



“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”
— Peter Drucker

★ RELEVANT FOR UPSC PRELIMS & MAINS ★

1 NATIONAL NEWS

Quit India Movement Remembered



- PM paid tribute to participants of the historic Quit India Movement.
- Launched on 9 August 1942 following the August Kranti resolution.
- Major mass movement demanding an end to British rule.

PMAY-Urban Crosses Major Milestone



- Over 1.25 crore houses sanctioned under PMAY-U and PMAY-U 2.0.
- More than 1 crore houses completed and delivered.
- 1 crore houses allotted to women.
- 2.09 lakh houses sanctioned under PMAY-U 2.0 at 8th CSMC meeting.

Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign



- PM urged citizens to participate in Har Ghar Tiranga.
- 2026 campaign dedicated to 150 years of Vande Mataram.
- Tricolour – a symbol of national pride and unity.

Fit India Sundays on Cycle – 85th Edition



- Union Sports Minister led the 85th edition from Hansi, Gujarat.
- Theme: “Nasha Mukh Bharat”.
- Promotes fitness and awareness against substance abuse among youth.

2 INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BRICS Competition Authorities Meeting



- Heads of BRICS Competition Authorities 2026 meeting held in Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- Organised under India's BRICS Chairship 2026.
- Joint Statement adopted on “Strengthening Cooperation to Promote Fair Competition, including in Renewable Energy Markets”.
- CCI-led BRICS study on competition dynamics in renewable energy sector.
- Brazil to host Xth BRICS International Competition Conference in 2027.

India-US Engagement



- High-level India-US engagement continues through leadership-level communication.
- Strengthening strategic partnership in defence, technology, and emerging areas.
- Important for UPSC: India-US relations and regional/global cooperation.

3 ECONOMY

ICoAS Day 2026 – Cost Optimisation



- ICoAS observed Foundation Day.
- Theme: “Role of ICoAS Officers in Cost Optimization for Atmanirbhar Bharat.”
- Emphasis on cost management, fiscal efficiency, public expenditure management, indigenous manufacturing & financial oversight.
- AI applications in Public Financial Management discussed.

Financial Prudence & Atmanirbhar Bharat



- Cost accounting key for defence production and indigenous manufacturing.
- Greater use of PPPs needs risk allocation, project structuring & cost efficiency.

Urban Housing & Inclusive Growth



- PMAY-U milestone reflects public investment in affordable urban housing.
- Focus on women beneficiaries provides gender-inclusive development.

4 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Biotech + AI: Next Industrial Revolution



- India positioning itself for next industrial revolution driven by Biotechnology and AI.
- Policy support: BioE3.
- National Quantum Mission & IndiaAI Mission are key initiatives.
- India's space economy –US\$9 billion with significant future growth.

India's Emerging Technology Ecosystem



- India transitioning from technology follower to emerging technology leader.
- Focus areas: Biotechnology, AI, Quantum tech, Space tech.

Air India AI2379 Incident



- Air India A320 flight AI2379 (Phuket-Delhi) faced sudden altitude loss (~300 ft) on 4 Aug.
- Landed safely at Delhi; classified as Serious Incident.
- Under investigation by AAIB.
- Both pilots taken off the roster.

5 ENVIRONMENT

India Crosses 300 GW Non-Fossil Fuel Capacity



- India crossed 300 GW installed non-fossil fuel-based capacity as of 31 July 2026.
- Over 60% of the 500 GW target for 2030.
- Major milestone for clean-energy transition and climate commitments.

Biodiversity: Access & Benefit Sharing



- NBA disbursed – ₹3.79 crore under ABS mechanism.
- Beneficiaries: 33 State Biodiversity Boards/ UT Biodiversity Councils & institutions.
- Resources included vegetable genetic resources & Sahiwal cattle semen.
- Cumulative ABS disbursements crossed ₹166 crore.

Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework



- ABS mechanism contributes to:
 - Target 13 – Benefit sharing
 - Target 4 – Genetic diversity
- Linked with SDGs 2, 12, 15 & 17.

6 APPOINTMENTS & REPORTS

CPGRAMS – Digital Governance



- Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System.
- Connects Central Ministries, Departments, States and UTs.
- Citizens can lodge grievances online.
- Focus on transparency, accountability, timely redressal and citizen-centric governance.
- Key linkage: e-Governance + Good Governance + Digital India.



Governance Reform

- CPGRAMS represents shift from conventional grievance handling to technology-enabled, citizen-centric administration.

7 IMPORTANT FOR PRELIMS (Quick Facts)

- ✓ Quit India Movement – Launched on 9 August 1942
- ✓ PMAY-U – Over 1.25 crore houses sanctioned; over 1 crore delivered
- ✓ Har Ghar Tiranga 2026 – Dedicated to 150 years of Vande Mataram
- ✓ BRICS Competition Authorities – Meeting held at Udaipur
- ✓ BRICS 2026 – India holds the BRICS Chairship
- ✓ 300 GW Non-Fossil Capacity – Crossed as of 31 July 2026
- ✓ ABS Mechanism – Implemented under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- ✓ CPGRAMS – Digital platform for public grievance redressal
- ✓ BioE3 – India's biotechnology policy framework
- ✓ National Quantum Mission – Major programme for quantum technologies

PRELIMS QUICK FACTS

- ICoAS – Indian Cost Accounts Service
- PMAY-U – Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban
- BioE3 – Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment
- ABS – Access and Benefit Sharing
- AAIB – Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau
- CSMC – Central Sanctioning & Monitoring Committee

PRACTICE MCQ

Q. With reference to India's recent achievement in the energy sector, consider the following statements:

- India has crossed 300 GW of installed non-fossil fuel-based electricity generation capacity.
- This represents more than 60% of India's target of 500 GW non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030.
- The 500 GW target forms part of India's broader clean-energy transition commitments.

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: D) 1, 2 and 3



QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The Tricolour is our pride and a constant source of inspiration to always give our best.”

— Prime Minister Narendra Modi



TODAY IN HISTORY

9 August 1942 – Quit India Movement
The Quit India Movement was launched on 9 August 1942, following the historic 8 August 1942 resolution of the AIICC in Bombay. It called for an immediate end to British rule in India.

