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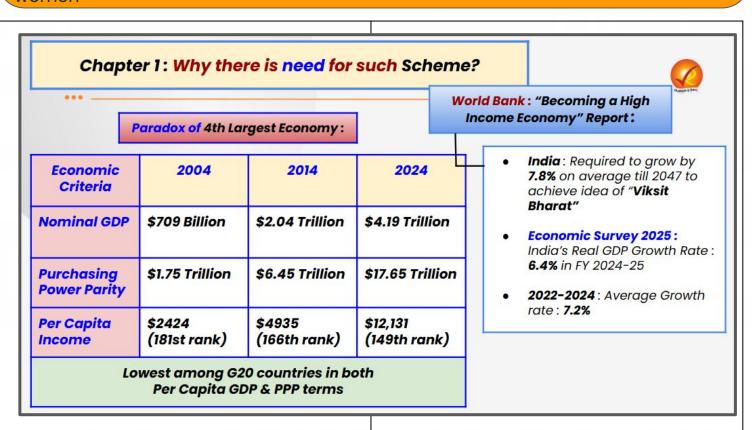


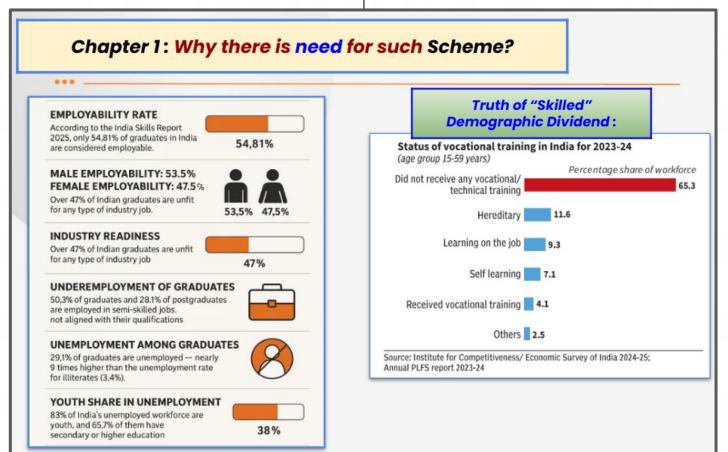
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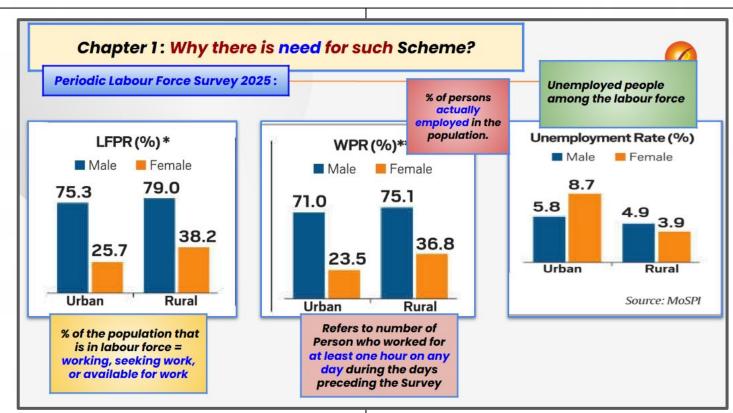


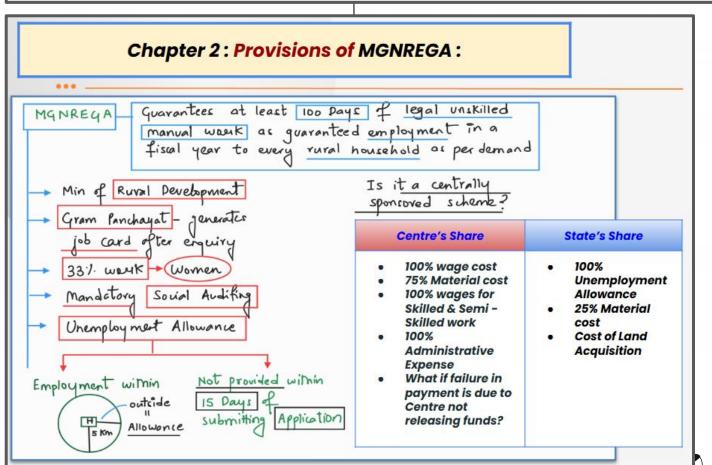
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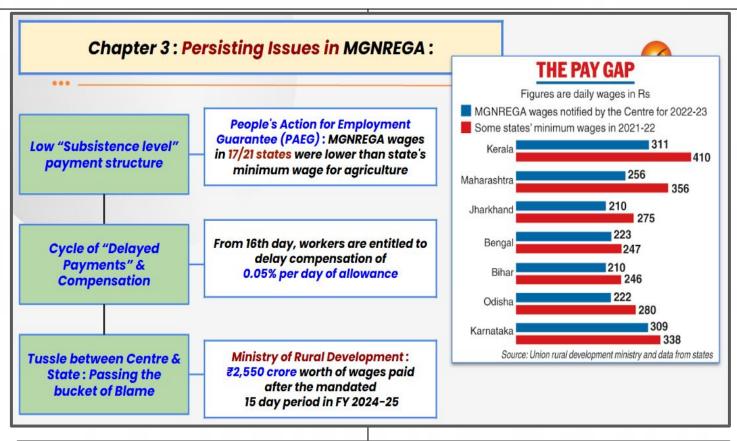


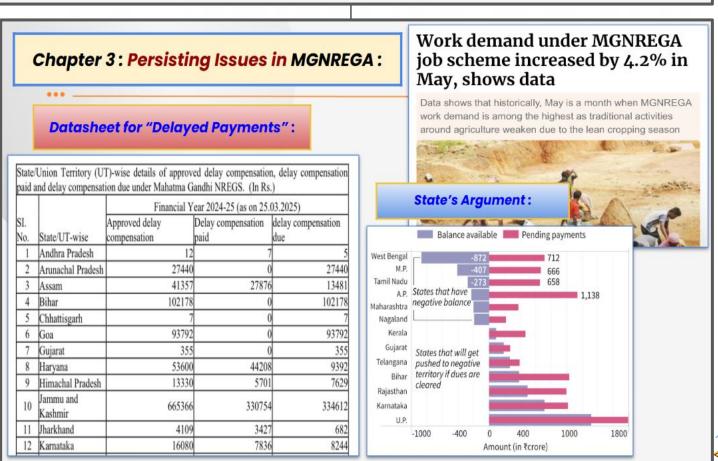
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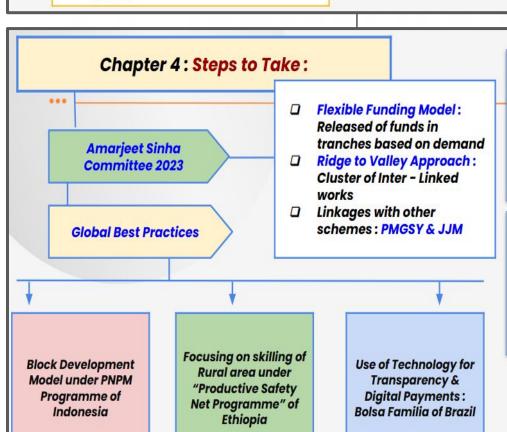
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National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) App: Chapter 3: Persisting Issues in MGNREGA: Real time Geo - Tagging attendance of workers AADHAAR-BASED PAYMENT SYSTEM As on December 31 143.2 mn* 125.3 mn* | 87.5% 12.5% (Approx18 mn) Care work responsibilities of Women Active workers Active workers Active workers eligible Active workers ineligible for ABPS eligible for ABPS for ABPS Issue of "Digital Divide" *Total active workers are those who have attended work at least once in the last three financial years. Source: MGNREGS website and data from civil society groups. Unavailability of "Smartphones" to use States with least percentage of States with highest percentage of "Mate" App to register attendance active workers ineligible for ABPS active workers ineligible for ABPS Fiscal Gliding Path by Government ■% ineligible ■ % ineligible 36.0 32.0 Insufficient Budget allocation & "Fund Crunch": 3.2% Budget share in 2021 to 1.78% in Budget 2025 Kerala Andhra Tamil Himachal Tripura oura : Kamataka : Meghalaya Lakshwadeep Manipur Pradesh Nadu Pradesh Arunachal Pradesh 90% Fund exhaustion within 6 months Falling Person - Days generated: 50% less person days generated in 2024-25



Delay in completing works & Poor asset

quality

Average workdays per household is down to just 44 days under MGNREGS

The impact of low budgetary allocation is showing in terms of fall in person days from 312.37 crore in 2023-24 to 239.67 crore till February 2025, while average workdays per household declined from 52.08 to just 44.62

MGNREGS audit crosses 50% local bodies in just six States

High rate of corruption is one of the primary complaints against the scheme and social audit is the inbuilt anticorruption mechanism in the Act

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Mains Practise Question

Question: What are the salient features of the MGNREGA Scheme? Despite noble aims and objectives, why the scheme has been unable to deliver the desired results at the grassroot level? Elucidate.

(15 Marks, 250 words)



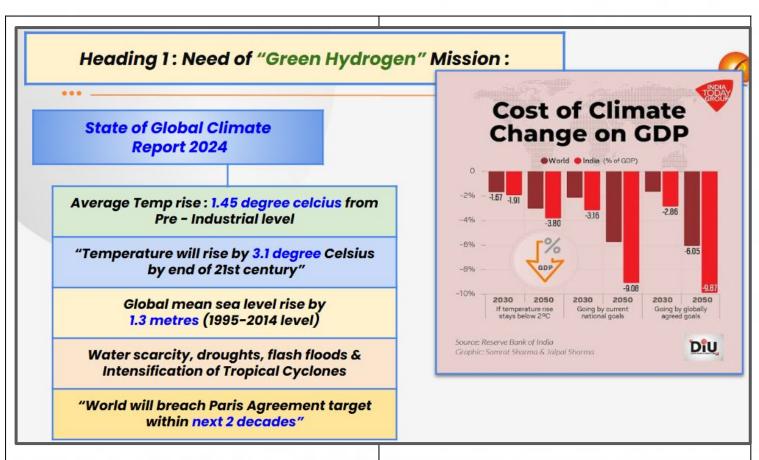
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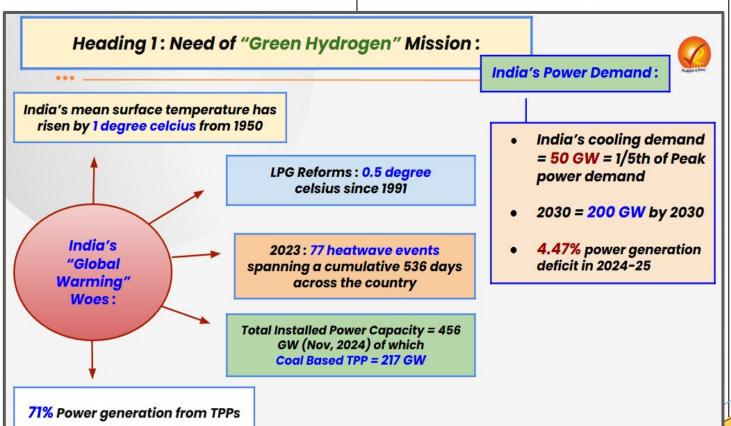
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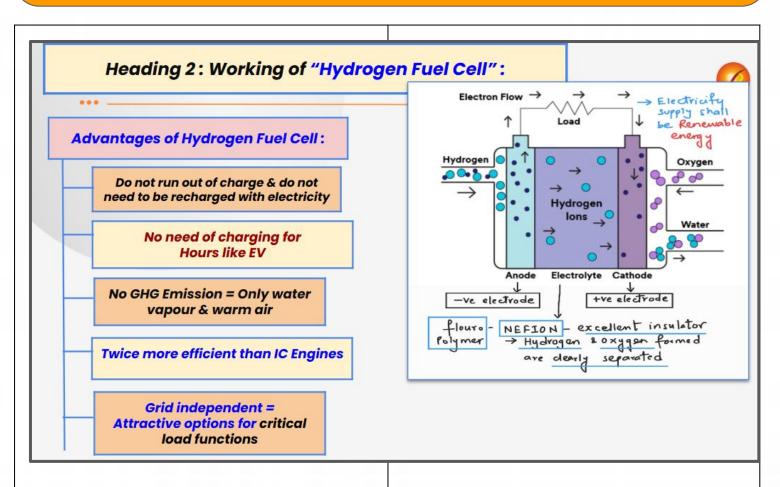


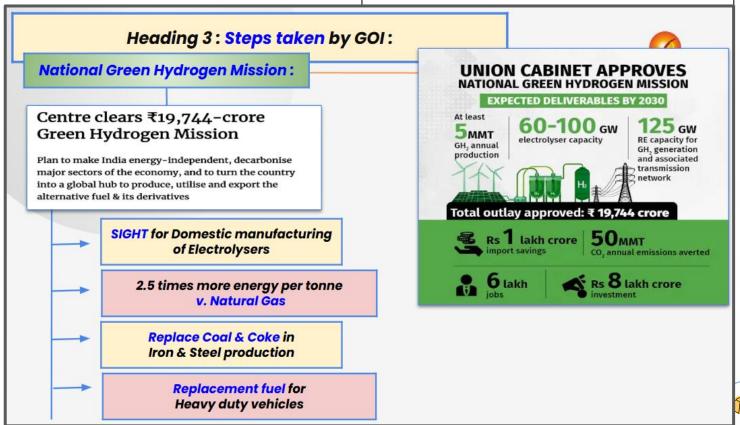
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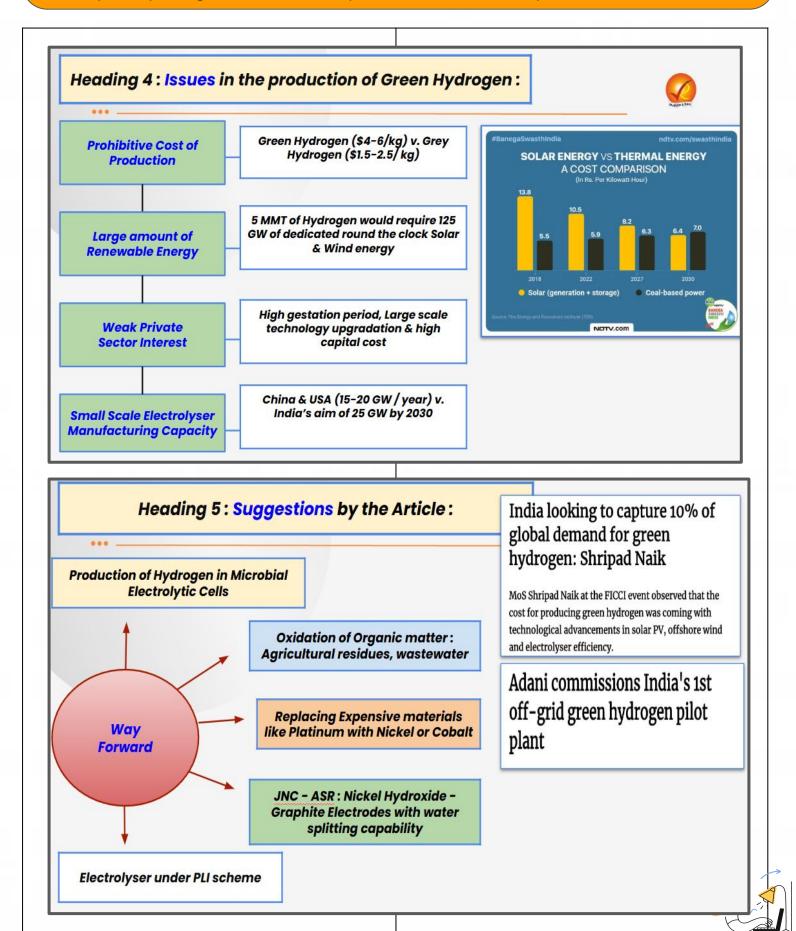


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Question: What is National Green Hydrogen Mission? What are the challenges which curtail the Green Hydrogen production in India? Provide suggestive measures. (15 Marks, 250 words)

Mains Practise Question



Elections in Rajya Sabha



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SYLLABUS: GS 2 Functions of Parliament

Newspaper The Indian Express Page Number: 07

Elections in Rajya Sabha **Context of News** Vacant since 2021 LAST MONTH, the Union Law and Justice Ministry turned down the Election Commission "Terms of MP ended while UT was (EC)'s request for a presidential under President's Rule" order to stagger the terms of J&K's four Rajya Sabha seats, which run concurrently. EC: Asked for The EC asked for the presi-**Presidential Order** dential order to ensure that the four seats do not become vacant 1st ever RS elections in 1952: at the same time and the UT re-Terms for 2/3rd seats did not end mains continuously represented in the Upper House. The Law and Justice Ministry, however, said Article 83: 1/3rd members there was no provision in law for retire every 2nd year such an order.

Elections in Rajya Sabha		
Importance of Election?		
Equal Status	Unequal Status	Special Powers
 Introduction & passage of Ordinary & Constitutional amendment bills Amendment or passage of Financial Bills (Article 117 (3)) Election & impeachment of President Removal of CJI, Judges of SC/HC & CEC Approval of Ordinances issued by President (Article 123) Approval of Proclamation of all 3 types of Emergencies 	Money Bill (Article 110) can be introduced only in LS RS can not amend or reject a Money Bill Whether a Bill is money bill or not? Speaker of LS RS can only discuss the Budget but can not vote on Demand for Grants Resolution for discontinuation of National Emergency can be passed only by Lok Sabha Can not pass NCM	 Article 67: RS alone can initiate the removal of VP Article 249: Authorise Parliament to make law on State List Article 312: Authoris Parliament to create new AIS Can Approve all type of Emergency if LS has been dissolved

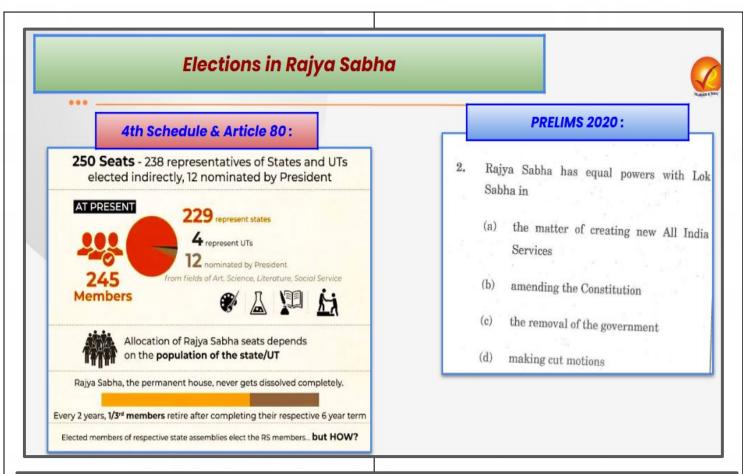
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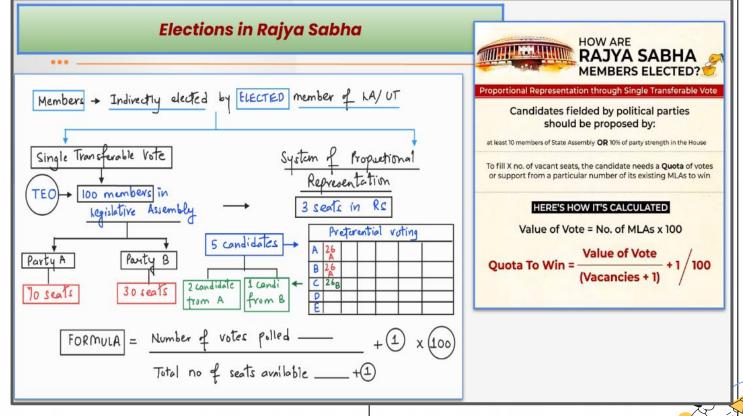


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Elections in Rajya Sabha **Recent Amendments:** The Conflict? 2003 Amendment Elections to be held through "Open Commission on August 22 that a to RPA 1951 Ballot" presidential order could not be issued as there was no provision in the law for it. Only two times Candidate is not required to be Kuldip Nayar v. such orders have been issued - in **UOI 2006** elector in the state from where they 1952 and 1956 as per the are contesting for RS Constitution and Representation Not applicable in the case of of the People Act, 1951. Anti - Defection elections to Rajya Sabha Law What the law says Section 154 of the R P Act. Shailesh NOTA is not applicable 1951 says that the term of office Manubhai Case of the member of the Council of 2018 States would be of six years. But, in order to make it a continuous House, presidential orders were issued twice.



Realisation on REER



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SYLLABUS: Prelims Economy

Newspaper The Indian Express Page Number: 13

Realisation on REER

Context of the News:

DAYS AFTER meeting Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, exporters are set to meet RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra on September 11 seeking a range of support measures — from a weaker rupee and easier loan repayment terms to credit support for help in diversifying into other markets — to tide over the immediate stress caused by US tariffs, The Indian Express has learned.

Why Weaker rupee?

Imports will get costlier

Exports will become cheaper

To cut down REER from current 103 to 88

Help boosting Indian Export

Realisation on REER

Basis of Fixed Exchange Rate Flexible Exchange Rate Difference Officially fixed in terms of gold or Rate of exchange determined by **Determination of** any other currency (pegging) forces of demand & supply **Exchange Rate** Government **Complete Government Control** Fluctuates freely according to market condition Control Rate remains mostly stable thus Rates keep on changing Stability stability in Capital movement Impact on Currency is devalued **Currency appreciates &** depreciates Currency No need to maintain FOREX Large FOREX required **FOREX Reserves** Reserves Impact on BOP Deficit in BOP Deficit or Surplus in BOP is automatically corrected

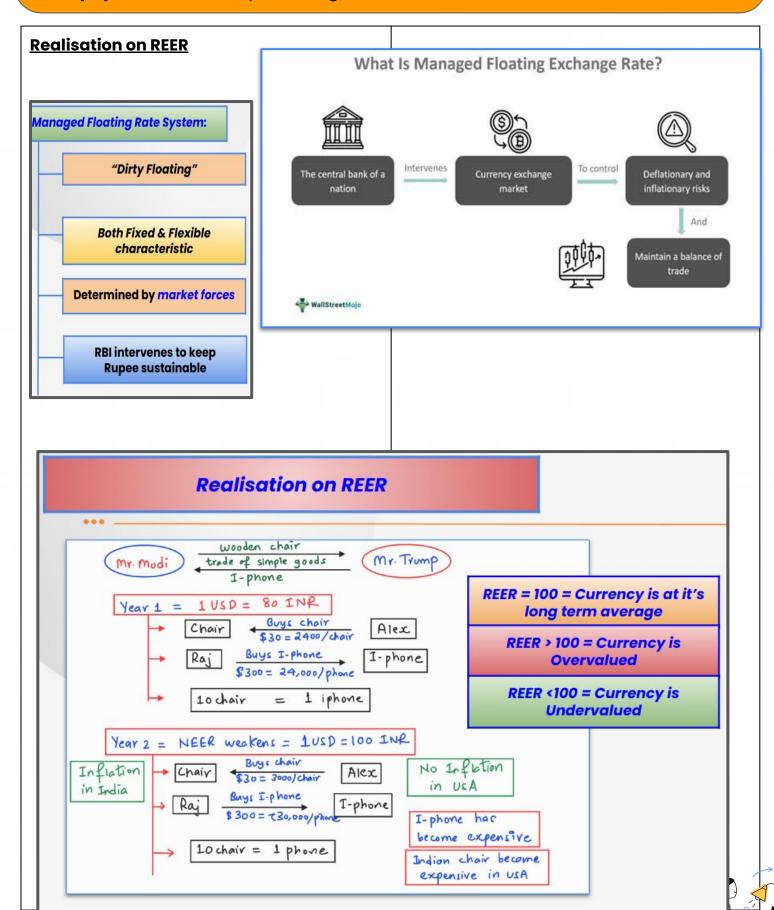
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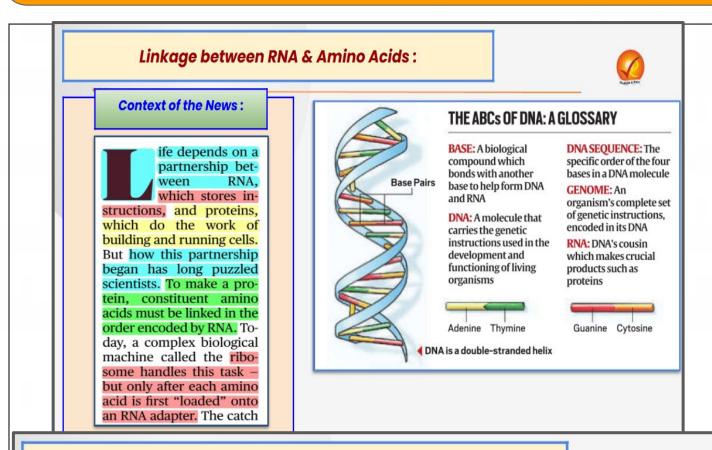
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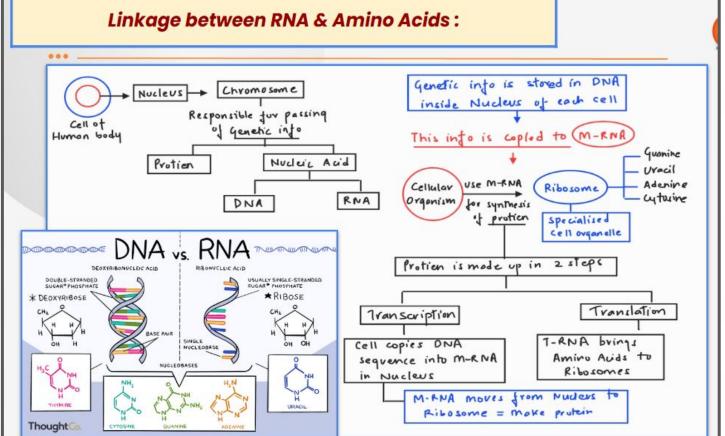


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Linkage between RNA & Amino Acids: AlphaFold 3 Surprise chemistry VOSSMAN (CC BY-SA) New AI model developed by Chemistry reveals RNA and amino acids linked Google's Deepmind directly at life's dawn Scientists remain intrigued by how RNA and proteins first Predict structure & interaction of partnered to enable life's first cellular processes all Life Molecules including DNA Researchers at University College London have found aminoacyl-thiols can link amino acids to RNA without involving enzymes Study RNA Structures for further Representative Laboratory experiments showed amino acids image of a single research on Cellular systems attaching directly to RNA in water, resembling strand of RNA plausible early earth conditions folding back This chemistry revealed astonishing selectivity, on itself. consistently favouring RNA over more reactive molecules, surprising many chemists A chemical switch separated RNA-charging from peptide-linking, mimicking distinct sequential stages of modern protein synthesis ■ The findings suggest such reactions occurred in primordial ponds or frozen pools, initiating primitive coded peptide synthesis



Tiger Success Story



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<u>SYLLABUS</u>: Prelims Important National Parks
Newspaper The Indian Express Page Number: 01

Context of the News:

A SPECIAL annual survey undertaken by the forest department of Uttarakhand to estimate the number of tigers in the Ramnagar division, adjoining Corbett Tiger Reserve, has shown a sharp jump over three years, The Indian Express has learnt.

According to a report based on the survey, undertaken by the department's Ramnagar division along with the World Wide Fund for Nature, the number of tigers grew from 67 (as per the All India Tiger Estimation in 2022) to 96 (as of July 2025). The survey report has been submitted to the department, it is learnt.

Jim Corbett NP:

 Established in 1936 as Hailey NP as the First NP in India

Kotdwar

- Barhāpura
 IUCN Category 2: National Park
- First Park under Project Tiger
 Initiative launched in 1973 Zalgarh
- Between Lesser Himmigya & Siwalik
 Hills
- Moist Deciduous Forest: Sal, Peepal & Mahua tree
- Dun valleys formed by Ramganga river
- Jim Corbett: Man eaters of Kumaon



A chital stag in Jim Corbett National Park



A tusker elephant on the bank of the ramganga river



A tiger walking on the river bed

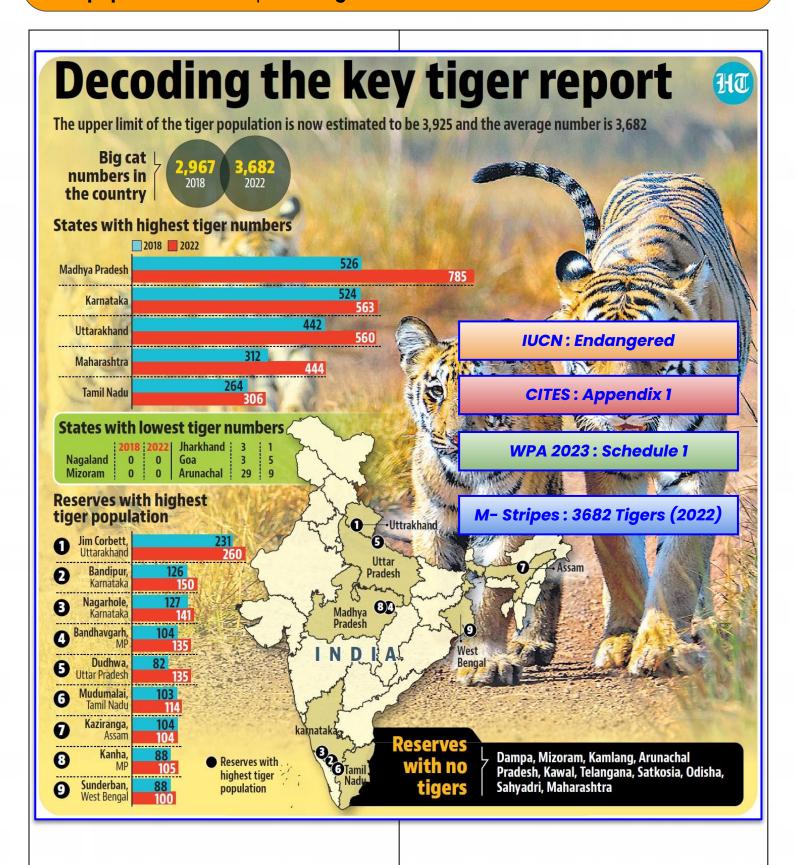


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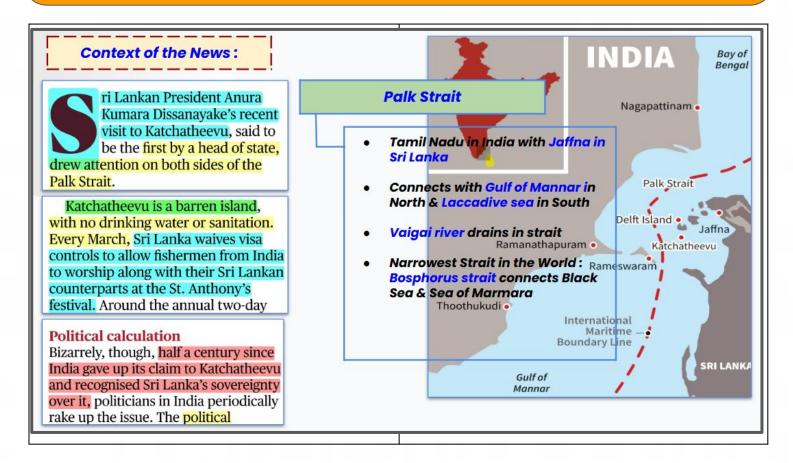


Flashpoint in Palk Strait



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<u>SYLLABUS</u>: Prelims Important locations in the NEWS Newspaper The Hindu Page Number: 12





Daily Quiz



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Q1: Consider the following statements regarding Employability in India:

- 1. According to the India Skills Report 2025, only 54.81% of Indian graduates are considered employable.
- 2. As per the report female employability is higher than male employability.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: a

Q2: Consider the following statements regarding the findings of the State of Global Climate Report 2024:

- 1. The average global temperature has increased by 1.45°C from pre-industrial levels.
- 2. The projected temperature rise by the end of the 21st century is expected to be around 3.1°C.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: c

Q3: Consider the following statements regarding the special powers of the Rajya Sabha:

- 1. Rajya Sabha can initiate the removal of the Vice President under Article 67.
- 2. Under Article 249, Rajya Sabha can authorise Parliament to make laws on subjects from the State List.
- 3. Rajya Sabha can authorise the parliament to create new All India Services under Article 312.

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

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

Answer: c

Q4: Consider the following statements:

- 1. DNA is a molecule that carries genetic instructions essential for the development and functioning of living organisms.
- 2. The genome refers to an organism's complete set of genetic instructions encoded in its DNA.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Answer: c

Q5: Consider the following statements regarding Jim Corbett National Park:

- It was established in 1936 as Hailey National Park — the first National Park in India
- Jim Corbett National Park is located across the wide valley of the Bhyundar Ganga..
- 3. It is known for its tropical evergreen forests dominated by sandalwood and bamboo.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Answer: a







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