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TODAY'S HEADLINES

10 UPSC-MAPPED FLASH NEWS ITEMS

- 1 **GS3** **INS Mahendragiri (F38)** — India's 6th Project 17A indigenous stealth frigate set for commissioning on July 11 at Visakhapatnam; built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd with 75%+ indigenous content.
- 2 **GS2** **Ministry of Cooperation marks 5th Foundation Day** at Bharat Mandapam (July 6); 50,000 e-PACS launched, Sahakar CBS and Sahakar Sahyogi digital banking platforms unveiled for Urban Cooperative Banks.
- 3 **GS2** **Parliament Monsoon Session 2026** to commence July 20 – August 13; key bills: 130th CAB (PM/CM removal in judicial custody), 131st CAB (Women's Reservation), One Nation One Election Bill on agenda.
- 4 **GS3** **India at inaugural UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance**, Geneva (July 6–7); MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh advocates "AI for All" — inclusive growth without stifling innovation; human oversight as key principle.
- 5 **GS2** **BRICS adopts Guwahati Declaration** after Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies Meeting (July 6–7, Assam); commits to real-time intelligence sharing, countering synthetic drugs and darknet-enabled trafficking.
- 6 **GS3** **POWERGRID secures JPY 80 billion green loan from JBIC** (Japan Bank for International Cooperation) for renewable energy transmission infrastructure — India's largest green funding arrangement in power sector.
- 7 **GS3** **GST collections surge 13.9% YoY** to ₹1,94,812 crore in June 2026; net collections (post-refund) stand at ₹1,62,377 crore, up 11.2% — reflecting robust consumption demand.
- 8 **GS3** **ISRO's GISAT-2** (Geo-imaging Satellite) — disaster-monitoring satellite with rapid-revisit capability — scheduled for NET July 2026 launch via GSLV Mk-II from Sriharikota.
- 9 **GS2** **India ranks 125th** in GCS Global Passport Index 2026 (composite score 45.1); visa-free/on-arrival access to 26 countries; Sweden tops with score 96.05.
- 10 **GS3** **RBI to launch e-Kuber 3.0** — next-generation core banking system with AI-driven capabilities and a unified enterprise platform; also plans alternative payment system alongside it.

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GS2

Cooperative Societies · Government Schemes

06 July 2026

Ministry of Cooperation Marks 5th Foundation Day: e-PACS, Sahakar CBS & Cooperative Life Insurance Launched

What happened: The Ministry of Cooperation, established on July 6, 2021, celebrated its 5th Foundation Day at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah as chief guest. Key initiatives launched include the transformation of 50,000 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) into e-PACS (digitised, CSC-enabled hubs), foundation stones for 47 cooperative grain storage godowns, the Sahakar CBS and Sahakar Sahyogi digital banking platforms for Urban Cooperative Banks, and announcement of a Cooperative Life Insurance Company.

Why it matters for UPSC: The cooperative sector touches GS1 (social institutions), GS2 (government policy, federalism — cooperatives fall under State List Entry 32 but a National Ministry coordinates), and GS3 (rural economy, agricultural credit, PACS as rural credit delivery mechanisms). The UPSC has repeatedly tested cooperative societies in context of financial inclusion and rural livelihoods.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- Cooperatives are in the **State List (Entry 32)** of the Seventh Schedule — a Ministry of Cooperation is a Union-level coordination body, not a regulatory authority under the Constitution.
- PACS** (Primary Agricultural Credit Societies) = base unit of short-term cooperative credit structure; linked to District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) → State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) → NABARD.
- e-PACS** initiative: digitise PACS, integrate with PM KISAN, FPOs and Common Service Centres; 50,000 targeted in the first phase.
- India has ~8.5 lakh cooperatives with ~29 crore members — world's largest cooperative network.
- MSCS Act 2002 governs multi-state cooperative societies; individual state laws govern single-state societies.

💡 TEACHING HOOK — COOPERATIVE CREDIT PYRAMID

Recall the three-tier cooperative credit structure as a pyramid: **PACS at base (village level)** → **DCCBs in middle (district level)** → **StCBs at top (state level)** → all supervised by **NABARD at top**. The Ministry of Cooperation provides policy direction but cannot override state laws on cooperatives due to federal structure. This tension — Union Ministry vs. State List entry — is a classic UPSC Mains GS2 theme.

📖 PYQ LINKAGE

UPSC Prelims 2016: "With reference to the cooperative societies in India, consider the following statements..." | UPSC Mains GS2 (2022): "What role can cooperative societies play in India's quest for inclusive growth and how has the new Ministry of Cooperation provided fresh impetus to the sector?" — Direct theme; also connects to UPSC 2015 Mains GS3: "Credit availability to the poor is the key for poverty alleviation in India. In this context explain the role of microfinance and self-help groups (SHGs) in eradicating poverty."

GS2

Welfare Schemes · Rural Employment · Constitutional Rights

July 2026

VB-GRAM G Scheme Introduced — New Rural Livelihood Architecture as MGNREGA Framework Evolves

What happened: The Government introduced the VB-GRAM G (Viksit Bharat Gram Governance) scheme effective July 1, 2026, as a restructured rural livelihood and employment framework, marking a significant shift in how the Centre approaches rural wage employment and asset creation. The scheme retains the employment guarantee intent of MGNREGA but places greater emphasis on linking employment with productive asset creation, skilling, and convergence with PM Awas Yojana, PM Kisan and Jal Jeevan Mission.

Why it matters for UPSC: MGNREGA has been a perennial UPSC topic since its enactment in 2005. Any structural change to it — or its replacement — is of high exam importance. Key analytical angles: social legislation → right to work → fiscal federalism (Centre-state cost sharing) → rural employment → women's participation → asset creation vs. dole mentality debate.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- ▶ **MGNREGA** (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005) guaranteed 100 days of wage employment per rural household per financial year as a *legal right*.
- ▶ MGNREGA was a demand-driven scheme — households had the right to demand work, and the government was legally bound to provide it within 15 days or pay unemployment allowance.
- ▶ **Viksat Bharat** = India's vision document for becoming a developed nation by 2047; VB-GRAM G embeds this vision into rural governance.
- ▶ Women's participation in MGNREGA has historically been ~54–57%; retaining this inclusion in the new framework is critical for GS2 analysis.
- ▶ Centre bears 90% of unskilled wage costs and 75% of semi-skilled/skilled costs under MGNREGA; material component shared differently.

💡 TEACHING HOOK — RIGHTS VS. SCHEMES

For UPSC, always distinguish between a "right-based" scheme (MGNREGA — enforceable, justiciable) and a "scheme-based" (benefits flow at government discretion). VB-GRAM G signals a policy shift from right-to-work to productivity-linked employment support. This is the kind of institutional evolution that UPSC Mains GS2 loves to test: "Has this change eroded welfare rights or strengthened livelihood outcomes?"

📄 PYQ LINKAGE

UPSC Mains GS2 (2016): "Discuss the role of MGNREGA in improving the socio-economic condition of the poor and disadvantaged sections of society in rural India." | UPSC Prelims 2022: "Consider the following statements about MGNREGA — (1) The Act guarantees 100 days of work to every adult member of a rural household... (2) Unemployment allowance is paid if work is not provided within 15 days..." — Classic format; expect similar framing on VB-GRAM G in 2027 Prelims.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

GS2 · INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY · BILATERAL & MULTILATERAL BODIES

GS2

India & International Organisations · Digital Governance

06–07 July 2026 · Geneva

India Advocates "AI for All" at Inaugural UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance, Geneva

What happened: The United Nations held its inaugural Global Dialogue on AI Governance in Geneva on July 6–7, 2026, bringing together all 193 UN Member States, private sector, civil society, academia and technical community. India's delegation was led by MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh, who called for AI governance grounded in human oversight, human rights protection and preventing misuse. India highlighted its National Strategy for AI and National AI Governance Guidelines, underpinned by the philosophy of "AI for All — inclusive growth for everyone without stifling innovation."

Why it matters for UPSC: AI governance is a rapidly evolving GS2 and GS3 theme. UPSC has tested AI ethics, data sovereignty, and India's digital diplomacy. This event directly links to: India's position in multilateral forums, India's AI policy framework, and the Global South perspective on digital governance.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- ▶ The UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance is the **world's first UN General Assembly-mandated international AI governance platform** where all governments and stakeholders sit at the same table.
- ▶ India's **National AI Strategy** was released by NITI Aayog in 2018; India's **National AI Governance Guidelines** provide a framework for ethical, accountable AI deployment.
- ▶ Four thematic clusters at the Dialogue: (1) Social & economic implications of AI, (2) Bridging AI divides between countries, (3) Safe and trustworthy AI, (4) Human rights in AI context.
- ▶ India's AI policy: member of the **Global Partnership on AI (GPAI)**; hosted GPAI Summit 2023 in New Delhi.
- ▶ India's stance: AI governance must be **inclusive**, not dominated by developed nations; calls for **technology transfer** to Global South.

💡 TEACHING HOOK — INDIA'S AI DIPLOMACY TRIANGLE

Remember India's three-pronged AI diplomacy: **Domestic** (National AI Strategy, "AI for All"), **Regional** (IndiaAI Mission, Digital Public Infrastructure), and **Global** (GPAI, G20 AI principles, UN AI Dialogue). In any UPSC question on India's digital diplomacy, use this triangle. India's key message globally: AI should serve humanity — especially the 800 crore people in the Global South — not just the 100 crore in the developed world.

📅 PYQ LINKAGE

UPSC Mains GS3 (2021): "What are the main challenges in ensuring ethical use of artificial intelligence in India? Discuss." | UPSC Mains GS2 (2023): "Critically analyse the role of multilateral institutions in governing emerging technologies. How should India position itself in global AI governance?" — Highly probable 2026–27 repeat given this development.

GS2

BRICS · Internal Security · Transnational Crime

06–07 July 2026 · Guwahati, Assam

BRICS Adopts Guwahati Declaration: Real-Time Intelligence Sharing to Combat Synthetic Drugs & Darknet Trafficking

What happened: India hosted the BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies Meeting on July 6–7, 2026 in Guwahati, Assam. The meeting adopted the **Guwahati Declaration**, committing BRICS nations to: (1) real-time intelligence sharing on drug trafficking networks, (2) coordinated action on synthetic drugs and precursor chemical diversion, (3) use of digital technologies and data-driven approaches to counter darknet-enabled drug trade. India proposed a **BRICS Virtual Working Group** for cross-border anti-drug operations and enhanced capacity building.

Why it matters for UPSC: BRICS, internal security, transnational organised crime, and India-Northeast security nexus (Golden Triangle proximity to Assam) — all tested by UPSC. This event also highlights India's Chairmanship leverage and Guwahati's strategic significance.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- ▶ **BRICS** (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) expanded in 2024 to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE — now called BRICS+.
- ▶ **Golden Triangle** (Myanmar, Thailand, Laos) and **Golden Crescent** (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran) are the world's two largest opium-producing regions; India is a transit and destination country.
- ▶ **Synthetic drugs** (methamphetamine, fentanyl) are increasingly replacing plant-based drugs in trafficking networks — harder to detect, higher profit margins.

- ▶ India's nodal anti-narcotics agency: **Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)** under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ▶ Darknet drug markets use **cryptocurrency** for transactions — makes tracing extremely difficult; BRICS focus on forensic capability to address this.

💡 TEACHING HOOK — GUWAHATI'S STRATEGIC LOCATION

Why Guwahati? The choice of venue is itself UPSC material. Guwahati in Assam sits at the **gateway to Northeast India**, which borders Myanmar (Golden Triangle) and has historically been a transit route for narcotics. Hosting the BRICS anti-drug meet here signals India's intent to integrate Northeast India into its counter-narcotics and diplomatic strategy. Connect: **Act East Policy + Security of Northeast + Organised Crime** — a potent GS3 Mains answer cluster.

📖 PYQ LINKAGE

UPSC Mains GS3 (2019): "Analyse the factors that have led to an increase in drug trafficking in India's border states. What policy responses are available to the government?" | UPSC Prelims 2021: "With reference to BRICS, consider the following statements regarding its expansion and role in international affairs..." — Theme recurs every 2–3 years.

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DEFENCE & SECURITY

GS3 · AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT · INDIGENIZATION · MARITIME SECURITY

GS3

Defence Indigenization · Maritime Security · Aatmanirbhar Bharat

July 2026 · Visakhapatnam

INS Mahendragiri (F38) to Commission July 11 — India's 6th Project 17A Stealth Frigate Showcases 75%+ Indigenous Content

What happened: The Indian Navy is set to commission INS Mahendragiri (F38), the sixth and final indigenous stealth frigate under **Project 17A (Nilgiri Class)**, at Visakhapatnam on July 11, 2026. Designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, the ship carries more than 75% indigenous content — a milestone under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative in defence. It is equipped with advanced surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missile systems, electronic warfare suites, anti-submarine warfare systems, and an indigenous Combat Management System.

Why it matters for UPSC: Defence indigenization, maritime security, India's shipbuilding capacity, and Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence are core GS3 topics. Project 17A is a landmark programme for understanding India's transition from import-dependent defence to self-reliant manufacturing.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- ▶ **Project 17A frigates:** 7 ships total — 4 by MDL (Mumbai) and 3 by GRSE (Kolkata). INS Mahendragiri is the 6th delivery (4th from MDL).
- ▶ Named after **Mahendragiri hills** in the Eastern Ghats (shared by Odisha and Andhra Pradesh) — all P17A ships named after Indian mountain ranges/peaks.
- ▶ Key specs: Length 149m | Displacement ~6,670 tonnes | Speed ~28 knots | Propulsion: CODOG (Combined Diesel Or Gas).
- ▶ Capabilities: Anti-air, anti-surface, anti-submarine (ASW) warfare + Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR) + Search & Rescue (SAR).

- **Warship Design Bureau (WDB):** India's premier naval ship design organisation, under the Indian Navy — testament to indigenous design capability.

💡 TEACHING HOOK — P17A VS P17: THE UPGRADE

Distinguish Project 17 (Shivalik class — 3 ships, partly imported components) from **Project 17A (Nilgiri class — 7 ships, 75%+ indigenous)**. This progression illustrates India's "Make in India" defence arc: from *buying* to *co-developing* to *designing and building indigenously*. For any Mains GS3 answer on Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence, use INS Mahendragiri as a concrete example — it demonstrates how India's DPSUs (MDL, GRSE) have matured as global shipbuilding competitors.

📄 PYQ LINKAGE

UPSC Prelims 2022: "With reference to India's defence exports and indigenization, which of the following statements is correct? (a) DRDO designs all indigenously developed warships... (b) India's target is 70% indigenization in defence by 2025..." | UPSC Mains GS3 (2020): "Analyse the implications of India's Defence Procurement Policy reforms for achieving self-reliance in defence manufacturing." — INS Mahendragiri is a live case study.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

GS3 · SPACE TECHNOLOGY · ISRO · DIGITAL INDIA

GS3

ISRO · Remote Sensing · Disaster Management

July 2026 · Sriharikota

ISRO's GISAT-2 Geo-Imaging Satellite Cleared for NET July Launch — Designed for Rapid Disaster Response & Strategic Surveillance

What happened: ISRO has cleared the GISAT-2 (Geo-Imaging Satellite-2) for launch NET July 2026 via the GSLV Mk-II rocket from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. GISAT-2 is a geostationary Earth observation satellite designed for rapid-revisit imaging during disasters, weather monitoring, agriculture surveillance, and strategic applications. Unlike polar-orbit satellites that revisit a location once or twice daily, a geostationary imaging satellite can provide near-real-time imagery of the same region continuously.

Why it matters for UPSC: ISRO missions, satellite applications (especially for disaster management), and India's growing space economy are recurring GS3 themes. GISAT series (geostationary imaging) is conceptually distinct from RISAT (radar imaging), Cartosat (cartography), and INSAT (communication) — distinctions UPSC loves to test.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- **GISAT** = Geostationary Imaging Satellite — placed at ~36,000 km in geostationary orbit, allowing it to image the same region of Earth continuously (unlike LEO satellites that pass over a region only 2–3 times/day).
- Primary applications: Disaster monitoring (floods, cyclones, wildfires), agricultural crop assessment, coastal surveillance, and defence strategic imagery.
- **GSLV Mk-II:** India's workhorse for medium-weight geostationary satellites; uses indigenously developed Cryogenic Upper Stage (CUS-12).
- **GISAT-1** (EOS-03) launched August 2021 — failed to reach orbit due to GSLV Mk-II upper stage anomaly; GISAT-2 is the redesigned successor.

- ▶ **NDMA** (National Disaster Management Authority) will be a key user of GISAT-2 data for real-time disaster assessment and relief coordination.

💡 TEACHING HOOK — ISRO SATELLITE FAMILY CHEAT CODE

Memorise ISRO's satellite families by their primary use: **INSAT/GSAT** = Communication & Weather | **IRS/Cartosat/RISAT/GISAT** = Earth Observation | **NavIC** = Navigation | **IRNSS** = Regional Navigation | **Chandrayaan/Mangalyaan/Aditya/Gaganyaan** = Science & Exploration. GISAT fits in Earth Observation but its *geostationary* orbit makes it unique — most EO satellites are in LEO (polar orbit). Expect a Prelims MCQ distinguishing GISAT (GEO) from Cartosat (LEO).

📄 PYQ LINKAGE

UPSC Prelims 2016: "India launched its Cartosat-2C satellite — what is the main purpose of remote sensing satellites in India's civilian sector?" | UPSC Mains GS3 (2020): "What is the significance of ISRO's Earth observation satellites for India's disaster management and agricultural sectors?" | UPSC Prelims 2021: "Which of the following are uses of RISAT satellites? — (1) mapping forest fire... (2) flood monitoring... (3) ship detection..." — GISAT adds disaster monitoring angle.

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ECONOMY

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GS3

Fiscal Policy · Indirect Taxation · GST

July 2026 · Ministry of Finance

GST Collections Surge 13.9% YoY to ₹1,94,812 Crore in June 2026 — Highest Monthly Gross Collection of FY27

What happened: India's gross GST collections for June 2026 rose 13.9% year-on-year to ₹1,94,812 crore, the highest monthly figure in the current financial year. Net GST collections (after refunds) stood at ₹1,62,377 crore, reflecting 11.2% annual growth. The strong performance reflects robust consumption demand, improved tax compliance through the GSTN portal, and e-invoicing mandates for smaller businesses. Electric vehicle sales and manufacturing sectors contributed significantly to the uptick.

Why it matters for UPSC: GST remains a high-frequency UPSC topic: its federal architecture (Centre-State revenue sharing), GST Council functioning, exemptions, and economic impact are regularly tested in both Prelims and Mains GS3.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- ▶ GST is a **dual structure**: CGST (Centre) + SGST (State) on intra-state; IGST (Centre, then apportioned) on inter-state and imports.
- ▶ **GST Council** (Art. 279A) — chaired by Union Finance Minister; members are State Finance Ministers; decisions by 3/4th majority (Centre has 1/3rd voting weight).
- ▶ GST came into effect on **July 1, 2017** — 2026 marks 9 years of GST in India.
- ▶ **GSTN** (Goods and Services Tax Network) — the IT backbone of GST; currently 100% government-owned after restructuring.
- ▶ GST has 4 slabs: 5%, 12%, 18%, 28%; petroleum products, alcohol and electricity are outside GST ambit (taxed by states).

PERIOD	GROSS GST (₹ CRORE)	VOY GROWTH
FY 2023–24 (Annual)	20,18,386	+11.7%
FY 2024–25 (Annual)	~22,08,000	+9.4%
April 2026	~2,22,000	~12%
May 2026	1,67,000	+3.3% (net)
June 2026	1,94,812	+13.9%

💡 TEACHING HOOK — GST MILESTONES MEMORY AID

Remember GST milestones as **One Crore Thresholds**: First ₹1 lakh crore/month crossed in April 2021 | First ₹1.5 lakh crore in April 2022 | First ₹2 lakh crore crossed in April 2024. Now June 2026 at ₹1.94 lakh crore is approaching ₹2 lakh crore again. Also remember: **Article 269** (special GST power for Parliament and state legislatures), **Article 269A** (IGST levy and apportionment), **Article 279A** (GST Council) — three constitutional pillars of GST.

📖 PYQ LINKAGE

UPSC Prelims 2018: "Consider the following statements regarding the GST Council: (1) It has equal representation for the Centre and States... (2) Its decision requires a 3/4th majority..." | UPSC Mains GS3 (2019): "The GST has subsumed most indirect taxes. Discuss its impact on federal financial relations and ease of doing business in India."

GS3

Green Finance · Renewable Energy · International Investment

July 2026

POWERGRID Secures JPY 80 Billion Green Loan from JBIC — India's Largest Green Funding Arrangement in Power Transmission

What happened: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) secured a Japanese Yen 80 billion (~₹4,500 crore) green loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) for a renewable energy transmission project. The financing will fund the construction of high-voltage transmission infrastructure needed to evacuate power from large-scale renewable energy parks — solar and wind — to load centres across India. This represents India's largest green funding arrangement in the power transmission sector and underlines India-Japan cooperation on clean energy.

Why it matters for UPSC: Green finance, India's renewable energy targets (500 GW non-fossil by 2030), international climate finance, and India-Japan bilateral relations are recurring GS3 and GS2 themes. POWERGRID as a CPSE and JBIC's role in development finance are Prelims-relevant.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- ▶ **POWERGRID** = Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd; a Navratna CPSE under Ministry of Power; India's central transmission utility (CTU).
- ▶ **JBIC** = Japan Bank for International Cooperation — a Japanese government policy-based financial institution that finances overseas projects aligned with Japan's foreign policy objectives.
- ▶ **Green loan:** A loan that must be used exclusively for green/environmental projects; governed by **Green Loan Principles** (Loan Market Association).
- ▶ India's renewable energy transmission challenge: As solar/wind capacity grows in Rajasthan, Gujarat, MP and Tamil Nadu, massive transmission corridors are needed to move power to high-demand states (UP, Maharashtra, Bihar).
- ▶ India's target: **500 GW non-fossil power capacity by 2030** (NDC commitment); requires ~4 lakh crore investment in transmission infrastructure.

💡 TEACHING HOOK — GREEN FINANCE TAXONOMY

Distinguish three types of climate finance instruments: **Green Bonds** (debt securities for green projects, issuer repays with interest), **Green Loans** (like bonds but bilateral bank loans, usually from DFIs like JBIC, ADB), and **Blended Finance** (mixing public and private capital to de-risk green investments). For UPSC, also know: **Climate Finance at COP** — developed nations' \$100 bn/year pledge (missed repeatedly); **New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG)** — post-2025 climate finance target replacing the \$100 bn figure.

PYQ LINKAGE

UPSC Mains GS3 (2021): "What are Green Bonds? How can they help in financing India's environmental objectives? Discuss." | UPSC Mains GS3 (2023): "Critically analyse the role of international climate finance in helping India achieve its renewable energy targets." | UPSC Prelims 2022: "With reference to green finance... (1) It exclusively refers to financing of solar projects... (2) Green bonds must be certified by..."

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Science & Technology

Economy

GS2

GS3

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