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§1 • Environment

GS3

Invasive Alien Species • Community Conservation

Reported early September 2026 • Source: Down To Earth

Kerala's "Wayanad Model" Scores an Early Win Against the Invasive *Senna spectabilis*

Why in News: Kerala has recorded India's first science-based, community-driven eradication of the invasive tree *Senna spectabilis* in the Tholpetty range of Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, clearing over 383 acres of infested forest and uprooting 46,450 trees — root systems destroyed to prevent regrowth — using a hand-held uprooting tool designed by a local marine engineer. The wider eco-restoration effort spans 560 acres, and forest officials report early recovery signs: native grasses and herbs returning, birdsong resuming, and elephant dung reappearing in areas long abandoned by wildlife.

Background: *Senna spectabilis*, a golden-blooming tree native to Latin America, was introduced to India in the 1980s for shade, beautification and firewood. It has since become one of the country's most destructive invasive species, spreading aggressively across the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, choking native vegetation, destroying wildlife food sources, and — by driving elephants and other animals out of degraded forest — indirectly fuelling human-wildlife conflict in Wayanad's forest-edge villages.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- *Senna spectabilis*: a Latin American species introduced to India in the 1980s for shade and firewood
- "Wayanad Model": India's first science-based, community-driven eradication effort, Tholpetty range, Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary
- 383 acres of infested forest cleared; 46,450 trees uprooted with root systems destroyed to prevent regrowth
- Total eco-restoration coverage: 560 acres
- A hand-held uprooting tool, designed by a marine engineer, enabled large-scale community removal
- Early recovery signs: native grasses/herbs returning, birdsong resuming, elephant dung reappearing in restored zones
- The invasion is directly linked to intensifying human-elephant conflict by destroying native forage inside the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve



MAINS DIMENSIONS

- Demonstrates a genuinely replicable, community-anchored model for invasive-species eradication, distinct from top-down forest-department-only interventions
- Directly links invasive-species management to human-wildlife conflict mitigation — restoring native forage reduces animals' need to raid human settlements
- Raises the wider governance question of scaling a labour-intensive, tool-dependent local model across the much larger Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve landscape
- Connects to India's obligations under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework's invasive-species target and the Biological Diversity Act, 2002

- Illustrates how ecological restoration can be measured through simple, tangible indicators — birdsong, elephant dung, native-plant regrowth — rather than only abstract metrics

🔴 LET'S REMEMBER THIS THROUGH A TRICK

"Root out, root back in" — the Wayanad Model's core insight: you cannot cut an invasive tree at the trunk, you must destroy its root system, or native roots never get their turn.

📖 PYQ Linkage

GS3 2021/2023: invasive alien species questions are now a recurring UPSC theme — pair with *Lantana camara* and *Prosopis juliflora* as a comparative set.

GS3

Invasive Alien Species

Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve

Human-Wildlife Conflict

GS3

Species in News · Big Cat Conservation

Static Topic — not tied to a single current event; 16th census conducted May 2025 · Source: Gujarat Forest Department / Down To Earth

Static Topic: Asiatic Lion Population Rises to 891, Spreading Beyond Gir's Core Zone

Why in News: With no fresh Asiatic Lion development dated to this week, this card profiles the species on its institutional merit after the Environment section's rung-one and rung-two sweeps found no fresh India-specific story: the 16th Asiatic Lion Census (conducted 10-13 May 2025) recorded 891 lions across 11 districts of Gujarat, a 32.2% rise from 674 in 2020, with a majority of the population now found outside Gir's core protected areas.

Background: The Asiatic Lion (*Panthera leo persica*) survives in the wild only in and around Gujarat's Gir landscape, the world's last free-ranging population of this subspecies. Census methodology has evolved from block-count methods to direct beat verification, a more scientific and statistically robust approach, conducted once every five years by the Gujarat Forest Department.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- 16th Asiatic Lion Census: conducted 10-13 May 2025, using direct beat verification across ~35,000 sq km, 58 talukas, 11 districts
- Population: 891 lions, up 32.2% from 674 in the 15th census (2020)
- Gir National Park, Gir Wildlife Sanctuary and Pania Wildlife Sanctuary (core zone) house 394 lions
- Lions in non-forested/satellite areas rose sharply — from 340 (2020) to 507 (2025)
- IUCN Red List status: Endangered; the species is the world's last wild population of *Panthera leo persica*
- Rising incidence of Gir lions attacking domestic livestock reported alongside the population expansion, per government data

📖 MAINS DIMENSIONS

- A genuine single-landscape conservation success story, but one now creating new human-wildlife interface challenges as lions expand beyond protected boundaries
- Tests understanding of "satellite population" dynamics — conservation success in a core zone naturally overflows into human-dominated landscapes
- Raises the long-debated second-home relocation question (e.g. Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh) as a hedge against single-landscape catastrophic risk (disease, fire, conflict)
- Illustrates the value of methodology upgrades (direct beat verification) in producing more credible population data for policy decisions

🔴 LET'S REMEMBER THIS THROUGH A TRICK

"674 to 891, in only 5 years" — remember the two census numbers as a clean five-year, 32% growth story, with more lions now living outside Gir than the core zone can comfortably hold.

PYQ Linkage

GS3 2019/2022: Asiatic Lion conservation and the single-landscape-risk debate (Gir-to-Kuno relocation) are a recurring UPSC theme.

GS3

Asiatic Lion

Gir Landscape

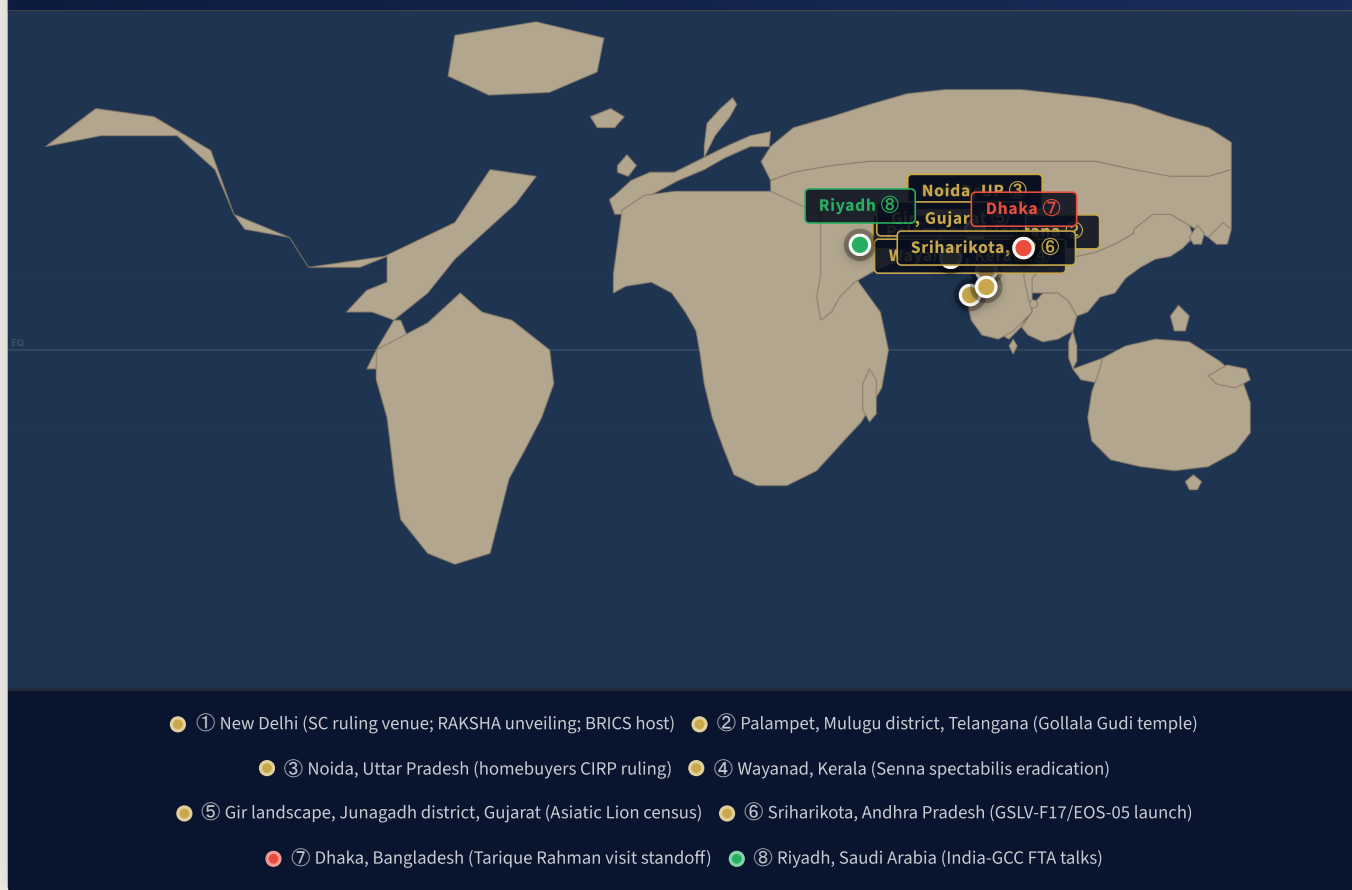
Single-Landscape Risk

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One community-restoration success and one single-landscape conservation success, each with its own emerging risk — **Philosophy Target 300+** students should note how both cards are honestly labelled by date and status rather than dressed up as breaking news.

§2 · Places in News

PLACES IN NEWS — 04 SEPTEMBER 2026 | ANTIM ASSURED 100+



① New Delhi

National capital on the Yamuna's west bank; venue of today's Supreme Court ruling, the RAKSHA defence-diplomacy unveiling, and host of the 18th BRICS Summit (12-13 Sept 2026).

② Palampet, Mulugu District, Telangana

Village on the eastern Telangana plateau beside the Ramappa Temple UNESCO site; the Kakatiya-era Gollala Gudi temple here was just declared a Monument of National Importance.

③ Noida, Uttar Pradesh

④ Wayanad, Kerala

Planned industrial-residential township across the Yamuna from Delhi; site of the Lotus Boulevard/Panache housing projects at the centre of today's Supreme Court insolvency ruling.

Highland district in the Western Ghats' Nilgiri sub-cluster; site of the Tholpetty range's community-driven "Wayanad Model" eradication of invasive *Senna spectabilis*.

⑤ Gir Landscape, Junagadh District, Gujarat

Dry deciduous forest tract in Saurashtra, the world's only wild home of the Asiatic Lion, whose population has grown to 891 across 11 Gujarat districts per the 16th census.

⑥ Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh

Barrier island on the Andhra coast hosting the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, launch site of today's successful GSLV-F17/EOS-05 mission.

⑦ Dhaka, Bangladesh

Bangladeshi capital on the Buriganga River; seat of PM Tarique Rahman's interim government, whose India visit "remains slim" per a government adviser.

⑧ Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Saudi capital on the Nejd plateau; GCC Secretariat seat where preparations for the India-GCC FTA ministerial meeting and negotiating round are underway.

§3 · Ethics & Integrity Cases

Anticipatory Stewardship — Duty of Custodianship

Case 1 — Protecting What Isn't Yet Protected

As a district heritage officer, you notice a centuries-old temple beside a UNESCO-listed site slowly deteriorating and facing encroachment pressure — but it has not yet received formal "national importance" protection, so you lack clear legal authority to intervene. Do you wait for the paperwork, informally mobilise the local community to protect the site in the interim, or escalate through unofficial channels? What does genuine custodianship demand when the law hasn't caught up with the need?

Distributive Justice — Who Bears Another's Default?

Case 2 — Paying for Someone Else's Failure

As a resolution professional overseeing a bankrupt developer's stalled housing project, a government authority demands that homebuyers — who are themselves victims of the developer's default — absorb penalty charges so the project can proceed. Approving the charges speeds up possession; refusing them protects the buyers but risks further delay. How do you weigh procedural expediency against the basic fairness of not making victims pay for another party's wrongdoing?

Diplomatic Reciprocity & Face-Saving Bridges

Case 3 — The Neighbour Who Won't Quite Come

As a foreign-ministry official, you must keep extending genuine invitations to a neighbouring country's leader even though a serious legal dispute (an unresolved extradition request) keeps stalling any real acceptance. Colleagues suggest quietly downgrading the relationship instead of repeatedly being seen to be "rebuffed." What is the ethical value of persistent, patient diplomatic outreach even when near-term success looks unlikely?

Prudential Ethics in Monetary Stewardship

Case 4 — The Cost of a Popular Success

As a central-bank official, a diaspora-deposit scheme you designed has raised a record sum for the country's reserves — a genuine public win — but the bank must now quietly absorb a multi-billion-dollar currency-hedging cost to protect commercial banks from the very risk the scheme created. Do you

publicise this hidden cost transparently, risking the scheme's popular reputation, or manage it discreetly within technical channels? What does prudent, honest central-bank communication require here?

Restorative Justice & Community Stewardship of the Commons

Case 5 — Whose Forest Is It to Restore?

As a forest-department official, you find that a community-led effort to physically uproot an invasive tree species is achieving faster, more durable results than your department's own contracted removal drives — but it operates somewhat outside formal departmental protocol. Do you formalise and fund the community model, risking loss of departmental control, or insist on the slower official process to preserve institutional oversight? What responsibility does the state have to recognise effective grassroots restoration as legitimate stewardship?

Deterrence Ethics — Building Capability You Hope Never to Use

Case 6 — Pride in a Weapon of Peace

As a defence scientist whose air-defence missile programme has just cleared a major evaluation milestone, you feel genuine pride in a hard-won technical achievement built explicitly to protect, not attack. Yet you are also aware that every advance in your country's capability likely nudges a rival nation to match it, in an unending cycle. How do you hold professional pride in defensive innovation alongside honest awareness of the arms-race dynamic your work is part of?

§4 · Prelims MCQs

Q1. Consider the following statements about the Gollala Gudi temple, recently declared a Monument of National Importance:

1. It is located in Mulugu district, Telangana.
2. It stands beside the Ramappa Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
3. It belongs to the Chola period of temple architecture.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a). Statement 3 is false — the temple belongs to the Kakatiya period, not the Chola period.

Q2. Monuments of National Importance in India are protected under which legislation?

- a. The Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, 1904
- b. The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958
- c. The National Monuments Authority Act, 2010
- d. The Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972

Answer: (b).

Q3. Consider the following statements about the Supreme Court's ruling on NOIDA's Lotus Boulevard/Panache CIRP case:

1. The Court held that homebuyers cannot be penalised for the original developer's default.
2. Homebuyers constitute the Committee of Creditors in the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process.
3. The ruling directed the state government to fully waive all lease charges permanently.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only

- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a). Statement 3 is false — the ruling set aside NOIDA's specific time-extension-charge demand, not a blanket permanent waiver of all lease charges.

Q4. Homebuyers were formally recognised as "financial creditors" under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, through an amendment made in which year?

- a. 2016
- b. 2018
- c. 2020
- d. 2022

Answer: (b).

Q5. Consider the following statements about Bangladesh PM Tarique Rahman's engagement with India around the 18th BRICS Summit:

1. He has been invited to the BRICS Outreach Session in his capacity as BIMSTEC chair.
2. This invitation is identical to, and not separate from, his bilateral state-visit invitation.
3. A Bangladeshi government adviser has said the bilateral visit "remains slim" absent a "propitious environment."

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 3 only
- b. 1 and 2 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a). Statement 2 is false — the BRICS Outreach invitation and the bilateral state-visit invitation are explicitly separate diplomatic tracks.

Q6. BIMSTEC, referenced in the context of Bangladesh's current chairmanship, groups how many Bay-of-Bengal-rim states?

- a. Five
- b. Six
- c. Seven
- d. Nine

Answer: (c).

Q7. Consider the following statements about the India-GCC Free Trade Agreement negotiations:

1. The Terms of Reference for the FTA were signed in February 2026.
2. India-GCC bilateral trade in FY 2024-25 exceeded \$175 billion.
3. India's exports to the GCC exceed its imports from the bloc.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a). Statement 3 is false — India's imports from the GCC (\$121.68bn) far exceed its exports (\$56.87bn), reflecting energy-import dependence.

Q8. The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) comprises which of the following six member states?

- a. Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman
- b. Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Yemen
- c. Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Iran, Iraq
- d. UAE, Qatar, Jordan, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait

Answer: (a).

Q9. Consider the following statements about 'RAKSHA', unveiled by the Defence Minister on 3 September 2026:

1. It is India's first consolidated, decade-long defence-diplomacy blueprint.
2. It covers the period 2026-2036.
3. It exclusively addresses domestic weapons-platform development, not international partnerships.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a). Statement 3 is false — RAKSHA is specifically a defence-diplomacy and international-partnership framework, not a domestic platform-development plan.

Q10. 'RAKSHA' was released by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh as a successor, in spirit, to which earlier 2026 document?

- a. Defence Forces Vision 2047
- b. Agnipath Scheme Review 2026
- c. National Security Strategy 2020
- d. Make in India Defence Roadmap 2018

Answer: (a).

Q11. Consider the following statements about DRDO's Akash-NG missile system:

1. Its User Evaluation Trials were completed in December 2025.
2. It has a design intercept range of up to 70 km.
3. It has already been formally inducted into the Indian Air Force as of September 2026.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a). Statement 3 is false — successful trials clear the path toward induction, but formal induction has not yet occurred.

Q12. Akash-NG is fitted with which of the following indigenous guidance components?

- a. An imported infrared seeker
- b. An indigenous Radio Frequency (RF) seeker
- c. A satellite-guided laser designator
- d. No terminal guidance system

Answer: (b).

Q13. Consider the following statements about ISRO's GSLV-F17/EOS-05 mission:

1. EOS-05 is also known as GISAT-1A.
2. It is India's first-ever imaging satellite to operate from geosynchronous orbit.
3. It is a direct replacement for a satellite lost in a 2021 GSLV cryogenic-stage failure.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only

- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (d). All three statements are correct.

Q14. EOS-05 was launched from which spaceport?

- a. Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station
- b. Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
- c. Abdul Kalam Island Launch Complex
- d. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre

Answer: (b).

Q15. Consider the following statements about India's FCNR(B) deposit scheme's record 2026 collection:

1. It raised a record \$127 billion from India's diaspora.
2. The RBI faces an estimated hedging cost because it shielded banks from currency risk on these inflows.
3. This is the first time in India's history that the FCNR(B) scheme has been used to shore up external-sector stability.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a). Statement 3 is false — the RBI notably used a similar FCNR(B) swap window in 2013 under then-Governor Raghuram Rajan.

Q16. FCNR(B) deposits allow which category of persons to hold foreign-currency-denominated deposits with Indian banks?

- a. Resident Indian citizens only
- b. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)
- c. Foreign institutional investors only
- d. Indian corporates with export earnings

Answer: (b).

Q17. Consider the following statements about India's Q1 FY27 current account deficit (CAD):

1. The CAD widened to \$4.2 billion, or 0.5% of GDP.
2. The merchandise trade deficit narrowed compared to the year-ago quarter.
3. Personal transfer receipts (remittances) rose compared to the year-ago quarter.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (c). Statement 2 is false — the merchandise trade deficit widened, from \$68.9bn to \$86.1bn.

Q18. Consider the following statements about Kerala's "Wayanad Model" eradication of *Senna spectabilis*:

1. *Senna spectabilis* is native to Latin America.
2. Over 380 acres of infested forest have been cleared using this model.
3. The model relies solely on chemical herbicide spraying rather than physical uprooting.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only

- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a). Statement 3 is false — the model relies on physical uprooting with root-system destruction, using a hand-held tool, not chemical spraying.

Q19. Consider the following statements about the 16th Asiatic Lion Census:

1. It was conducted in May 2025 using the direct beat verification method.
2. It recorded 891 lions, a rise from 674 in the 2020 census.
3. A majority of the recorded lions were found within Gir National Park's core protected area.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a. 1 and 2 only
- b. 2 and 3 only
- c. 1 and 3 only
- d. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a). Statement 3 is false — a majority of lions now live outside Gir's core protected areas, in non-forested satellite habitats.

Q20. The Asiatic Lion (*Panthera leo persica*) survives in the wild exclusively in which Indian state?

- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Rajasthan
- c. Gujarat
- d. Maharashtra

Answer: (c).

THEIAS AKADEMIA 11 of today's 20 MCQs are statement-based, comfortably above the minimum floor. **NEEB 300+ Live PYQ Writing** students should re-attempt Q3, Q9 and Q17 without checking the answer first — all three hinge on precisely what a ruling or dataset does and does not say.

§5 · Mains Questions

1. Discuss the significance of a UNESCO World Heritage inscription in catalysing stronger domestic legal protection for surrounding heritage clusters, with reference to the Gollala Gudi temple's declaration as a Monument of National Importance. (150 words)

GS1 · Indian Culture & Heritage

2. Examine how the Supreme Court's ruling in the NOIDA Lotus Boulevard/Panache case strengthens homebuyer protection within India's insolvency framework. Discuss the "clean slate" doctrine in this context. (250 words)

GS2/GS3 · Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code

3. "Multilateral platforms can serve as diplomatic bridges when bilateral relations with a neighbouring country are strained." Examine with reference to India's dual-track engagement with Bangladesh ahead of the 18th BRICS Summit. (250 words)

GS2 · Neighbourhood Diplomacy

4. Discuss the strategic significance of the India-GCC Free Trade Agreement negotiations for India's energy security and trade diversification. (150 words)

GS2/GS3 · India-Gulf Relations

5. "RAKSHA marks a shift from reactive, dialogue-by-dialogue defence engagement to a published, structured long-term strategy." Critically examine the significance of India's first decadal defence-diplomacy blueprint. (250 words)

GS2/GS3 · Defence Diplomacy

6. Examine the successful GSLV-F17/EOS-05 launch as a reliability milestone for India's indigenous cryogenic upper-stage technology, five years after the GISAT-1 failure. (150 words)

GS3 · Space Technology

7. "A central bank's balance sheet can convert a headline fundraising success into a hidden fiscal cost." Discuss with reference to the RBI's estimated hedging bill following the record FCNR(B) diaspora-deposit haul of 2026. (250 words)

GS3 · Monetary Policy

8. Evaluate the "Wayanad Model" of community-driven invasive-species eradication as a replicable template for ecological restoration, and discuss its link to human-wildlife conflict mitigation. (150 words)

GS3 · Biodiversity Conservation

9. As the forest official responsible for managing a rapidly growing Asiatic Lion population that increasingly overflows beyond Gir's protected core into human-dominated landscapes, outline the ethical and administrative framework you would apply to balance conservation success against rising human-wildlife interface risk. (250 words, case study)

GS4 · Ethics Case Study

§6 · Answer-Writing Value Addition

- **Heritage protection:** A UNESCO inscription (Ramappa, 2021) can catalyse cascading national-level protection for an entire surrounding heritage cluster — Gollala Gudi's declaration is a live 2026 example.
- **Insolvency law:** "Homebuyers and the SRA are sought to be penalised for past sins of the Corporate Debtor, which cannot be allowed" — the Supreme Court's own words in the NOIDA Lotus Boulevard/Panache ruling.
- **Neighbourhood diplomacy:** India's dual-track BRICS/bilateral invitations to Bangladesh illustrate multilateral platforms substituting for stalled bilateral contact — "remains slim" is now the operative Dhaka framing.
- **Trade diplomacy:** India-GCC trade at \$178.56bn (FY 2024-25) makes the Gulf bloc India's single largest trading-partner grouping, now heading toward its first FTA.
- **Defence diplomacy:** RAKSHA (2026-2036) is India's first consolidated defence-diplomacy blueprint, formalising the "Net Security Provider" role in the Indian Ocean Region.
- **Space technology:** EOS-05/GISAT-1A's success, five years after GISAT-1's 2021 cryogenic-stage failure, is India's first-ever imaging satellite operating from geosynchronous orbit.
- **External sector:** A record \$127bn FCNR(B) haul carries an estimated \$10.6bn RBI hedging cost — echoing the 2013 taper-tantrum-era FCNR(B) swap window under Raghuram Rajan.
- **Conservation:** Kerala's "Wayanad Model" cleared 383 acres and uprooted 46,450 *Senna spectabilis* trees using a community-designed hand tool — a genuinely replicable restoration template.

§7 · AKADEMIA Direct Hit Tracker

TOPIC	GS PAPER	ONE-LINE CAPSULE	PROBABILITY
Gollala Gudi — Monument of National Importance	GS1	Kakatiya-era; beside Ramappa UNESCO site; notified 31 Aug 2026	★★★★☆
SC: Homebuyers can't bear builder's default (NOIDA CIRP)	GS2/GS3	Lotus Boulevard/Panache; "clean slate" doctrine	★★★★★
Tarique Rahman visit "remains slim"	GS2	Dual-track BRICS/bilateral; extradition-row friction	★★★★☆
India-GCC FTA negotiations	GS2/GS3	ToR Feb 2026; talks Sept 2026; \$178.56bn trade	★★★★☆
'RAKSHA' defence-diplomacy blueprint	GS2/GS3	2026-2036; Net Security Provider role formalised	★★★★★
Akash-NG next-gen SAM	GS3	UET complete Dec 2025; 70km range; RF seeker	★★★★☆
GSLV-F17/EOS-05 (GISAT-1A) launch	GS3	First imaging satellite from geosynchronous orbit	★★★★★
RBI FCNR(B) \$127bn haul / \$10.6bn hedging bill	GS3	Echoes 2013 taper-tantrum swap window	★★★★☆
Q1 FY27 current account deficit widens to \$4.2bn	GS3	0.5% of GDP; trade gap \$86.1bn	★★★★☆
"Wayanad Model" — Senna spectabilis eradication	GS3	383 acres cleared; community-driven; root-destruction method	★★★★★
Asiatic Lion — 16th Census, 891 lions	GS3	+32.2% in 5 years; majority now outside Gir's core	★★★★☆
Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code — static provisions	GS2/GS3	Homebuyer-as-financial-creditor amendment, 2018	★★★★☆
BIMSTEC — static grouping facts	GS2	7 members; static-concept anchor for Bangladesh card	★★★★☆
GCC — static grouping facts	GS2	6 members; static-concept anchor for FTA card	★★★★☆
FCNR(B) scheme — static mechanism	GS3	Static-concept anchor; 2013 precedent	★★★★☆
Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	GS3	Invasive-species target; static-concept anchor	★★★★☆
Single-landscape conservation risk (Gir-Kuno debate)	GS3	Static-concept anchor for Asiatic Lion card	★★★★☆
India's layered air-defence architecture	GS3	Akash-Barak8-MR SAM-Kusha; Akash-NG's place in it	★★★★☆

THEIAS AKADEMIA 18 tracked topics today, five rated 5-star — a genuinely dense edition spanning heritage law, insolvency doctrine, dual diplomacy, strategic space technology, and conservation science. Cross-check this tracker against your revision log before tonight's **Sahyog Mentorship** check-in.

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UPSC CSE Prelims 2026 Results

In what critics called the most unpredictable Prelims paper in a decade —

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QUESTIONS FROM
A SINGLE DOCUMENT

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A SINGLE CLASS

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§8 · Proof of Precision

VERIFIED · PART II

Proof of Precision

Every item mapped. Every claim verified.

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ENVIRONMENT CARDS

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REPEATED TOPICS

Environment

Wildlife & Ecology

Ethics

Prelims Practice

Mains Practice

✓ All news sourced from ASI/Ministry of Culture, Supreme Court judgments, Ministry of Defence, ISRO, RBI data, Down To Earth, and Gujarat Forest Department reportage — no coaching-platform citations in published output

✓ Every ethics case names its underlying concept explicitly, per the density mandate for this edition

✓ 11 of 20 MCQs are statement-based, comfortably above the 8-question minimum

✓ No map_4Sep2026.jpg was found in the workspace folder at session start — inline-SVG fallback map used per the standing map protocol; all 8 pin positions computed fresh from real longitude/latitude via the equirectangular formula

✓ The Asiatic Lion profile is explicitly labelled "Static Topic — not tied to a single current event," consistent with RULE 13's honest-dating principle, since the underlying census is from May 2025

✓ Part I ran at 9 news cards rather than the 10-12 target after a full multi-source sweep — disclosed honestly in the promo file's editorial note rather than padded with stale or weakly-verified content

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