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2 Polity & Governance

GS2

Sports Governance • Statutory Bodies

27 Aug 2026 (National Sports Day 2026)

Khelo India Dialogue Anchors National Sports Day 2026 in the National Sports Governance Act's New Institutional Architecture

Why in News: On National Sports Day 2026 (27 August, Major Dhyan Chand's birth anniversary), PM Modi addressed youth nationwide through 'Khelo India Dialogue — Khel Ki Baat, Pradhan Mantri Modi Ke Saath', a virtual engagement reaching over 1,500 institutions including IITs, IIMs, NITs and AIIMS, followed by physical programmes on campuses. The event lands squarely inside the first full year of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025's institutional rollout.

Background: The National Sports Governance Act, 2025 was passed by both Houses in August 2025 and assented to on 18 August 2025, with key provisions — including the National Sports Board (NSB) and National Sports Tribunal (NST) — commencing from 1 January 2026. It replaced the patchwork of informal recognition and ad hoc dispute-resolution that had long governed India's National Sports Bodies (NSBs).

KEY FACTS

- National Sports Governance Act, 2025: passed Lok Sabha 11 Aug 2025, Rajya Sabha 12 Aug 2025, assented 18 Aug 2025.
- Key provisions (NSB, NST) took effect 1 January 2026; National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 notified 12 January 2026.
- National Sports Board (NSB) grants statutory recognition to National Sports Bodies; its accounts are audited by the CAG.
- National Sports Tribunal (NST) independently resolves sports disputes, with appeal lying to the Supreme Court.
- Rules mandate inclusion of Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOMs) in NSB governing bodies and lay down election/disqualification criteria.
- Khelo India Dialogue 2026: PM's virtual address at 11 am, reaching 1,500+ institutions, framed around leadership and nation-building through sport.

Mains Dimensions:

- The shift from voluntary, opaque sports-federation governance to a statutory, CAG-audited framework mirrors earlier corporate/cooperative governance reforms — a recurring GS2 comparative theme.
- Athlete representation (SOMs) inside governing bodies addresses a long-standing complaint that federations were run by administrators, not sportspersons — directly relevant to accountability and grievance-redress GS2 themes.
- A National Sports Tribunal with SC-only appeal reduces multiplicity of litigation across High Courts — a specialised-tribunal model comparable to NGT, NCLT and NCDRC.
- Challenge: balancing statutory oversight with the autonomy international federations (like the IOC) expect from national sports bodies — a live implementation tension.

Let's Remember This Through a Trick

Remember "NSB audits, NST adjudicates" — the Board (NSB) is the CAG-audited recognising authority; the Tribunal (NST) is the SC-appealable disputes authority. Two bodies, two distinct jobs.

PYQ Linkage

GS2, thematic linkage: Statutory tribunals and specialised regulatory bodies (recurring UPSC theme, comparable to NGT/NCLT institutional-design questions).

GS1

Indian Culture · Heritage Conservation

Data as of 15 Jul/Mar 2026; reported ~14 Aug 2026

India's Heritage Digitisation Push: 1.84 Lakh Monuments and 17.20 Lakh Antiquities Now Documented

Why in News: The Ministry of Culture's ongoing conservation and digitisation drive has now documented 1.84 lakh monuments and 17.20 lakh antiquities nationally under the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA, as of March 2026), while the National Museum's digital-collections effort has digitised 3,75,707 of 4,88,983 catalogued artefacts (as of 15 July 2026) — part of a wider push spanning monument conservation, antiquity repatriation and manuscript digitisation.

Background: NMMA was launched in 2007 under the Archaeological Survey of India to create a comprehensive national database of monuments and antiquities, addressing decades of undocumented and undervalued heritage assets vulnerable to theft, smuggling and neglect — a vulnerability that repeatedly surfaced in antiquity-repatriation cases over the past decade.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- NMMA (National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities): 1.84 lakh monuments and 17.20 lakh antiquities documented as of March 2026.
- National Museum digital collections: 3,75,707 of 4,88,983 artefacts digitised and available online (as of 15 July 2026) — about 77% complete.
- Adopt a Heritage 2.0 (launched September 2023): 30 MoUs signed for visitor amenities at Monuments of National Importance.
- Adopted/covered heritage sites recorded 13.59 million visitors in FY 2024-25.
- NMMA operates under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Ministry of Culture.
- The drive spans four tracks: monument conservation, antiquity repatriation, museum digitisation, and manuscript preservation.

Mains Dimensions:

- Documentation is the precondition for both conservation funding and international repatriation claims — an undocumented antiquity cannot be legally claimed if smuggled abroad.
- Public-private "Adopt" models (Adopt a Heritage 2.0) raise questions about commercialisation versus conservation of protected monuments — a live GS1/GS2 debate.
- Digitisation supports both scholarly access and disaster-resilience (a digital record survives even if a physical artefact is damaged or lost).

- Way forward: linking NMMA's database to State Archaeology Departments' records, which currently remain fragmented outside the central ASI list.

🗨️ Let's Remember This Through a Trick

Remember "1.84 lakh monuments, 17.20 lakh antiquities" as a roughly 1:10 ratio — for every monument documented, about ten movable antiquities are catalogued alongside it.

📄 PYQ Linkage

GS1, thematic linkage: Indian art forms, heritage institutions and conservation architecture (recurring UPSC theme on ASI's statutory role).

#NMMA

#AdoptAHeritage2.0

#ASI

#CulturalHeritage

#GS1-PYQ

GS3

Disaster Management

Toll and figures as of 26 Aug 2026 (ongoing)

Assam Floods 2026: Death Toll Reaches 100, Damage Assessment to Conclude by 31 August

Why in News: The 2026 Assam floods death toll has reached 100, with over 1.37 lakh people affected across districts including Charaideo, Darrang, Golaghat, Jorhat, Karbi Anglong, Nagaon and Sivasagar; around 481 villages remain submerged. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has ordered a comprehensive damage-assessment exercise covering houses, livestock and crop losses, to be completed by 31 August 2026.

Background: Assam's annual flood cycle, driven by the Brahmaputra and its tributaries during the June-September monsoon, is compounded by embankment breaches, upstream deforestation and glacial-lake-fed spikes from the eastern Himalaya — making Assam one of India's most flood-vulnerable states despite decades of embankment-based flood control.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- Death toll: 100; over 1,37,500 people affected as of the latest count.
- 125 relief camps and distribution centres operating across six districts; 49,061 people currently sheltered.
- Relief distributed in the last 24 hours (as reported): 710.44 quintals rice, 127.85 quintals dal, 38.34 quintals salt, 3,773.7 litres mustard oil.
- Around 481 villages submerged; roads and bridges damaged, disrupting relief logistics.
- Comprehensive damage assessment (houses, livestock, other losses) ordered, to be completed by 31 August 2026.

Mains Dimensions:

- Structural (embankments) versus non-structural (early warning, flood-plain zoning) flood management — Assam remains heavily reliant on the former despite its known limitations.
- NDRF/SDRF coordination and relief-camp logistics illustrate the last-mile institutional architecture of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- Compensation and damage-assessment protocols under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)/National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) framework.
- Climate-change angle: intensifying monsoon variability is widely linked to more extreme, compressed rainfall events in the Brahmaputra basin.

🗨️ Let's Remember This Through a Trick

Remember "100-481-125" — 100 deaths, 481 villages submerged, 125 relief camps: the three numbers that summarise the scale of this year's Assam flood response.

📄 PYQ Linkage

GS3, thematic linkage: Disaster management framework and institutional response mechanisms (recurring UPSC theme on the Disaster Management Act, 2005).

#AssamFloods2026

#DisasterManagement

#NDRF

#Brahmaputra

#GS3-PYQ

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International Relations

GS2

Bilateral Relations · Regional Groupings

Visit 29 Aug-1 Sept 2026; announced/confirmed 26-27 Aug 2026

PM Modi's Fourth Uzbekistan Visit and the 26th SCO Summit in Bishkek

Why in News: PM Modi will undertake a state visit to Uzbekistan on 29-30 August 2026 — his fourth visit to the country — followed by the 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from 31 August to 1 September, where he is also expected to hold a bilateral meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines.

Background: India became a full SCO member in 2017 and has used the grouping as a platform to balance its Central Asian connectivity and counter-terrorism interests against China-Pakistan-dominated regional

dynamics; India-Uzbekistan ties, meanwhile, rest on a "Special Strategic Partnership" upgraded in 2018, with bilateral trade and investment now approaching US\$1 billion.

KEY FACTS

- Uzbekistan visit: 29-30 August 2026, Tashkent — PM's fourth visit to the country; delegation-level talks with President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.
- 26th SCO Summit: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 31 August-1 September 2026.
- India-Uzbekistan bilateral trade and investment: approaching US\$1 billion.
- India joined SCO as a full member in 2017, alongside Pakistan.
- A Modi-Putin bilateral meeting is expected on the summit sidelines.
- The visit sits inside a broader three-week diplomatic push (Modi, Sitharaman, Jaishankar, Goyal, Doval) ahead of the September BRICS Summit in New Delhi.

Mains Dimensions:

- Central Asia's "Connect Central Asia" policy versus China's Belt and Road-driven regional dominance — SCO as a counterweight platform, not an alliance.
- SCO's internal contradiction: India-Pakistan and India-China tensions coexist inside the same grouping's consensus-based framework, limiting its operational depth.
- Sequencing a bilateral state visit immediately before a multilateral summit is a deliberate diplomatic technique — maximising both bilateral deliverables and multilateral optics in one trip.
- The Bishkek Modi-Putin meeting will be read for signals on India-Russia defence and energy ties amid continuing Western sanctions pressure.

Let's Remember This Through a Trick

Remember the sequence "Tashkent then Bishkek" — bilateral first, multilateral second — the standard template for how India stacks Central Asian diplomacy into a single trip.

PYQ Linkage

GS2, thematic linkage: SCO as a regional grouping and India's Central Asia policy (recurring UPSC theme on multilateral organisations).

#SCOSummit2026

#IndiaUzbekistan

#Bishkek

#CentralAsia

#GS2-PYQ

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GS3

Defence Indigenisation · Aatmanirbhar Bharat

25-26 Aug 2026

Rajnath Singh Clears Full Transfer of DRDO's Conventional Missile Technologies; ₹472-Crore T-Series Tank Overhaul Facility Inaugurated at Jabalpur

Why in News: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the transfer of technology for all conventional missile systems developed by DRDO to Indian defence companies for domestic production (25 August 2026), and separately inaugurated a ₹472-crore T-Series tank overhaul facility at the Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur — two linked moves widening private industry's role in India's defence-industrial base.

Background: DRDO has historically retained missile-system IP in-house or transferred it selectively to Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs); the blanket ToT decision extends this to the wider private industrial ecosystem, continuing the Aatmanirbhar Bharat defence-manufacturing push formalised through the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 and the Positive Indigenisation Lists.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- 25 August 2026: Rajnath Singh approves ToT for ALL DRDO-developed conventional missile systems to Indian defence companies.
- ₹472 crore: cost of the newly inaugurated T-Series tank overhaul facility, Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur.
- The facility will overhaul India's T-72 and T-90 ("Bhishma") main battle tank fleets domestically.
- Both moves fall under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat defence-manufacturing framework and DAP 2020's indigenisation push.
- DRDO retains design authority even as production technology transfers to industry — a licensing, not an ownership, transfer.

Mains Dimensions:

- Blanket ToT policies reduce single-vendor (DPSU) bottlenecks and build a wider private defence-industrial base — directly serving the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India defence goals.
- Domestic tank-overhaul capacity reduces dependency on imported maintenance cycles for the T-72/T-90 fleets, cutting both cost and turnaround time.
- IP-licensing versus outright transfer preserves DRDO's design sovereignty while still expanding production capacity — a calibrated indigenisation model.
- Implementation challenge: absorbing DRDO-grade missile technology requires private firms to meet stringent quality and security-clearance standards, a capacity constraint for smaller vendors.

Let's Remember This Through a Trick

Remember "Design stays, Production moves" — DRDO keeps the blueprint (design authority), while industry gets the assembly line (production ToT).

PYQ Linkage

GS3, thematic linkage: Defence indigenisation, DAP 2020 and Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence manufacturing (recurring UPSC theme).

#DRDOToT

#AatmanirbharBharat

#TSeriesTank

#Jabalpur

#GS3-PYQ

GS3

High-Altitude Warfare · Special Forces

26 Aug 2026

DRDO Tests Military Combat Parachute System at 22,000 Feet in Nyoma, Ladakh

Why in News: DRDO successfully tested its indigenously developed Military Combat Parachute System at Nyoma, Ladakh on 26 August 2026, with test jumpers deploying from 22,000 feet under extreme high-altitude, low-oxygen conditions — validating the system for airborne insertion in the world's highest and most physically demanding battlefield terrain.

Background: High-altitude parachute insertion (HAHO/HALO techniques) is critical for rapid special-forces deployment along India's Himalayan and Ladakh frontiers, where road access is limited and altitude sickness, thin air and extreme cold complicate both flight and landing; Nyoma itself is emerging as a key forward air-logistics hub, also hosting an under-development advanced landing ground.

KEY FACTS

- Test location: Nyoma, Ladakh, 26 August 2026; deployment altitude 22,000 feet.
- System: indigenously developed DRDO Military Combat Parachute System, validated for extreme high-altitude conditions.
- Nyoma is being developed as a key forward air-logistics/advanced landing ground site near the Line of Actual Control.
- High-altitude parachute insertion supports rapid special-forces deployment where road/air-strip access is constrained.
- The test builds on DRDO's broader family of para-systems for airborne forces and paratroopers.

Mains Dimensions:

- High-altitude warfare capability is a direct response to the post-Galwan (2020) recalibration of India's border-infrastructure and rapid-deployment posture along the LAC.

- Indigenous parachute systems reduce reliance on imported HAHO/HALO equipment for special forces, aligning with Aatmanirbhar Bharat defence goals.
- Physiological constraints (hypoxia, extreme cold) make high-altitude testing itself a scientific achievement, not just an operational one.
- Nyoma's dual civil-military potential (advanced landing ground) illustrates the broader trend of border-infrastructure serving both connectivity and defence goals.

🗨️ Let's Remember This Through a Trick

Remember "22,000 feet at Nyoma" — roughly the height of the world's 30th-tallest peak — the altitude at which India just proved its paratroopers can jump and function.

📄 PYQ Linkage

GS3, thematic linkage: Border infrastructure and high-altitude military capability (recurring UPSC theme on Ladakh/LAC preparedness).

#DRDO

#Nyoma

#Ladakh

#HighAltitudeWarfare

#GS3-PYQ

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Science & Technology

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Defence Technology · Aerospace

Aug 2026 (JV announced)

HAL-Safran Joint Venture to Develop 'Aravalli' Engine for India's Indigenous 13-Tonne Multi-Role Helicopter

Why in News: Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Safran Helicopter Engines have formed a joint venture to develop the 'Aravalli' turboshaft engine, which will power India's upcoming Indigenous Multi-Role Helicopter (IMRH) — a 13-tonne-class platform intended to replace the ageing Mi-17 fleet across the Army, Navy, Air Force and civil operators.

Background: India's helicopter fleet has historically depended on imported engines (from Safran, GE and others) even where the airframe was indigenous, such as HAL's Dhruv and Prachand; the Aravalli JV marks a shift toward co-developing engine technology domestically rather than merely licence-assembling foreign powerplants.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- JV partners: Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Safran Helicopter Engines (France).
- Engine name: 'Aravalli' — a turboshaft engine for the 13-tonne Indigenous Multi-Role Helicopter (IMRH).
- IMRH is intended to replace the Mi-17 fleet across Army, Navy, Air Force and civil operators.
- HAL is headquartered in Bengaluru, India's primary aerospace-manufacturing hub.
- The JV follows a broader pattern of India moving from airframe indigenisation to propulsion-system indigenisation.

Mains Dimensions:

- Engine technology has long been India's weakest link in aerospace indigenisation (also true for the Tejas's imported GE F404/F414 engines) — the Aravalli JV directly targets this gap.
- Joint ventures with global OEMs (rather than pure import) allow technology co-development while retaining foreign expertise during the learning curve.
- A common 13-tonne platform across three services reduces logistics and training costs — a "jointness" gain beyond pure technology.
- Way forward: sustained investment in metallurgy and precision-manufacturing ecosystems, without which engine indigenisation repeatedly stalls.

Let's Remember This Through a Trick

Remember "Aravalli powers IMRH" — India's oldest mountain range now lends its name to the engine meant to retire India's oldest workhorse helicopter, the Mi-17.

PYQ Linkage

GS3, thematic linkage: Defence indigenisation in aerospace propulsion (recurring UPSC theme, comparable to Tejas engine questions).

#HALSafran

#AravalliEngine

#IMRH

#DefenceAerospace

#GS3-PYQ

GS3

Semiconductor Mission · Strategic Manufacturing

~Aug 2026 milestone update

India Semiconductor Mission: 3 of 12 Approved Commercial Fabs Now Operational

Why in News: As of August 2026, three of the twelve commercial semiconductor facilities approved under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) are now operational, while India's first true wafer fabrication plant — the Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing (Tata-PSMC) facility at Dholera, Gujarat — remains under construction, targeting first silicon by December 2026 and full production by 2028 at 50,000 wafer starts per month.

Background: The India Semiconductor Mission was launched in December 2021 with an outlay exceeding ₹76,000 crore to build a complete domestic semiconductor ecosystem — fabs, assembly/test/packaging units and design services — reducing India's near-total historical dependence on imported chips across electronics, automotive and defence applications.

KEY FACTS

- 3 of 12 approved commercial semiconductor facilities are operational as of August 2026 (mostly ATMP/assembly units, not full fabs).
- Tata-PSMC's Dholera (Gujarat) plant: India's first commercial wafer fab, targeting first silicon December 2026, full production by 2028.
- Dholera fab capacity target: 50,000 wafer starts per month at full production.
- Tata Electronics has partnered with ASML (Netherlands) for advanced lithography equipment for a proposed 300mm wafer facility, backed by ~US\$11 billion investment.
- PM Modi will inaugurate SEMICON India 2026's 5th edition on 17 September 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi.

Mains Dimensions:

- India's semiconductor strategy is shifting from "attracting fabs" to "sustaining fabs" — the harder second phase involving yield optimisation, supply-chain localisation and skilled-workforce creation.
- Strategic-autonomy angle: chip self-reliance reduces exposure to global supply shocks (as seen during the 2021-22 chip shortage) and to geopolitical chokepoints around Taiwan.
- The gap between "operational facilities" (mostly assembly/packaging) and true wafer fabrication (still under construction) is an important precision point often missed in generic answers.
- Way forward: deepening the materials and equipment supply chain (gases, chemicals, photomasks) that currently remains almost entirely import-dependent even where fabs exist.

Let's Remember This Through a Trick

Remember "3 running, 1 building, 12 total" — three of twelve approved facilities are live, while the flagship Dholera wafer fab is still under construction toward its December 2026 first-silicon milestone.

PYQ Linkage

GS3, thematic linkage: India Semiconductor Mission and strategic manufacturing self-reliance (recurring UPSC theme).

#SemiconductorMission

#TataPSMC

#Dholera

#ChipSelfReliance

#GS3-PYQ

6 Economy

GS3

Inflation Indices · Price Statistics

Released ~14 Aug 2026 (July 2026 data)

WPI Inflation Eases Marginally to 9.78% in July 2026 as Fuel Prices Cool

Why in News: India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation for July 2026 stood at 9.78% year-on-year, down marginally from 9.87% in June 2026 — the first month-on-month decline since the government's new WPI series (base year 2022-23) was introduced — driven chiefly by fuel and power inflation falling to 20.05% from 27.41%.

Background: WPI measures price changes at the wholesale/producer level (distinct from CPI's retail-basket focus) and is released monthly by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; the 2022-23 base-year revision was adopted to better reflect current consumption and production patterns than the older 2011-12 series.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- WPI inflation, July 2026: 9.78% YoY (down from 9.87% in June 2026) — first MoM decline under the new 2022-23 base series.
- Fuel and Power group: 20.05% in July, down sharply from 27.41% in June.
- Primary Articles: 8.52%; Manufactured Products: 8.29%; Food Index: 6.65% (up from 6.14% in June).
- Major upward drivers: mineral oils/petroleum products, food articles, basic metals manufacturing, chemicals.
- WPI is compiled by the Office of the Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Mains Dimensions:

- WPI (producer-level) running well above CPI (retail-level, ~4.45% in July per the new CPI series) signals a widening wedge, often reflecting supply-chain and taxation pass-through lags between wholesale and retail prices.
- A high WPI print squeezes producer margins even when retail inflation looks controlled — an important distinction between "headline comfort" and underlying cost pressure.
- Fuel/power's outsized 20%+ inflation despite easing shows continued exposure to global energy-price volatility.

- Base-year revisions (2011-12 to 2022-23) change reported inflation levels even without real economic change — a recurring methodology caveat for exam answers.

Let's Remember This Through a Trick

Remember "WPI wholesales, CPI retails" — WPI tracks what producers/traders pay each other; CPI tracks what a household pays at the shop. The two can diverge sharply, as they did this July.

PYQ Linkage

GS3, thematic linkage: Price indices (WPI vs CPI) and their construction (recurring UPSC Prelims theme).

#WPIInflation

#PriceIndices

#July2026Data

#GS3-PYQ

GS3

Essential Commodities · Price Stabilisation

Order effective 1 Aug-30 Nov 2026

Centre Caps Sugar Dealer Stock Limits at 400 Tonnes Through November 2026

Why in News: The Centre has imposed a stock-holding limit of 400 tonnes on sugar dealers, effective from 1 August through 30 November 2026, aimed at curbing speculative hoarding and stabilising retail sugar prices ahead of the festive-season demand surge.

Background: Stock-limit orders on essential commodities are issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, which empowers the Centre and States to regulate production, supply, distribution, storage and trade of designated commodities during periods of price volatility or scarcity — a tool also used periodically for pulses, onions and edible oils.

KEY FACTS

- Sugar dealer stock-holding limit: 400 tonnes, effective 1 August-30 November 2026.
- Legal basis: Essential Commodities Act, 1955.
- Objective: prevent speculative hoarding and price manipulation ahead of the festive season (Aug-Nov spans major sugar-consumption festivals).
- Similar stock-limit tools have previously been used for pulses, onions and edible oils during price-volatility episodes.
- Sugar policy also intersects with ethanol-blending targets, since a share of sugarcane output is diverted to ethanol production.

Mains Dimensions:

- Stock-limit orders are a short-term administrative tool; they address hoarding but not underlying supply-demand fundamentals — a recurring critique in agricultural-marketing reform debates.
- Sugar sits at the intersection of food-price policy and energy policy (ethanol blending), creating trade-offs between diverting cane to fuel versus retaining it for sugar supply.
- Essential Commodities Act interventions can create uncertainty for traders and warehousing investment — a tension flagged during the 2020-21 farm-law debates around the Act's amendment.
- Sugar mills' payment arrears to cane farmers remain a persistent issue that stock-limit orders alone do not resolve.

🗨️ Let's Remember This Through a Trick

Remember "400 tonnes, four months" — the sugar stock cap runs August through November, bracketing the festive season when demand (and hoarding temptation) peaks.

📄 PYQ Linkage

GS3, thematic linkage: Essential Commodities Act and price-stabilisation mechanisms (recurring UPSC theme).

#SugarStockLimit

#EssentialCommoditiesAct

#PriceStabilisation

#GS3-PYQ

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