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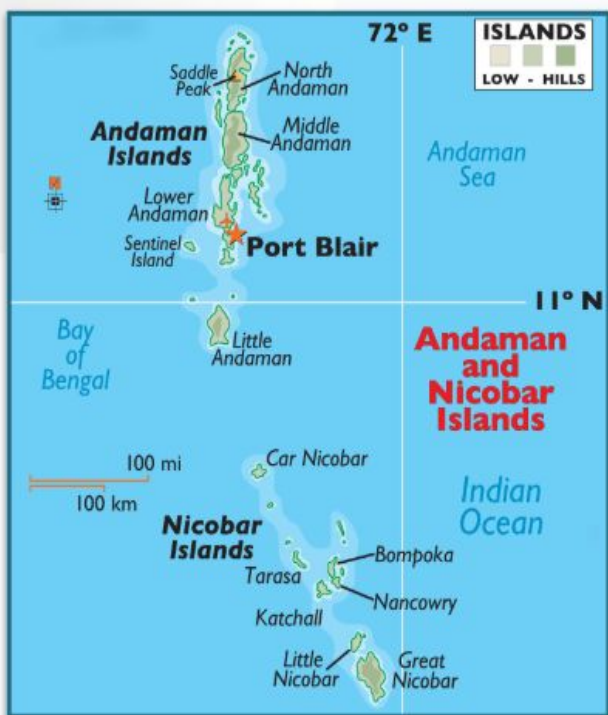
**17th February, 2026**



# NGT clears Great Nicobar Project

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## Geography 🌍



## Mapping related aspects

836 islands (31 inhabited)

Closer to **Chennai/ Kolkata?**

### Significance

Maritime borders (Indo, Myn, Thai)

95% is **tropical rainforest**

**Sundaland Biodiversity Hotspot**



## UPSC PYQ (P) 2018

Consider the following statements:

1. The Barren Island volcano is an **active** volcano located in the Indian territory.
2. Barren Island lies about 140 km east of Great Nicobar.
3. The **last time** the Barren Island volcano erupted was in 1991 and it has remained inactive since then.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 and 3
- c. 3 only
- d. 1 and 3

## UPSC PYQ (P) 2017

Which of the following is geographically closest to Great Nicobar?

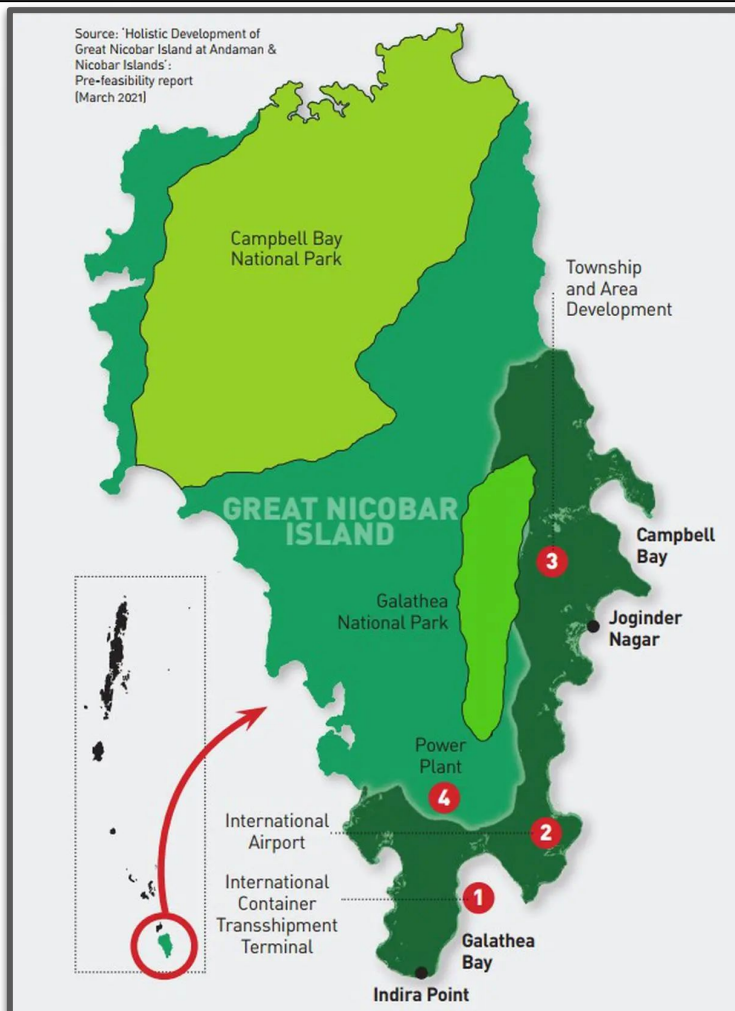
- (a) Sumatra
- (b) Borneo
- (c) Java
- (d) Sri Lanka





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TheWire.in

## NGT Greenlights Infra Projects on Great Nicobar, Cites National Importance, Need For Balanced Approach

All safeguards set up by the Union environment ministry are in place to protect the island's biodiversity and people, the NGT said, adding that there were...

**Strategic importance**

**EC granted in Nov 2022**

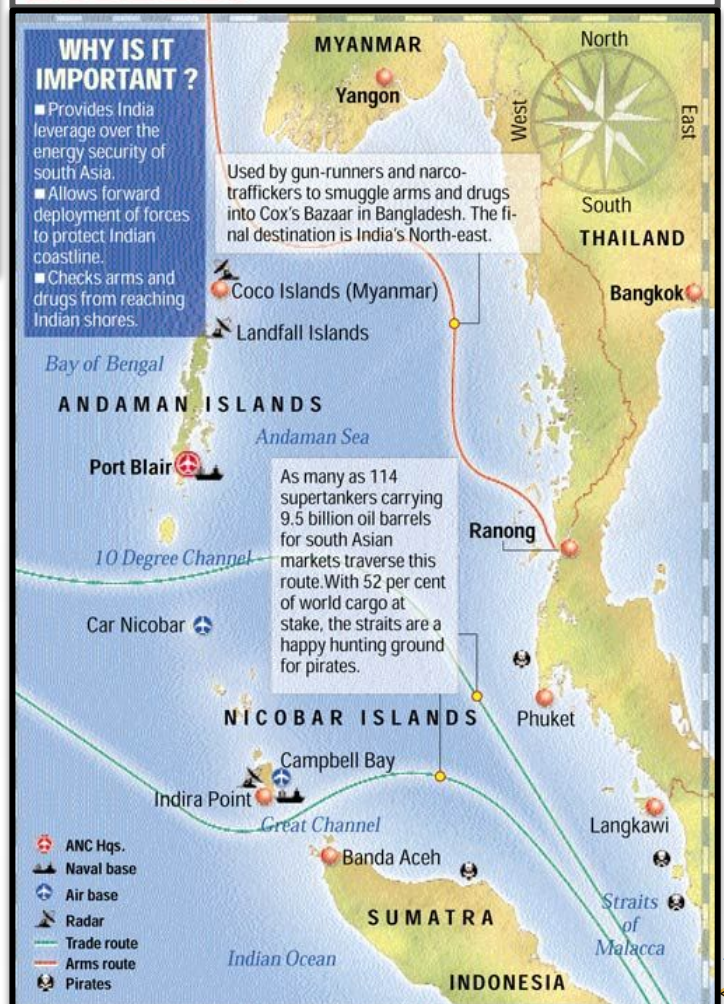
Idea first floated in the 1970s

Malacca, Sunda, and Lombok

Chinese military facility at Coco Islands (Myanmar)

Act East Policy

Chance of big oil discovery



## The Great Nicobar Infrastructure Project

**Implementing Agency:** A&NI Integrated Development Corporation

**Estimated Cost:** Escalated from ₹72,000 Cr to ₹92,000 Cr (2026)

### Mega Project: Blueprint

<b>Transshipment Port</b>	Located at <b>Galathea Bay</b> . <b>AIM:</b> Rival Colombo/Hong Kong, Singapore
<b>Int'l Airport</b>	<b>Dual-use</b> (Civilian + Defence)
<b>Power Plant</b>	<b>Gas/Solar</b> based (originally: coal)
<b>Township</b>	<b>To house</b> ~3.5 lakh people Current population: ~8,000



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## The "Axes of Concern" 🔔

### 1. Indigenous Rights & Ethics 🗝️

- **PVTG Displacement**
- **Forest Rights Act, 2006**
  - **Administration:** 'tribal consent obtained'
  - **Tribal Council,** revoked "No Objection"

**2004:** The islands were devastated by a 10-metre-high tsunami following an earthquake. The tribals escaped and later claimed they were forewarned by ancestors



### UPSC PYQ (P) 2019

Consider the following statements about **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)** in India

1. PVTGs reside in 18 States and one Union Territory.
2. A stagnant or declining population is one of the criteria for determining PVTG status.
3. There are 95 PVTGs officially notified in the country so far.
4. Irular and Konda Reddi tribes are included in the list of PVTGs.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a. 1, 2 and 3
- b. 2, 3 and 4
- c. 1, 2 and 4
- d. 1, 3 and 4



**2003:** CCMB came out with its first report identifying Andaman tribes as the most ancient people of India and dating their arrival to over 65,000 years ago

## The "Axes of Concern" 🔔

### 2. Ecological Devastation 🌳

- **Rainforest Loss** (130 sq km/ ~1 million trees)
- **Turtle Nesting**
  - **Administration:** 'tribal consent obtained'
  - **Tribal Council,** revoked "No Objection"
- **Endemic Species**
  - **Nicobar Megapode**
  - **Nicobar long-tailed macaque**
  - **Robber Crab**
- **New Discoveries**

 The Times of India

World's new wolf snake species discovered on Great Nicobar Island in a major scientific breakthrough

Scientists have unveiled *Lycodon irwini*, a new species of wolf snake discovered in Great Nicobar Island's dense forests. This exceptionally...

25 Nov 2025

in: The Hindu

Proposed Great Nicobar Island port threatening the survival of largest turtles on Earth

An approved international container port at Great Nicobar Island may prevent leatherback turtles from reaching their nesting sites.

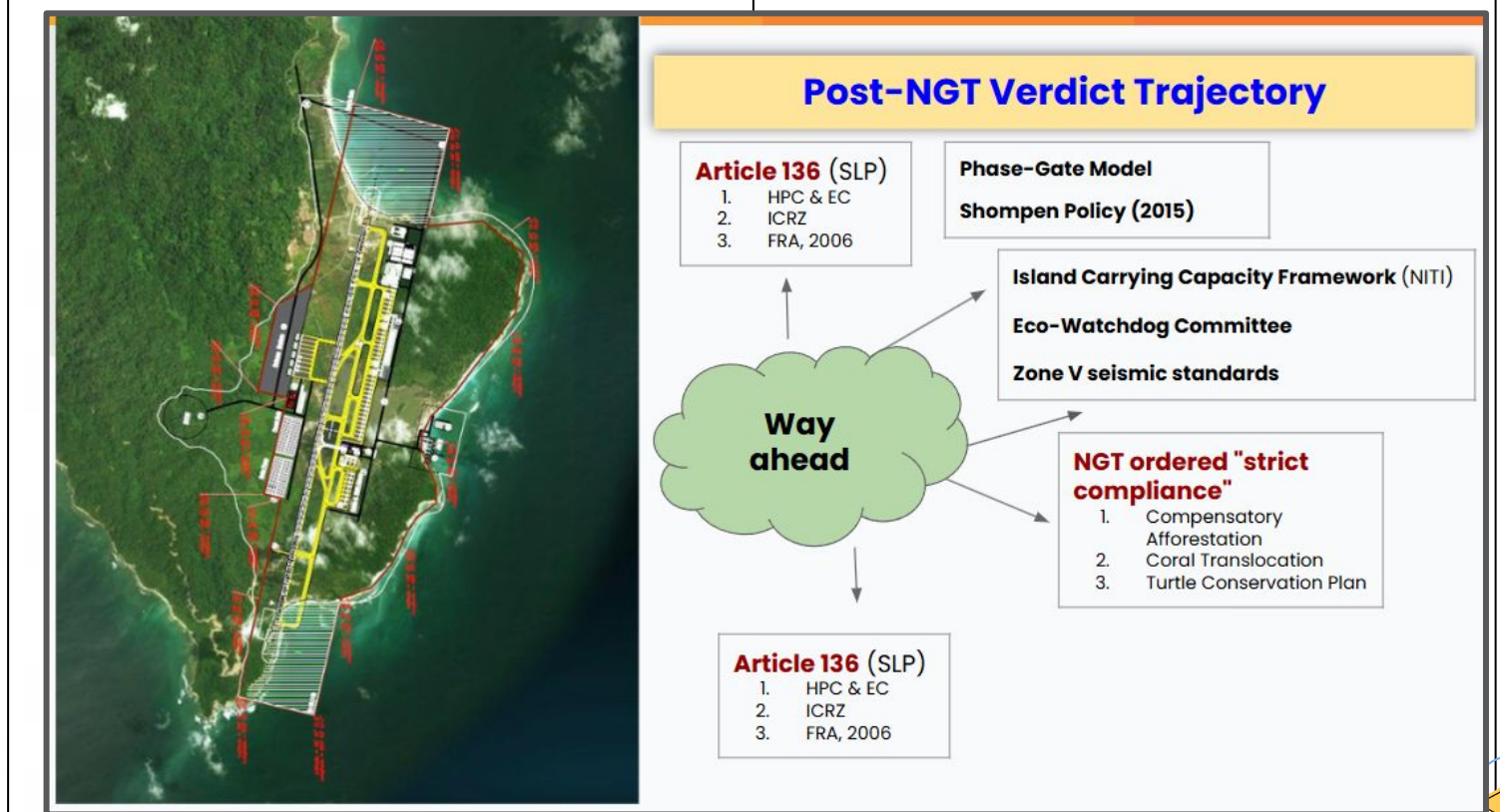
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## Mains Practise Question

**The Great Nicobar project will define not just one island's fate, but the nation's moral standing and environmental future.**

(15 Marks, 250 words)

### Road through green haven

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hectares of private land proposed to be acquired

- The Trunk Infrastructure Road will cut through Great Nicobar Island (GNI)
- According to the draft social impact assessment report, there was no alternative location
- Anthropologists have cautioned against the project





# Need for balanced Federalism

**CONTEXT:** India's Constitution created a federal system with a centralising bias with need for calibrating Centre-State balance.



## What is Federalism?

### Federalism

**Power divided between two levels of government**

- National (Union/Centre)
- Regional (States)

**Both have:**

- ✓ Defined powers
- ✓ Independent authority in their sphere
- ✓ Constitutional protection

**1935-1950 Historical Context**

**Government of India Act, 1935**

**Partition: 14 prov, 500+ princely**

Model	Example	Bias
Unitary	UK, France	100% Centre
Classical	USA	State-strong
Quasi (K.C. Wheare)	India (Art-1)	Centre-strong
Cooperative + Competitive	Germany; Modern India  Market-driven	

**Founding fathers' fear: Centrifugal forces**



### UPSC PYQ (P) 2021

**Which one of the following in Indian polity is an essential feature that indicates that it is federal in character?**

- The independence of judiciary is safeguarded
- The Union Legislature has elected representatives from constituent units
- The Union Cabinet can have elected representatives from regional parties
- The Fundamental Rights are enforceable by Courts of Law

### UPSC PYQ (P) 2017

**Which one of the following is not a feature of Indian federalism?**

- There is an independent judiciary in India
- Powers have been clearly divided between the Centre and the States
- The federating units have been given unequal representation in the Rajya Sabha
- It is the result of an agreement among the federating units





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## The Trajectory: How We Got Here

### Phase 1: Necessary Centralisation (1950s–1960s)

- Fragility of new nation
- Migrations and communal violence
- Poor social indicators

### Phase 2: Dominance Consolidation (1970s–1980s)

- Single-party dominance
- "High command culture"
- Article 356 abuse 90+ times
- **Emergency** (1975–77)

### Phase 3: Coalition Era Balance (1989–2014)

- **Coalition** governments
- **Regional parties** = kingmakers
  - **Federal bargaining**
- **Sarkaria** (1988), **Punchhi** (2010)

### Phase 4: Renewed Centralisation

- **Single-party majority** returns
- **Constitutional** amendments
- **Centralised scheme** expansion
- **Governor's** role controversy
- **Language** policy
- **Finance Commission** devolution



## Specific Manifestations: How Centralisation Operates

Mechanisms of Centralisation	Cases
<b>Concurrent List Expansion</b>	Education, forests, wildlife, economic planning
<b>Subordinate Legislation</b>	Union law; <b>bureaucratic notifications</b>
<b>Finance Commission Bypass</b>	Health–education cess, surcharges, <b>Conditional Transfers</b>
<b>Centrally Sponsored Schemes</b>	JJM, Ayushman Bharat, PM Awas Yojana, etc
<b>Governor's Discretion</b>	Multiple <b>bills reserved/delayed</b> post-2014
<b>Article 356 Threat</b>	<b>"breakdown of constitutional machinery"</b>
<b>Goods and Services Tax</b>	GST Council, Compensation cess, Revenue volatility





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## The New Committee: Justice Kurian Joseph Panel

- **Constituted by:** Government of Tamil Nadu (April 2025).
- **Members:** Justice Kurian Joseph (Chair), K. Ashok Vardhan Shetty (Retd. IAS), Dr. M. Naganathan (Economist).
- **Mandate:** To review Union–State relations in the context of contemporary challenges.
- **Part I Focus (Feb 2026):** Governors, Language Policy, Delimitation, GST, Education, and Health.
- Follows the legacy of the **Rajamannar Committee (1969)**, the first state-appointed panel to question Central dominance.

Decentralization breeds innovation. India's best schemes started as **State Experiments**:

- **Tamil Nadu:** Mid-day Meal Scheme.
- **Kerala:** Public Health Model.
- **Maharashtra:** Employment Guarantee

- **Delimitation** concerns (2026 census)
- **One Nation, One Election**
- **Education and health CSS**
- **Language policy**
- **Governor's role:** discretionary powers, time-bound assent to State bills, clearer guidelines on when bills should be reserved for President
- **Reforming GST Council**

**Mains 2020 (GS II):** Indian Constitution exhibits centralising tendencies to maintain unity and integrity of the nation. Elucidate in the perspective of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897; The Disaster Management Act, 2005 and recently passed Farm Acts."

## Strategic Way Forward to promote federalism in India

1. "Right-Sizing" the Union
2. Encouraging "Parallel Experimentation"
3. Fiscal Flexibility
4. Legislative Restraint
5. Building State Capacity
6. S.R. Bommai vs Union of India (1994)
7. Informed Debate:



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## Mains Practise Question

**The Indian Constitution was born with a centralising bias out of necessity, but persistent centralization has now become a hurdle to effective governance." Critically analyze this statement in light of the recently submitted Justice Kurian Joseph Committee Report.**

(15 Marks, 250 words)





**SYLLABUS :** Prelims Denotified Tribes, Schemes **GS 1** Diversity of India (Tribal issues) **GS 2** Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population  
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## What Does "Denotified" Mean?

Colony "Criminal Tribes" Act, 1871	1911 Census: Institutionalizing Stigma  Last explicit count: 1931 Census	PRESENT	Examples of Communities	Current Status
<p>"born criminals" "addicted to committing crimes" "potential criminals"</p> <p>Control "nomadic" populations</p>	<p>Repeal of CTA (1952)</p> <p>"Denotified Tribes"</p> <p>Habitual Offenders Act</p> <p>SC, ST, or OBC lists: "Vimukt Jatis"</p>	<b>Denotified Tribes</b>	Pardhis, Bawarias, Sansis, Kanjars	No official backward class status
		<b>Nomadic Tribes</b>	Banjaras Gaddi shepherds Gujjar Bakarwals	Some have OBC status
		<b>Semi-Nomadic Tribes</b>	Lambadas, Kallars Nat	Mixed status

## Current Failures

**Scheme Underutilization**

**DNT Certificate**

**Uneven Backwardness**

**Historical Narrative**

**Constitutional Status**

**Census Column**

**Government Stance**

**Welfare Board under Social Justice Ministry**

**Core Demands**



# Denotified tribes

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## The Current Census Debate

THE Hindu

### Denotified tribes seek constitutional recognition, separate Census entry

Denotified tribes, nomadic tribes, and semi-nomadic tribes across the country are coming together to push for a "separate column" for...

2 weeks ago

Denotified tribes seek 'separate column' and formal identity after decades of misclassification

#### Classification & numbers

- They were labelled 'criminal tribes' under the Criminal Tribes Act, 1871

- The Act was repealed in 1952, after which these communities were denotified

- The previous National Commission identified nearly 1,200 communities

- Nearly 267 communities remain outside the SC, ST, and OBC lists

- Estimates suggest up to 7 crore people in Uttar Pradesh alone

#### Key demands

- Separate Census column for denotified tribes
- Dedicated Constitutional Schedule
- Sub-classification to reflect graded backwardness within communities

### Commissions & Findings

**Ayyangar Commission**  
(1949)

**Started efforts** to account for these communities even before official denotification.

**Renke Commission**  
(2008)

**1st National Commission**  
Recommended measures.

**Idate Commission**  
(2017)

Identified **~1,200** DNT communities (most in SC/ST/OBC lists). Identified **268 communities** that were completely **unclassified**.

**Anthropologic al Survey of India**

NITI Aayog-commissioned study on the 268 unclassified tribes; **Currently:** "cold storage".





**SYLLABUS : Prelims MTP Act GS 1 : Social Empowerment, Role of Women**

**GS 2 : Mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of vulnerable sections**

**Newspaper The Indian Express Page Number : 11**



## Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act

Gestational Period	Permission Required From	Conditions / Grounds (MTP Amendment Act, 2021)
0 to 20 Weeks	1 Registered Medical Practitioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk to life/mental/physical health of the woman.</li> <li>Substantial risk that the child would be born with serious abnormalities.</li> <li>Failure of Contraception (Now applies to any woman, married or unmarried).</li> </ul>
20 to 24 Weeks	2 Registered Medical Practitioners	Only for <b>"Special Categories"</b> of women (defined in Rules): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survivors of rape/incest.</li> <li>Minors.</li> <li>Change in marital status (Widowhood/Divorce).</li> <li>Women with disabilities.</li> <li>Emergencies/Disasters.</li> </ul>
Beyond 24 Weeks	State Medical Board	Only for <b>Substantial Fetal Abnormalities</b> diagnosed by the Board. (No upper time limit here).

**Privacy**

**Crime to reveal identity of woman (jail)**

### MTP Act: The Consent Checklist

Whose permission is actually required?

**✗ Husband/Partner?**  
**NO.** (Irrelevant under MTP Act).  
Consent Not Required

**✗ In-Laws?**  
**NO.**

**✓ The Pregnant Woman?**  
**YES.** (Mandatory).  
Sole Decision Maker

**✓ Medical Practitioner?**  
**YES.** (Opinion required).  

- 0-20 Weeks: 1 Doctor.
- 20-24 Weeks: 2 Doctors.

**! Medical Board?**  
**! ONLY for >24 weeks** (in case of foetal abnormalities).  
Subject to legal provisions and specific conditions.

Source: Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, India. Consult a qualified healthcare provider for medical advice. Jan 2026

## Case Analysis: Bombay HC vs. Supreme Court

The Act does not explicitly allow abortion beyond 24 weeks **solely for "mental trauma"** or **"change of circumstances"** if the **foetus is healthy**.

Law Trend

Bombay High Court Denies 28-Week Abortion to Teen; Says Termination Would Amount to Foeticide

Arguing for termination, the petitioner's lawyer submitted that the girl did not wish to continue with the pregnancy and that it was her...

2 weeks ago



**Foetus was "healthy + viable."**

**Potential life of the foetus >> petitioner's**

**SC:** Indian law = framework of **"protecting family honor"** vs pure individual rights.

**SC's Stance**

**"The court cannot compel completion of a pregnancy if a woman is not intending to do so."**

**"Mental Trauma"**

That forcing a woman to carry an unwanted pregnancy violates her autonomy.

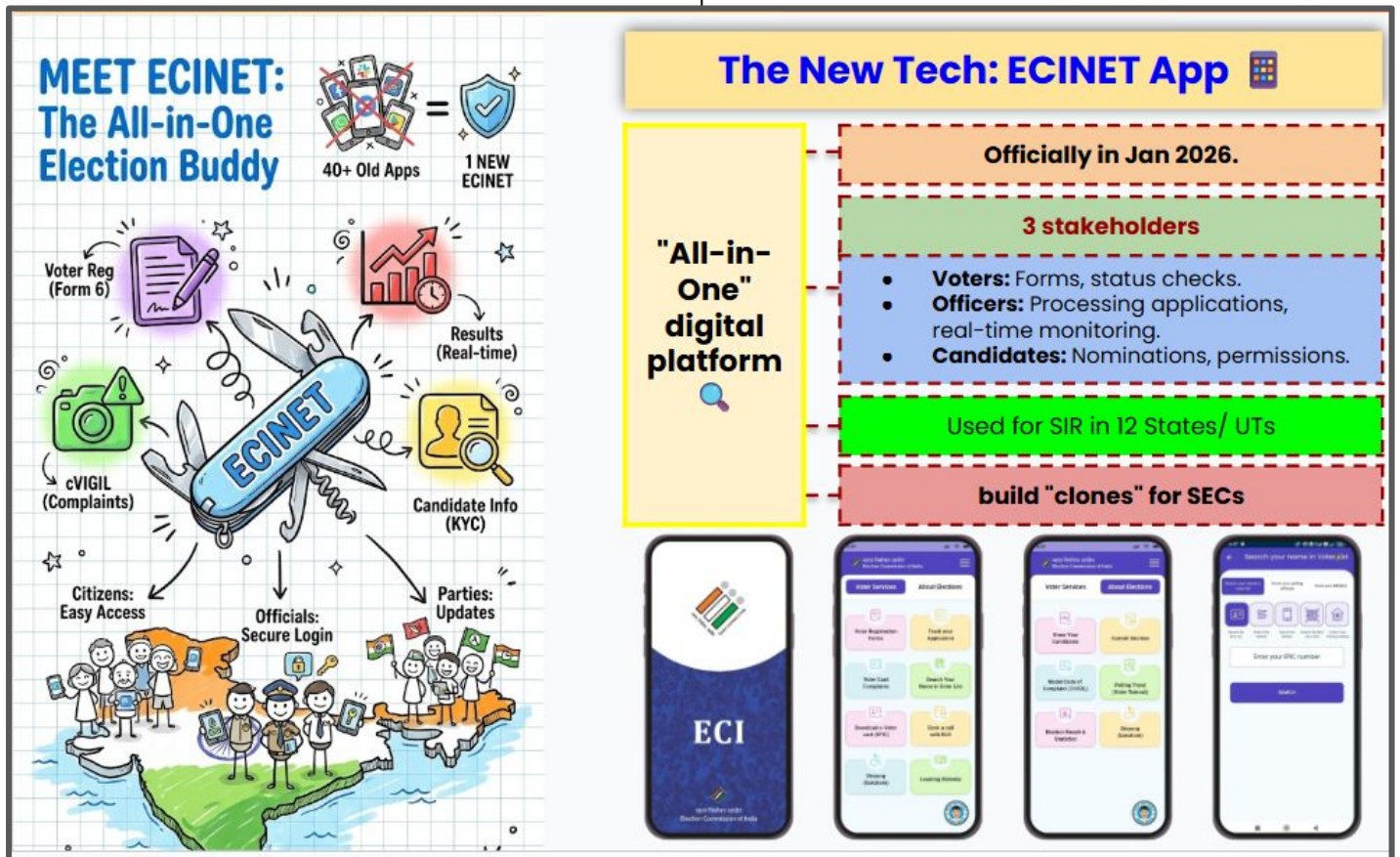




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## Why Now? (Reading Between Lines)

### Timing = push for "ONOE"

**Ram Nath Kovind Committee** (High-Level Committee) recommended simultaneous elections in **two phases**:

- Phase 1:** Lok Sabha + State Assemblies.
- Phase 2:** Local Bodies (<100d of Ph 1)

**Prerequisite: Single Common Electoral Roll**

- States use separate rolls** = duplication + "missing voters."
- "Soft power" strategy:** ECI cannot constitutionally order SECs





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## ECI vs SEC

	Election Commission of India	State Election Commission
Articles	Article 324	Article 243K (Panchayats) 243ZA (Municipalities)
Mandate	Conducts elections for President, VP, Parliament, State Assemblies.	Conducts elections for Local Bodies.
Relation	Independent Constitutional Body.	(Not under ECI control).
Electoral Rolls	LS/Vidhan Sabha.	Local Bodies (distinct from ECI rolls).
Appointment Process	President of India; Selection Committee (PM, LoOp LS, Union Cabinet Minister)	Governor; specific State Acts
Removal Process	CEC: Same as a Supreme Court Judge ECs: On recommendation of CEC	SEC: Same as a High Court Judge
Tenure	6 years or up to 65 years of age	Varies by State



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## Bharat-Virtually Integrated System to Access Agricultural Resources

**'BHARAT-VISTAAR'**  
AI TOOL FOR FARMERS

Launch of Bharat-VISTAAR (Virtually Integrated System to Access Agricultural Resources) - a multilingual AI tool for farmers

This multilingual Artificial Intelligence (AI) tool will integrate the AgriStack portals and the ICAR package on agricultural practices with AI systems

It will enhance farm productivity, enable better decisions for farmers and reduce risk by providing customised advisory support

### Decoding Bharat-VISTAAR

₹150 Cr, FY26-27

"Bharati"

155261; App/Digital

Initially Hindi + English

BHASHINI

Rise of B2B platforms and marketplaces	Emergence of Farm to Consumer Brands	Precision agriculture	Creation of E-markets
AgroStar	Cropin	arya	Samunnati
ninjacart	Tasal	Eruvaka	AGNEXT
DeHaat	Clover	Quinko	stetlapps

1

### Select Location & Crop

Start by selecting your location, crop type, and other specific farm details on the platform.

2

### Secure Login

Access the platform by logging in securely via your mobile phone or computer.

3

### Choose Language

Select from multiple Indian languages to receive customized advice that is easy to understand.

6

### Real-Time Alerts

Get instant notifications for weather changes, pest threats, and irrigation reminders to protect your crops.

5

### Get AI Guidance

Receive tailored suggestions for plantation, irrigation, and pest control powered by AI algorithms.

4

### Input Farm Data

Add detailed information about your specific crop types, soil conditions, and region.

**Integration:** It fuses AgriStack with ICAR) scientific packages.

## Agri Stack pwc

India's Initiative to Digitally Empower Farmers

### 1 What is Agri Stack?

A comprehensive digital framework that aggregates data from multiple sources



### 2 Key Components

Unified Farmer Service Interface

Consent Manager





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## Scheme Coverage

### How Will Bharat VISTAAR Help?

Agritech Startups Can Build Offerings On Top



Source: Industry Inputs

Inc42

Farmers can check **eligibility**, **apply**, and **track status** for:

PM-KISAN

PM Fasal Bima Yojana

Soil Health Card

Modified Interest Subvention Scheme

Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation

Per Drop More Crop

PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana

PM Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan

Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

Kisan Credit Card



# Iran meets UN nuclear watchdog

**SYLLABUS : GS 2** Important International institutions  
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## IAEA: 🌐's nuclear watchdog

### "Atoms for Peace" 🕊️

📅 **Established:** 1956 (Started work in 1957).

📍 **Headquarters:** Vienna, Austria.

👥 **Members:** 178 countries

🏆 **Nobel Peace Prize** in 2005

### How is the IAEA Structured?

<b>General Conference</b>	All members meet <b>yearly</b>
<b>Board of Governors</b>	<b>35 countries:</b> <b>INDIA</b> = Permanent Recoms to GC, Safeguards agreements
<b>Secretariat</b>	<b>Day-to-day</b> operations, led by DG

### Key Functions of the IAEA

#### A. Nuclear Safeguards (Anti-Weapons Checks)

- Inspections
- Monitoring: uranium/plutonium.
- Reports to UN

#### B. Promoting Peaceful Nuclear Tech

- 💡 Helps **build nuclear power plants**.
- 🏥 **Health:** Supports cancer treatment
- 🌾 **Agriculture:** Improves crop yields with nuclear tech.

#### C. Emergency Response

- ⚠️ **Disasters:** Helps during nuclear accidents (e.g., Fukushima).
- 🔒 **Security:** Prevents nuclear terrorism.

## PRELIMS pointers on India & IAEA

### Civil-Military Separation

- **Civilian reactors** under IAEA Safeguards
- **Military:** *Minimum Credible Nuclear Deterrent*

### Safeguards

- **Umbrella Agreement**, 2009 (INFCIRC/754)
- **"India-Specific" Additional Protocol**, 2014
- **Fuel Supply:** Sixteen reactors (approx. 6,380 MW)

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## GCNEP – INDIA'S GLOBAL NUCLEAR ENERGY HUB

### WHAT:

THE GLOBAL CENTRE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY PARTNERSHIP (GCNEP) IS THE 6TH R&D UNIT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (DAE)

### WHY:

TO BUILD GLOBAL CAPACITY AND FOSTER COLLABORATION FOR SAFE, SECURE AND SUSTAINABLE NUCLEAR ENERGY.



# Iran meets UN nuclear watchdog

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## UPSC PYQ (P) 2020

In India, why are some nuclear reactors kept under "IAEA safeguards" while others are not?

- (a) Some use uranium and others use thorium
- (b) Some use imported uranium and others use domestic supplies
- (c) Some are operated by foreign enterprises and others are operated by domestic enterprises
- (d) Some are State-owned and others are privately owned

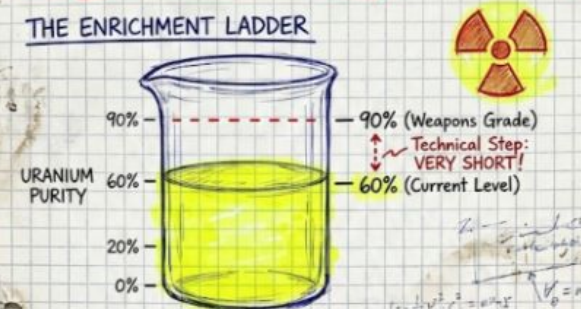
## UPSC PYQ (P) 2018

In the Indian context, what is the implication of ratifying the 'Additional Protocol' with the 'International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'?

- (a) The civilian nuclear reactors come under IAEA safeguards.
- (b) The military nuclear installations come under the inspection of IAEA.
- (c) The country will have the privilege to buy uranium from the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG).
- (d) The country automatically becomes a member of the NSG.

## IRAN's latest meet with IAEA

### THE NUCLEAR THRESHOLD (Status: Critical)



### Nuclear Enrichment

- Weapons-grade
- Stockpile: **400 kg—440 kg**
- "Breakout time" = 2 weeks



**Q1. With reference to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes in India, consider the following statements:**

1. The term "Denotified Tribes" originated after the repeal of the Criminal Tribes Act in 1952.
2. The last explicit census enumeration of the so-called "criminal tribes" was conducted in 1931.
3. All Denotified Tribes in India are officially classified as Scheduled Tribes.
4. Some Nomadic Tribes have been included in the OBC category.

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

- a) Only One
- b) Only Two
- c) Only Three
- d) All Four

**Answer: c**

**Q2. With reference to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act and its amendments, consider the following statements:**

1. Up to 20 weeks of gestation, termination of pregnancy requires the opinion of one registered medical practitioner.
2. From 20 to 24 weeks, termination requires the opinion of two registered medical practitioners and is allowed only for certain categories of women.
3. Beyond 24 weeks, termination is permitted in all cases with the approval of the State Medical Board.

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

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

**Answer: b**

**Q3. With reference to the ECINET App recently launched by the Election Commission of India, consider the following statements:**

1. It is an all-in-one digital platform designed to serve voters, election officials, and candidates.
2. It allows voters to access forms and check application status.
3. It is intended only for use by central election authorities and not by State Election Commissions.

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

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

**Answer: c**

**Q4. With reference to the Agri Stack initiative in India, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a digital framework aimed at integrating agricultural data from multiple sources.
2. It includes components such as farmer registry, geo-referenced village maps, and crop-sown registries.
3. It is primarily designed to replace all existing agricultural schemes with a single digital platform.

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

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

**Answer: b**

**Q5. Consider the following statements regarding International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) :**

1. It is an international organization that promotes the peaceful use of nuclear energy.
2. Its headquarters are located in Geneva, Switzerland.

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

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

**Answer: a**







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