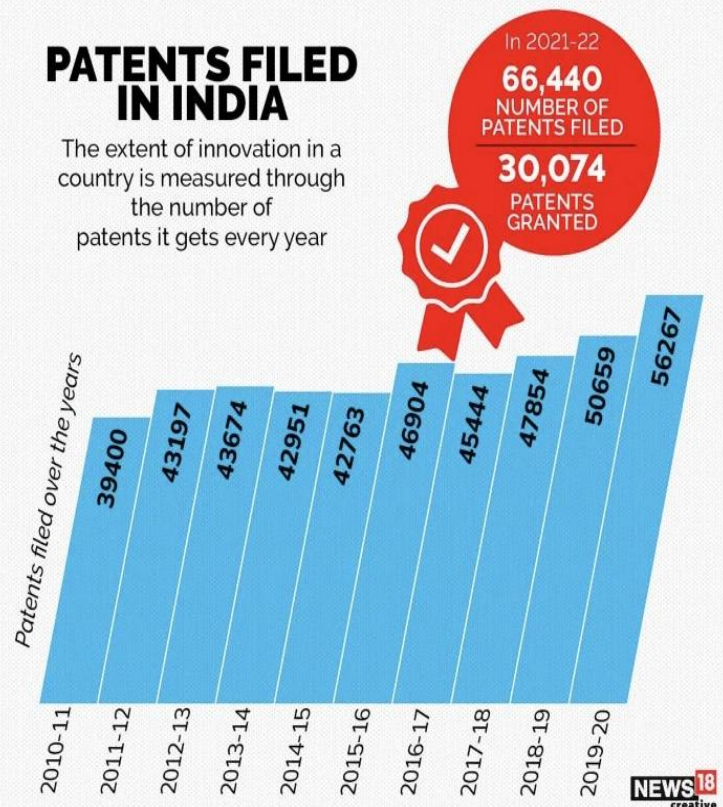
## HOW INDIA SPENDS ITS R&D BUDGET

Most of the R&D expenditure incurred by the Central Government sources is channelled through these major scientific agencies



## PATENTS FILED IN INDIA

The extent of innovation in a country is measured through the number of patents it gets every year



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**SYLLABUS: GS 2 Paper: International Relations**

**Newspaper: The Hindu; Page No: 10**

The story so far:



Over the past eight weeks, the conflict in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has seen two major developments. On June 27, Rwanda and the DRC signed a U.S.-brokered peace agreement in Washington, DC. On July 19, the Congolese government and M23 rebel group signed a ceasefire deal in Doha, mediated by Qatar. However, days after the U.S.-led peace agreement and Doha ceasefire, M23 resumed its offensive, undermining the peace objectives.

## Why there is war in DRC?

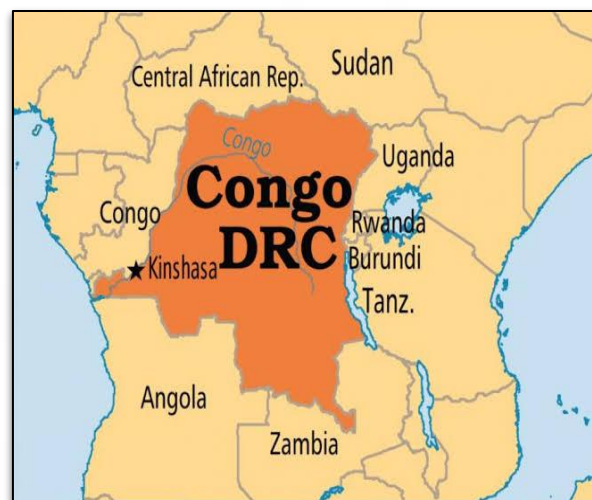
- **120+ militia groups** trying to control mineral rich Eastern DRC
- **Eastern DRC = Cobalt, Gold, Diamonds & Tin**
- **Division of Militia on Ethnic lines & refugees of Genocide in Rwanda in 1994**
- **Weak State authority & under funded National army (FARDC)**
- **Interference by Other powers : Funding of M-23 rebel group by Rwanda**
- **M- 23 comprises of Congolese Tutsis prosecuted during Rwanda Genocide**

## Washington Agreement :

- **Peace agreement between DRC & Rwanda**
- **Respect for territorial integrity & end to support for armed groups**
- **Joint Security Coordination Mechanism (JSCM)**
- **DRC = US entry meant end to illicit mineral trade & security assistance**
- **USA's Interests = DRC = 70% global cobalt reserves & largest producer**

## Doha Agreement :

- **Qatar mediated between DRC & M-23**
- **Declaration of Principles : Immediate ceasefire & peace agreement**
- **M - 23 : Withdrawal from regions seized**



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**SYLLABUS: PRELIMS:** News of National Importance

**Newspaper:** Indian Express; **Page No:** EXPLAINED

INDIA'S NEXT Census, which will be conducted in 2027 after a delay of six years, will include many firsts – it will be the first Census to be conducted digitally; for the first time, people will have the option of self-enumeration; and members of individual castes will be counted for the first time since 1931.

Also, all buildings across India will be geotagged – never before has such an exercise been undertaken as part of India's decennial population Census.

**Geotagging** : Process of marking Longitude - Latitude coordinates

Buildings will be marked on a Geographic Information System (GIS) Map

Create a Grid Surface on Earth for specific location

Unique locational identity that can be pinpointed with accuracy

**First mention of Census**

Arthashastra

**Detailed Census Data**

Ain i Akbari

**First complete census of city : Dacca**

Henry Walter

**First Non - Synchronous census 1872**

Lord Mayo

**First Synchronous Census 1881**

WC Plowden

- Decennial Census : Census Act 1948
- Census = Union Subject under Article 246
- Office of Registrar General
- under Ministry of Home Affairs

## CENSUS BASICS

THE POPULATION CENSUS has been conducted since 1872;

**2027** CENSUS will be the 16th such exercise, and the eighth since Independence.

A RANGE OF DATA, including data on housing conditions, amenities and assets, demography, religion, language, literacy and education, economic activity, migration, fertility, etc., are collected along with the headcount of individuals at the village, town, and ward levels.



INDIA'S POPULATION was 1.21 billion as of March 1, 2011. It is now estimated to have become the most populous nation in the world.

**₹14,618.95cr**

BUDGET has been sought by the Office of the Registrar General of India (RGI), which is under the Ministry of Home Affairs, for the conduct of Census 2027, according to sources.

**34** lakh enumerators and field functionaries will be involved in conducting the Census. The enumerators will use their own smart-phones for collecting data. In SECC 2011, dedicated tablets were used.



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**Q1. Regarding the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967, consider the following statements:**

1. It empowers the central government to designate both organisations and individuals as terrorists.
2. The Act allows detention of an accused for up to 180 days without filing a charge sheet, with judicial approval.
3. Only the National Investigation Agency can investigate cases under UAPA.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) 1 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3
- d) 2 and 3 only

**Answer: b**

**Q2. Regarding the Production Linked Incentive Scheme, consider the following statements:**

1. The scheme is implemented only in the electronics sector.
2. It is a central sector scheme funded by the Government of India.

**Which of the statements given above is/are NOT correct?**

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Answer: a**

**Q3. Regarding the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, 2001, consider the following statements:**

1. It was launched to achieve Universalisation of Elementary Education.
2. It is a Central Sector Scheme.
3. It makes free and compulsory education a Fundamental Right for children in the age group 6–14 years.

**How many of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) Only One
- b) Only Two
- c) All Three
- d) None

**Answer: a**

**Q4. Regarding the Adi Sanskriti platform, consider the following statements:**

1. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
2. It aims to digitally showcase the tribal heritage, art, and culture of India.
3. It is hosted on the eNAM portal.

**How many of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- a) Only One
- b) Only Two
- c) All Three
- d) None

**Answer: b**

**Q5. Regarding the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) consider the following statements:**

1. Equator passes through it.
2. It is a landlocked country.
3. Congo River is major river of DRC and it crosses the Equator twice.

**Which of the statements given above are correct?**

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3
- d) 1 and 2 only

**Answer: a**





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