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UPSC SYLLABUS RELEVANCE

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PRELIMS FACTS
& MAINS ANALYSIS

1



Retail Inflation rises to 4.38% in June 2026

Why in News?

The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation released the CPI (Consumer Price Index) for June 2026.



Key Points

- India's retail inflation rose to 4.38% in June 2026 from 3.98% in May 2026.
- Food inflation increased due to vegetables, pulses and oilseeds.
- Core inflation remains stable.
- Inflation remains within RBI's target band of 2–6%.



Prelims Facts

- CPI is compiled by NSO under MoSPI.
- Base Year of CPI series: 2012 = 100.
- Headline inflation in May 2026: 3.98%.



Mains Link

Inflation • Monetary Policy • Macroeconomic Stability

2



Supreme Court Stresses Fair Process in Citizenship Decisions

Why in News?

The Supreme Court emphasized that citizenship decisions must follow a fair, reasonable and non-arbitrary process.



Key Points

- SC observed that naturalization and citizenship cancellations affect fundamental rights.
- Authorities must provide adequate opportunity of hearing.
- Decisions must be reasoned and speaking.



Prelims Facts

- Citizenship of India Act, 1955 governs citizenship.
- Article 11 empowers Parliament to regulate citizenship.



Mains Link

Citizenship • Fundamental Rights • Rule of Law • Due Process

3



India–Japan Review Defence Cooperation Ahead of 2+2 Dialogue

Why in News?

India and Japan reviewed the entire spectrum of defence cooperation in preparation for the upcoming 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue.



Key Points

- Discussion covered maritime security, defence technology and joint exercises.
- Both sides reaffirm commitment to a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific.
- Cooperation in defence industrial collaboration to be strengthened.



Prelims Facts

- 2+2 Dialogue includes EAM & RM from both countries.
- India–Japan Special Strategic & Global Partnership (2014).



Mains Link

India's Foreign Policy • Indo-Pacific • Strategic Partnerships

4



India's Roadmap for Expanding Nuclear Power Capacity & PHWR Technology

Why in News?

The Government approved a roadmap to significantly expand nuclear power capacity with a focus on indigenous PHWR technology.



Key Points

- Target to achieve 22,480 MW of nuclear capacity by 2032.
- Emphasis on indigenously developed 700 MW PHWRs.
- Supports energy security and clean energy transition.



Prelims Facts

- Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) implements nuclear projects.
- PHWR: Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor.



Mains Link

Energy Security • Clean Energy • Technology Development

5



Economic Valuation of India's Forest Ecosystem Services

Why in News?

A new assessment highlights the huge economic value provided by India's forests through ecosystem services.



Key Points

- Forests provide services like carbon sequestration, water regulation, soil conservation and biodiversity.
- Study estimates ecosystem services value at ₹8.6 lakh crore annually.
- Strengthens case for sustainable forest management.



Prelims Facts

- India State of Forest Report 2025 released by FSI.
- Forest cover of India: 21.76% (FSI Report 2025).



Mains Link

Environment Conservation • Sustainable Development • Ecology

PRELIMS RAPID REVISION



CPI (June 2026)
Retail inflation rises to 4.38%; remains within RBI's 2–6% target band.



Jal Jeevan Mission
Crossed 15 crore rural households with tap water connections.



AI Governance
MeitY released draft framework for responsible AI development.



PM SVANidhi Scheme
Empowered over 68 lakh street vendors across the country.



Solar Power Capacity
India's installed solar capacity crosses 120 GW milestone.

