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UPSC SYLLABUS RELEVANCE

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PRELIMS FACTS
& MAINS ANALYSIS

1



GST Council Recommends Next Generation Reforms

Why in News?

The 56th GST Council meeting recommended a rate rationalisation roadmap and measures to simplify compliance.



Key Points

- Two-slab structure (5% and 18%) proposed with minimal exemptions.
- Boost to manufacturing, MSMEs and exports.
- Focus on technology-driven compliance and dispute resolution.



Prelims Facts

- GST launched on 1 July 2017.
- 56th GST Council meeting held in New Delhi.
- Constitutional basis: Article 246A.



Mains Link

Tax Reforms • Fiscal Federalism • Ease of Doing Business

2



Supreme Court Sets Time Limits for Trial Courts

Why in News?

The Supreme Court issued directions to ensure time-bound disposal of cases in trial courts across the country.



Key Points

- Trial courts asked to frame schedules for case disposal.
- Emphasis on pendency reduction and accountability.
- Tech adoption and infrastructure strengthening recommended.



Prelims Facts

- Article 141: Law declared by SC is binding.
- Article 39A: Equal justice and free legal aid.



Mains Link

Judicial Reforms • Access to Justice • Rule of Law

3



India and UK Sign Free Trade Agreement (FTA)

Why in News?

India and the UK signed a landmark Free Trade Agreement to boost bilateral trade and investment opportunities.



Key Points

- FTA to reduce tariffs on 90% of Indian exports.
- Covers services, investment, public procurement and IPR.
- Expected to double bilateral trade to \$60 billion by 2030.



Prelims Facts

- India-UK CECA negotiations began in Jan 2022.
- UK is India's 6th largest investor.
- FTA promotes inclusive growth.



Mains Link

International Trade • Economic Diplomacy • Strategic Partnerships

4



ISRO Conducts Successful Test of Semi-Cryogenic Engine

Why in News?

ISRO Successfully tested the semi-cryogenic engine that will power the GSLV Mk-III future missions.



Key Points

- Test duration: 200 seconds.
- Boosts India's capability for heavy lift and deep space missions.
- Key for Gaganyaan and future interplanetary missions.



Prelims Facts

- Semi-cryogenic engine uses RP-1 and Liquid Oxygen.
- Developed by LPSC, ISRO.
- Indigenous technology milestone.



Mains Link

Science & Technology • Space Programme • Self-Reliance

5



Govt. Notifies National Action Plan on Sustainable Lifestyles

Why in News?

The Government notified the National Action Plan on Sustainable Lifestyles to promote environmentally responsible practices.



Key Points

- Focus on sustainable consumption, resource efficiency and circularity.
- Encourages lifestyle changes at individual and community level.
- Aligned with LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) movement.



Prelims Facts

- LiFE launched at COP26, 2021.
- SDG focus: 12 (Responsible Consumption & Production).
- NAP-SL covers 7 priority sectors.



Mains Link

Environment • Sustainable Development • Climate Action

PRELIMS RAPID REVISION



CPI (June 2026)
Retail inflation eased to 4.27%; lowest in 8 months. (NSO, MoSPI)



SW Monsoon 2026
Normal to above normal rainfall expected over most parts of India. (IMD)



AI Governance
IndiaAI Mission releases responsible AI guidelines for public use.



PM GatiShakti
Empowered Group of Secretaries monitors 7,400+ infrastructure projects.



Solar Milestone
India crosses 100 GW solar capacity. (MNRE)

