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§1 Environment & Ecology

GS3

Water Resources · Disaster Management · Climate

16 July 2026 · Source: CWC Weekly Bulletin / Jal Shakti Ministry

India's 166 Major Reservoirs at 34.46% Capacity — CWC July 16 Bulletin; Below-Normal Monsoon Threatens Kharif Output & Power Generation

Why in News: The Central Water Commission's (CWC) Weekly Water Storage Bulletin for July 16, 2026 reveals India's 166 major reservoirs hold only 63.25 BCM — just 34.46% of the total designed capacity of 183.6 BCM. This is significantly below the 10-year average of ~42% for the same period, driven by deficient pre-monsoon rainfall in Rajasthan, Gujarat, and peninsular India.

Background: India's major reservoirs provide irrigation for ~35 million hectares, power generation (75,000 MW hydropower installed), and drinking water to urban centres. CWC classifies reservoirs into five regional groups (Northern, Eastern, Western, Central, Southern). 2024 saw strong monsoon and high storage; 2026 monsoon onset delayed in Northwest India.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- **Numbers (CWC July 16, 2026):** Total capacity monitored = 183.6 BCM; Current storage = 63.25 BCM (34.46%); 10-year avg for this date ≈ 42% → deficit = ~7.5 percentage points.
- **Worst affected regions:** Western zone (Gujarat, Maharashtra) — 27% storage; Southern zone (AP, Telangana, TN, Karnataka, Kerala) — 31% storage; Northern zone (HP, Punjab, Rajasthan) — 38% storage.
- **Kharif linkage:** Rice, pulses, oilseeds need July planting window; groundwater-dependent farmers in Punjab, Haryana drawing more from aquifers → worsens groundwater depletion crisis already flagged in CGWB Report 2025.
- **IMD forecast:** Quantitative Precipitation Forecast (QPF) for next 5 days shows sub-normal rainfall over Rajasthan, West Gujarat, Marathwada — areas already in drought pre-alert (IMD July 18).

💡 TEACHING HOOK

BCM trap for Prelims: BCM = Billion Cubic Metres = km^3 . India's total river water potential $\approx$ 1,869 BCM (National Water Policy); usable water = $\sim$ 1,123 BCM. 183.6 BCM in major reservoirs = only $\sim$ 10% of India's total water potential — India relies heavily on in-situ rainfall for kharif crops, not reservoir storage alone. CWC $\neq$ CGWB: CWC is under Jal Shakti (surface water); CGWB is under Jal Shakti (groundwater).

📄 PYQ LINKAGE

GS3 2019: “What are the major issues of groundwater management in India?” | Prelims 2022: CWC is a statutory body under the River Boards Act 1956 — set up 1945 (pre-independence, NOT under the Act) | GS3 2016: Discuss the role of water user associations in sustainable irrigation management.

GS3

CWC Bulletin

Major Reservoirs

BCM Storage

IMD QPF

Kharif 2026

Drought Pre-Alert

CGWB Groundwater

GS3

Biodiversity · IUCN · Species Conservation

Static Profile · Source: IUCN Red List / animalia.bio / MoEFCC

Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*) — IUCN Green Status ‘Critically Depleted’ (2025); Chambal River Last Stronghold; India’s 50-Year Conservation Journey

Why in News: The Gharial received the IUCN’s first-ever Green Status assessment for crocodilians in 2025, classified as “Critically Depleted” — meaning its current population is only a small fraction of what full ecological recovery would look like, despite conservation efforts. With only $\sim$ 800 mature individuals remaining, the Gharial represents one of the world’s most endangered reptiles, yet one of the most remarkable conservation comebacks.

Background: From an estimated 5,000–10,000 in the 1940s, Gharial numbers crashed to fewer than 200 by the 1970s due to sand mining, river damming, and hunting. The National Chambal Sanctuary (established 1979) and Project Crocodile (launched 1975) — which also covers Mugger (*Crocodylus palustris*) and Saltwater Crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*) — have helped stabilise numbers to $\sim$ 800–1,000 today.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- **Scientific classification:** *Gavialis gangeticus*; Family: Gavialidae (monotypic); only extant species; closest living relative: false gharial (*Tomistoma schlegelii*, Malaysia); NOT a crocodile or

alligator.

- **IUCN status:** Critically Endangered (CE) since 1996; IUCN Green Status 2025: “Critically Depleted”; CITES: Appendix I; Wildlife Protection Act 1972: Schedule I; estimated ~800 mature individuals in the wild.
- **Habitat:** Deep, fast-flowing rivers with high sandy banks; primary range: Chambal River (MP/Rajasthan/UP); also found historically in Ganga, Yamuna, Ghagra, Gandak, Brahmaputra systems; National Chambal Sanctuary (435 km stretch; 5,400 sq km) = primary breeding site.
- **Identification:** Gharial has elongated narrow snout; male has ‘ghara’ (pot-shaped nasal appendage) — from which it gets its name; fish-eating specialist; CANNOT walk on land (limbs not adapted); unlike mugger and saltwater croc which are semi-terrestrial.

💡 TEACHING HOOK

Three Indian crocodilians — mnemonics: “Gharial = Ghavialidae, Ganges, Ghara (pot); Mugger = Marsh crocodile; Saltwater = Sundarbans/Andamans.” Prelims trap: Gharial is Schedule I WPA + CITES Appendix I. Project Crocodile (1975) covers ALL THREE species — common error is saying it covers only gharial.

📄 PYQ LINKAGE

Prelims 2019: Gharial conservation — statement-based question on National Chambal Sanctuary | GS3
2021: Critically examine India’s approach to conservation of critically endangered species | Prelims
2016: Project Crocodile covers — Gharial, Mugger, and Saltwater Crocodile (all three).

GS3

Gharial

Gavialis gangeticus

IUCN Green Status

Critically Depleted

National Chambal Sanctuary

Project Crocodile 1975

CITES Appendix I

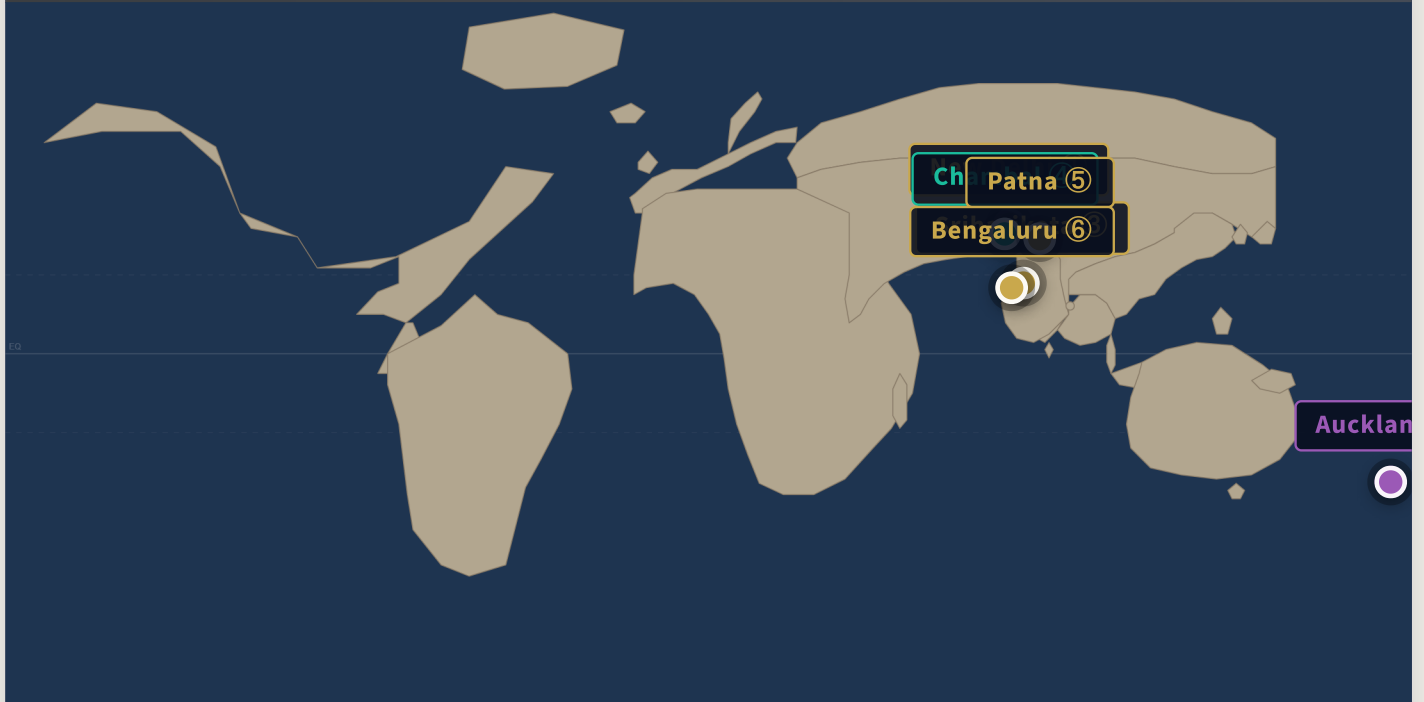
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Gharial + IUCN Green Status = high-probability Prelims combo for 2027. **EMP** students: link today’s Gharial card to your GS4 notes on ethical responsibility of the State towards non-human species under Article 48A and 51A(g). theiasakademia.com



§2 Places in News



- ① New Delhi (Parliament Monsoon Session opens)
- ② Auckland, NZ (India-NZ Strategic Partnership signed)
- ③ Sriharikota, AP (GISAT-1A/GSLV-F18 launch site, T-11)
- ④ Chambal River (Gharial last stronghold; Nat. Chambal Sanctuary)
- ⑤ Patna, Bihar (NEET-UG paper leak; CBI chargesheet filed)
- ⑥ Bengaluru, Karnataka (MSME hub; Bharat Tex MoU signatory)

① New Delhi — Parliament Monsoon Session 2026

Both Houses of Parliament commenced Monsoon Session 2026 (July 20–August 13) at Parliament House, New Delhi; Day 1 disrupted by NEET-UG protest; SC Judges Amendment Bill 2026 introduced. India's Parliament (22.0°N, 77.2°E).

② Auckland, New Zealand — India-NZ Strategic Partnership

India–New Zealand Strategic Partnership signed July 11 in Auckland; 'Roadmap to 2030' with 6 pillars; first bilateral strategic partnership between the two nations. Auckland (36.85°S, 174.76°E) — NZ's largest city and main port.

③ Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh — GISAT-1A Launch

Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR) at Sriharikota (13.72°N, 80.23°E) is NET launch site for GSLV-F18 carrying GISAT-1A (EOS-05); T-11 days from 20 July; Second Launch Pad (SLP) will be used.

④ Chambal River — National Chambal Sanctuary

National Chambal Sanctuary (est. 1979; 435 km river stretch; MP/Rajasthan/UP) is the last viable breeding stronghold for Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*) — IUCN Critically Endangered; IUCN Green Status 2025: Critically Depleted. Chambal flows through Gwalior, Morena (26.5°N, 76.0°E).

⑤ Patna, Bihar — NEET-UG Paper Leak CBI Chargesheet

CBI filed chargesheet in Patna court in the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak case; multiple arrests; 24 lakh candidates affected; Opposition citing Patna (25.61°N, 85.14°E) leak nexus as reason for demanding parliamentary debate.

⑥ Bengaluru, Karnataka — MSME & Bharat Tex Hub

Karnataka signed 3 MoUs at Bharat Tex 2026 (July 14–17) for ₹1,200 cr textile MSME investments; Bengaluru (12.97°N, 77.59°E) is also home to ISRO HQ tracking GISAT-1A readiness operations.



§3 Ethics & Integrity Cases

CASE 1 · GS4 · Constitutional Morality vs. Parliamentary Conduct

When Representatives Silence the House: Parliamentary Disruption as Ethical Paradox

On Day 1 of Monsoon Session 2026, both Houses were disrupted by the same elected representatives who are duty-bound to legislate. A senior bureaucrat in the Parliamentary Secretariat is asked by her superior to draft a memo attributing “deliberate obstruction” solely to opposition parties. She knows the record shows disruptions from both sides of the aisle. **Ethical issues:** Impartiality of civil service advice; political neutrality of administrative officers (All India Services conduct rules); truthfulness as a constitutional value (Article 76/166 duty to advise faithfully). She should refuse to sign a politically

slanted memo, offer a factual account, and route her objection through the designated grievance channel — not via leak or resignation.

CASE 2 · GS4 · Whistleblowing & Institutional Accountability

The Examiner Who Knew: NEET Paper Leak and the Duty to Act

A junior printing press official at a government facility in Patna discovers irregularities in the NEET-UG 2026 question paper handling protocol three days before the exam. He reports to his supervisor, who dismisses his concern. The exam is held; the leak surfaces. **Ethical issues:** Whistleblower Protection Act 2014 — obligation to report but also risk of retaliation; chain of command vs. public interest; moral courage as a virtue (Kohlberg: Stage 6 — universal ethical principles). He should have escalated to the appropriate authority directly, used anonymous whistleblower channels, and preserved written evidence — inaction in the face of known wrongdoing constitutes complicity by omission.

CASE 3 · GS4 · Regulatory Independence vs. Political Control

The VBSA Regulator's Dilemma: When the Watchdog is Appointed by Those It Watches

Under the proposed VBSA Bill 2025, the Central Government appoints members of the Regulatory, Standards, and Accreditation Councils. A newly appointed VBSA Regulatory Council member faces pressure from the Ministry to approve a new private deemed university promoted by a politically connected trust, despite the institution failing three out of five accreditation criteria. **Ethical issues:** Independence of regulatory bodies; conflict of interest; values of integrity and impartiality; institutional ethics vs. personal risk to career. She must apply the prescribed criteria transparently, document her reasons, and refuse to endorse unqualified approval — even at personal cost — upholding the rule of law over rule of patronage.

CASE 4 · GS4 · Environmental Ethics & Intergenerational Justice

Sand Mining vs. Gharial: The District Collector's Dilemma on the Chambal

A District Collector of Morena (Madhya Pradesh) along the National Chambal Sanctuary is pressured by local political leaders to permit sand mining leases in a 15-km stretch of the sanctuary that is designated as a Gharial breeding ground. She is informed by the Forest Department that this stretch hosted 42 Gharial nests last season. **Ethical issues:** Precautionary principle; intergenerational justice; non-anthropocentric ethics (rights of non-human species); wildlife law compliance (WPA 1972, Section 26A — no commercial activity in Core of Sanctuary). She must refuse the leases citing law and ecology,

consult the National Tiger Conservation Authority/MoEFCC if required, and file a report to the NBWL — the law here is her ethical and legal shield.

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? §4 Prelims MCQs

Q1. Consider the following statements about the Parliament Monsoon Session 2026:

1. The Monsoon Session runs from 20 July to 13 August 2026 with 19 scheduled sittings.
2. Rule 267 of Rajya Sabha Rules allows a member to suspend the listed business of the day.
3. The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill 2026 increases the number of judges from 30 to 34.

Which of the above is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) Statement 3 is wrong — the Bill increases judges from 34 to 38, not 30 to 34. Statements 1 and 2 are correct.

Q2. With reference to Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*), which of the following is/are correct?

1. It belongs to the family Gavialidae, distinct from Crocodylidae.
2. The National Chambal Sanctuary was established in 1979.
3. Project Crocodile covers only the Gharial species.

Select the correct answer:

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a) Statement 3 is WRONG — Project Crocodile (1975) covers all three: Gharial, Mugger, and Saltwater Crocodile. Statements 1 and 2 are correct.

Q3. The IUCN Green Status is:

1. A measure of a species' recovery relative to its pre-impact population baseline.
2. Complementary to (not a replacement for) the IUCN Red List categories.
3. First applied to crocodilians in 2025 with the Gharial receiving 'Critically Depleted' status.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) All three

(d) 1 only

Answer: (c) All three statements are correct. The IUCN Green Status (launched 2020) measures recovery completeness; it complements the Red List; and the Gharial received the first Green Status for crocodilians in 2025.

Q4. GISAT-1A (EOS-05), scheduled for launch on GSLV-F18, is best described as:

- (a) India's first sun-synchronous remote sensing satellite
- (b) India's first operational geostationary earth observation satellite
- (c) An exclusively military reconnaissance satellite
- (d) A meteorological satellite for deep-space weather observation

Answer: (b) GISAT-1A/EOS-05 is India's first operational GEO earth observation satellite offering 30-min full India imaging; it is civilian/dual-use, not exclusively military.

Q5. Higher Education in India falls under which entry of the Seventh Schedule?

- (a) Union List, Entry 63 — Central Universities
- (b) Concurrent List, Entry 25 — Education including technical education
- (c) State List, Entry 32 — Universities
- (d) Both (a) and (b) are applicable

Answer: (d) Entry 63 (Union List) covers Central Universities; Entry 25 (Concurrent List) covers education broadly including technical education and universities. State List Entry 32 covers incorporation, regulation and winding up of corporations other than universities.

Q6. The MSME Development Act 2006, Section 16, mandates that buyers who fail to pay MSEs within 45 days must pay compound interest at:

- (a) 2 times the RBI bank rate
- (b) 3 times the RBI bank rate
- (c) Prime Lending Rate + 2%
- (d) MCLR + 3%

Answer: (b) Section 16 of the MSME Act 2006 mandates compound interest at three times the RBI bank rate on delayed payments to Micro and Small Enterprises (not Medium).

Q7. Which of the following body/bodies monitor water storage in India's major reservoirs and publish weekly bulletins?

- (a) Central Groundwater Board (CGWB)
- (b) Central Water Commission (CWC)
- (c) National Water Development Agency (NWDA)
- (d) Both (b) and (c)

Answer: (b) CWC (under Jal Shakti Ministry) publishes the Weekly Water Storage Bulletin for 166 major reservoirs. CGWB monitors groundwater; NWDA deals with inter-basin transfers.

Q8. India–New Zealand Strategic Partnership (July 2026) is India's:

- (a) First bilateral engagement with any Pacific Island nation
- (b) First formal bilateral Strategic Partnership with New Zealand
- (c) Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with New Zealand
- (d) Extension of the QUAD framework to New Zealand

Answer: (b) This is the first-ever formal bilateral Strategic Partnership (not Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, which is a higher tier) between India and New Zealand. NZ is not part of QUAD.

Q9. Under the VBSA Bill 2025, which of the following regulatory bodies will NOT be dissolved?

- 1. University Grants Commission (UGC)**
- 2. National Medical Commission (NMC)**
- 3. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**
- 4. Bar Council of India (BCI)**

Select using the codes:

- (a) 1 and 3
- (b) 2 and 4
- (c) 2, 3 and 4
- (d) 1, 2 and 4

Answer: (b) NMC (medical education) and BCI (legal education) are excluded from VBSA. UGC and AICTE will be dissolved. NCTE will also be dissolved.

Q10. Geostationary orbit is located at approximately:

- (a) 400 km above Earth (Low Earth Orbit)
- (b) 2,000 km (Medium Earth Orbit)
- (c) 20,200 km (GPS/navigation orbit)
- (d) 35,786 km (Geostationary orbit)

Answer: (d) Geostationary orbit = ~35,786 km; orbital period = 24 hours; appears stationary over one point on Earth. GPS satellites are at ~20,200 km (MEO). GISAT-1A will be placed at geostationary orbit.

Q11. The National Chambal Sanctuary is a tri-state protected area shared among:

- (a) UP, Bihar, and Jharkhand
- (b) MP, Rajasthan, and UP
- (c) Haryana, MP, and UP
- (d) MP, UP, and Bihar

Answer: (b) National Chambal Sanctuary (established 1978–1979) spans Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh along the Chambal River — a 435 km protected stretch.

Q12. Bharat Tex 2026 (July 14–17) resulted in textile investment commitments worth:

- (a) ₹5,600 crore
- (b) ₹9,200 crore
- (c) ₹14,300 crore
- (d) ₹21,000 crore

Answer: (c) Bharat Tex 2026 (Delhi) recorded ₹14,300 crore in investment commitments across 30+ MoUs from Karnataka, Bihar, Maharashtra, and Andhra Pradesh textile clusters.

Q13. Consider this statement: “UGC was established under the UGC Act 1956 and is a constitutional body.”

Which part is correct?

- (a) Both parts are correct
- (b) Only first part (established under UGC Act) is correct
- (c) Only second part (constitutional body) is correct
- (d) Neither is correct

Answer: (b) UGC is a statutory body (established by Parliament via UGC Act 1956), NOT a constitutional body. Constitutional bodies are established by the Constitution itself (like UPSC, CAG, Election Commission).

Q14. The Gharial differs from the Mugger Crocodile primarily because:

- (a) Gharial is found only in coastal marine areas
- (b) Gharial has a narrow elongated snout and cannot walk on land
- (c) Mugger belongs to family Gavialidae
- (d) Gharial is Least Concern on IUCN Red List

Answer: (b) Gharial has a distinctive narrow elongated snout (fish-specialist) and its limbs are not adapted for walking on land. Mugger has a broad snout and is semi-terrestrial. Mugger belongs to family Crocodylidae, NOT Gavialidae.

Q15. Which of the following is the correct formula for calculating a map pin’s horizontal position on an equirectangular world map?

(a) $\text{left\%} = \text{latitude} / 180 \times 100$

(b) $\text{left\%} = (\text{longitude} + 180) / 360 \times 100$

(c) $\text{left\%} = \text{longitude} / 360 \times 100$

(d) $\text{left\%} = (90 + \text{longitude}) / 360 \times 100$

Answer: (b) In equirectangular projection: $\text{left\%} = (\text{longitude} + 180) / 360 \times 100$. This centres the prime meridian (0°) at 50% and maps longitude linearly from -180° (0%) to $+180^\circ$ (100%).

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§5 Mains Questions

1. “Frequent disruptions of Parliament undermine the spirit of constitutional democracy while raising legitimate questions about the limits of political protest.” Critically examine with reference to Monsoon Session 2026. (GS2 · 250 words)

Hint: Art 105 (parliamentary privilege), constitutional morality, Rajya Sabha Rule 267, adjournment vs. suspension, role of Speaker/Chairman, Westminster model, recent Supreme Court observations on parliamentary disruption. Balanced view — disruptions as last resort vs. systemic abuse.

GS2

Parliament

Constitutional Democracy

2. “The Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill 2025 signals a shift from grant-based to accreditation-based regulation of higher education. Analyse its implications for institutional autonomy and federalism.” (GS2 · 250 words)

Hint: UGC Act 1956, Concurrent List Entry 25, NEP 2020 HECI recommendation, three-council architecture, State universities' autonomy (Art 246), power concentration critique, comparison with NMC Act 2019 reform model.

3. “India’s Strategic Partnership with New Zealand is more than a bilateral upgrade — it is a Pacific pivot in India’s Indo-Pacific architecture.” Critically evaluate. (GS2 · 250 words)

Hint: Six pillars of Roadmap 2030, SAGAR doctrine, Act East Policy, India-Australia CSP, Five Eyes network context, trade complementarity (dairy deadlock), diaspora links, climate cooperation, NZ-QUAD non-membership.

GS2

International Relations

Indo-Pacific

4. “India’s GISAT-1A represents the convergence of climate monitoring, agriculture intelligence, and strategic surveillance in a single platform. Discuss.” (GS3 · 200 words)

Hint: GEO vs LEO comparison, 30-min revisit cycle, disaster management applications (floods/cyclones), agriculture remote sensing (kharif crop area estimation), dual-use dimension (LAC border surveillance), GSLV cryogenic advantage.

GS3

Space Technology

Dual-Use

5. “India’s water storage crisis reflects structural failures in demand management rather than supply constraints.” Critically examine with data from the CWC 2026 storage bulletin. (GS3 · 250 words)

Hint: 34.46% storage vs. 42% avg, regional variation (Western, Southern zones worst), groundwater depletion nexus (CGWB 2025), demand-side: flood irrigation vs. micro-irrigation, PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, interlinking rivers debate.

GS3

Water Management

Disaster Preparedness

6. “Discuss the ethical dimensions of a civil servant who faces pressure to partisan framing in the context of parliamentary disruptions — drawing on the concepts of integrity, impartiality and moral courage.” (GS4 · 200 words)

Hint: AIS Conduct Rules 1968, political neutrality, integrity as a foundational value (Second ARC), moral courage (Aristotle: courage as virtue), whistleblower legal framework, difference between loyalty to State

vs. loyalty to party in power.

GS4

Ethics

Civil Service Values



§6 Answer Writing Value Addition

QUOTE — AMBEDKAR ON PARLIAMENT

“Constitutional morality is not a natural sentiment. It has to be cultivated. We must realize that our people have yet to learn it.” — Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (Constituent Assembly, 4 November 1948). Use in: Q1 on Parliamentary disruptions; GS2 constitutional democracy answers.

DATA POINT — INDIA WATER STORAGE

India’s 166 major reservoirs: Total capacity = 183.6 BCM; Current (July 16) = 63.25 BCM (34.46%).

India’s total river water potential = 1,869 BCM; utilizable = ~1,123 BCM. Major reservoir storage = only ~10% of total utilizable potential. Source: CWC, July 2026.

CONCEPT — GHARIAL RECOVERY PARADOX

Gharial is simultaneously a conservation success (numbers increased from <200 in 1974 to ~800+ in 2024) AND an ecological failure (IUCN Green Status: “Critically Depleted” — meaning recovery is only 15–20% of baseline). This paradox illustrates the limits of ex situ conservation and captive breeding without habitat restoration.

MNEMONIC — INDIA’S SIX COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PARTNERS (CSP)

USA-RAFIS — USA, Russia, France, Australia, UAE, Saudi Arabia. These are India’s six Comprehensive Strategic Partnerships as of 2026. India–New Zealand is a Strategic Partnership (one tier below CSP). Use in IR answers to accurately categorize bilateral relations.



§7 AKADEMIA Direct Hit Tracker

Monsoon Session 2026 — Key Bills

GS2 • POLITY

19 sittings; 28 bills; SC Judges 34→38; VBSA; MSME Amendment; Income Tax Amendment

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Gharial + IUCN Green Status

GS3 • ENVIRONMENT

Gavialidae; CITES App I; Sched I WPA; Chambal Sanctuary 1979; Project Crocodile 1975; ~800 individuals

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GISAT-1A / EOS-05

GS3 • SCIENCE & TECH

GEO orbit; 30-min India revisit; 5-min field; 42m resolution; GSLV-F18; NET July 31; Sriharikota

★★★★★

VBSA Bill 2025

GS2 • EDUCATION

UGC+AICTE+NCTE dissolved; 3 Councils; Concurrent List Entry 25; NMC/BCI excluded; JPC review

★★★★★

India-NZ Strategic Partnership

GS2 • IR

July 11 Auckland; Roadmap 2030; 6 pillars; first bilateral SP with NZ; Indo-Pacific significance

★★★★★

MSME Amendment Bill 2026

GS3 • ECONOMY

MSEFC strengthened; arbitral award enforcement for MSEs; 45-day payment; 3x bank rate interest

★★★★★

India Reservoir Storage Crisis

GS3 • ENVIRONMENT

34.46% capacity; 63.25 BCM of 183.6 BCM; Western + Southern zones critical; kharif threat

★★★★★

SC Judges Amendment Bill 2026

GS2 • JUDICIARY

34→38 judges; replaces May 2026 Ordinance (Art 123); simple majority; 5 judges already seated

★★★★★

NEET-UG 2026 Paper Leak

GS2 • GOVERNANCE

CBI chargesheet Patna; 24 lakh candidates; reform panel; Rule 267 RS; ministerial accountability

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Bharat Tex 2026

GS3 • ECONOMY

₹14,300 cr investment; 30+ MoUs; China+1 textile shift; Karnataka, Bihar, AP, Maharashtra

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Equiarectangular Map Pin Formula

CWC — Role & Structure

GS1 • GEOGRAPHY

$\text{left}\% = (\text{lon} + 180) / 360 \times 100$; $\text{top}\% = (90 - \text{lat}) / 180 \times 100$;
useful for geography visual questions

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GS3 • GOVERNANCE

Under Jal Shakti; 166 major reservoir monitoring;
weekly bulletin; ≠ CGWB; ≠ NWDA

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Environment & Ecology

Gharial Conservation

Water Resources

Ethics GS4

Places in News

Direct Hit Tracker

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✓ Gharial: UNBLOCKED today (blocked through 19 Jul per TopicLog); IUCN Green Status 2025 is the new angle confirming freshness

✓ CWC reservoir data: July 16 bulletin — confirmed from Jal Shakti Ministry and CWC official sources

✓ No repeated topics from last 7 editions: Red Panda (19 Jul — blocked), Mangroves (19 Jul — blocked), ISRO Brain Drain (19 Jul — blocked)

✓ Blocked topics today (from last 7 editions): Red Panda, Mangroves, ISRO Brain Drain, Exercise Pitch Black, Registration of Births and Deaths, Prevention of Insults to National Honour Bill (all used 19 Jul or prior)

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