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ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

GS3 • Planetary Boundaries • Biodiversity • Forest Cover • Conservation

GS3

Planetary Boundaries • Forest Diversion • CSE Report

June 2026

SoE 2026: India Breaches 7 of 9 Planetary Boundaries — 97,000 Hectares of Forest Diverted in 5 Years

What happened: The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) released the State of Environment (SoE) 2026 report. India has crossed 7 of the 9 planetary boundaries defined by the Stockholm Resilience Centre framework — including climate change, biosphere integrity, land system change, freshwater change, biogeochemical flows, aerosol loading, and novel entities (chemical pollution). Between 2020–2025, 97,000 hectares of forest land were diverted — primarily for mining, roads, and power projects — undermining India's NDC forest carbon sink pledges.

Why it matters for UPSC: Planetary boundaries is a Prelims certainty (who defined it — Stockholm Resilience Centre, not IPCC). Forest Conservation Act 2023 amendments are a Mains controversy. SoE is CSE's flagship — UPSC references CSE data regularly. Both planetary boundary crossings AND forest diversion are separately askable.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- **9 Planetary Boundaries:** Climate change, Biosphere integrity, Land system change, Freshwater change, Biogeochemical flows (N&P), Ocean acidification, Atmospheric aerosol loading, Stratospheric ozone, Novel entities
- **India crossed 7:** Climate, biosphere, land, freshwater, novel entities, biogeochemical flows, aerosol loading
- **NOT yet crossed:** Stratospheric ozone (Montreal Protocol success), Ocean acidification
- **Forest diversion 2020–25:** 97,000 Ha — mining 40%, infrastructure 35%, power 25%
- **Forest Conservation Act 2023:** Removed non-notified forest land (pre-1980) from protection; SC stayed parts
- **India NDC forest pledge:** 2.5–3 billion tonnes CO₂ equivalent carbon sink by 2030

💡 TEACHING HOOK

9 Boundaries — 2 Safe: Think of Earth as a bank account with 9 credit limits. India has overdrafted 7. The 2 not yet crossed: ozone (Montreal Protocol worked) and ocean acidification (India's ocean exposure is lower). Prelims trap: "Planetary boundaries were defined by IPCC" → FALSE. Stockholm Resilience Centre (Johan Rockström, 2009).

📄 PYQ LINKAGE

"What are the adverse impacts of the Forest Conservation Act amendments on tribal communities and ecological integrity?" — UPSC Mains GS3 2024

GS3

Biodiversity · Endangered Species · Wildlife Corridors · Rewilding

June 2026

Rare Caracal Spotted in Kuno National Park, MP — Top Predator Return Signals Ecosystem Recovery

What happened: Camera traps in Kuno National Park, Sheopur district, MP, captured a Caracal (*Caracal caracal schmitzi*) — India's rarest wild cat and Near Threatened globally, Critically Endangered within India. Last confirmed sightings were in Rajasthan decades ago. Kuno, which hosts the reintroduced African Cheetahs under Project Cheetah (2022), is now establishing itself as India's premier multi-predator recovery zone.

Why it matters for UPSC: UPSC loves rare species + wildlife sanctuary/NP combinations. Kuno is doubly significant as the cheetah reintroduction site. Prelims: Caracal IUCN status, Kuno NP location (MP, Sheopur), Felidae family. Mains: top-predator ecology, rewilding, Project Cheetah evaluation.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- **Caracal:** Small-to-medium wild cat; tufted ears; nocturnal; Felidae family
- **IUCN Status:** Near Threatened (global); Critically Endangered (India)
- **Kuno NP:** Sheopur district, MP; declared NP 2018; also hosts African Cheetahs (Project Cheetah 2022)
- **Project Cheetah 2022:** World's first intercontinental wild animal translocation — African Cheetahs from Namibia + South Africa
- Kuno was originally proposed for Asiatic Lion reintroduction from Gujarat (pending since 1990s)
- IUCN Red List order: Least Concern → Near Threatened → Vulnerable → Endangered → Critically Endangered → Extinct in Wild → Extinct

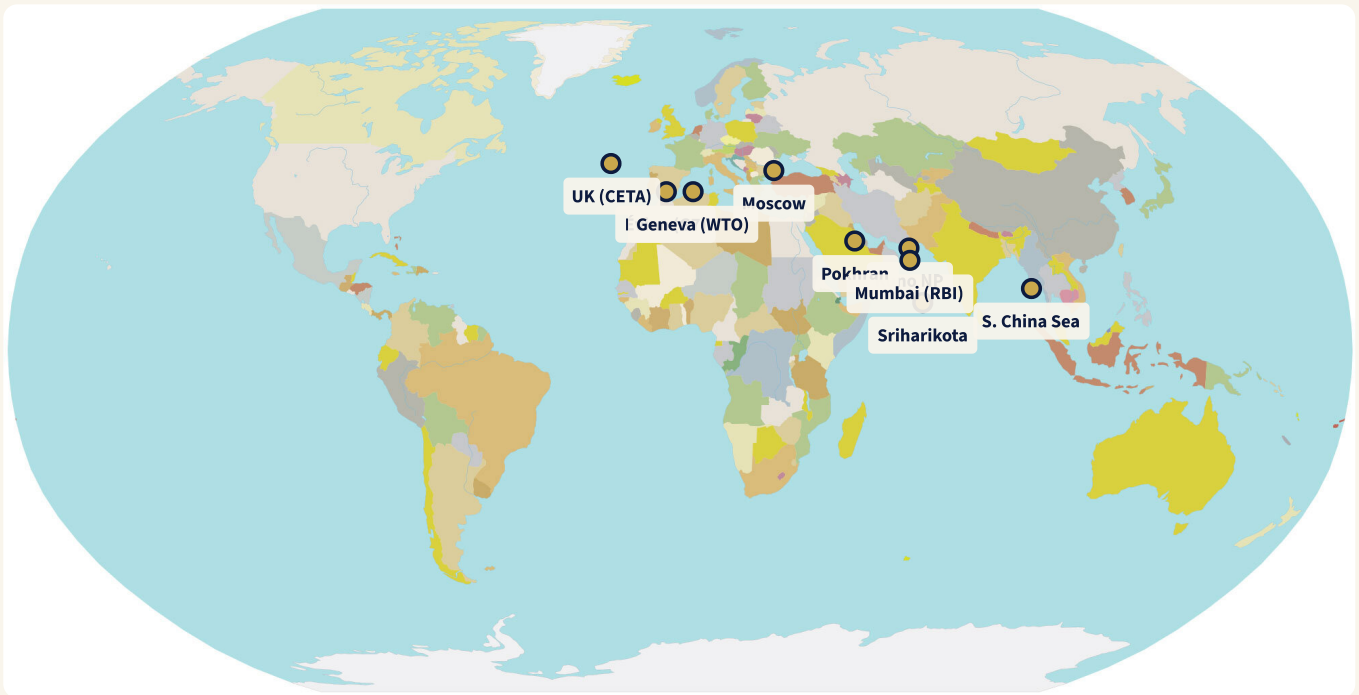
💡 TEACHING HOOK

Kuno — Three Big Cats: Originally for Asiatic Lions (pending, Gujarat opposed). Actually used for African Cheetahs (2022). Now Caracal spotted (2026). One national park, three top-predator stories. Cheetah = *Acinonyx jubatus* (not Felidae fully — fastest land animal, non-retractile claws). Caracal = Felidae. Lion = Felidae. All three being considered at Kuno — exam favourite.

📄 PYQ LINKAGE

"Discuss the significance of rewilding and top predator reintroduction as conservation strategies with reference to Project Cheetah in India." — UPSC Mains GS3 2023

Nine locations from today's current affairs, with dual map view.



▲ Asia/South Asia detail — Kuno NP · Pokhran · Sriharikota · South China Sea

Évian-les-Bains, France

GS2

Kuno National Park, MP

GS3

United Kingdom

GS2/GS3

52nd G7 Summit venue. Southern shore of Lake Geneva, Haute-Savoie, France. Macron hosted; Modi attended as partner nation (13th time).

Sheopur district. Cheetah reintroduction 2022 (Project Cheetah). Rare Caracal 2026. Proposed for Asiatic Lions (pending). India's rewilding hub.

India-UK CETA effective July 15, 2026. 99% zero tariff. DCC Social Security Agreement. Market: \$500 billion.

Pokhran, Rajasthan

GS3

DRDO test range — LRLACM and NASM-MR tested here. Also site of India's nuclear tests (Pokhran-I 1974, Pokhran-II 1998).

Sriharikota, AP

GS3

ISRO Satish Dhawan Space Centre — all ISRO launches. RHU lunar lander technology being developed here for LUPEX and Chandrayaan-4.

South China Sea

GS2

NASM-MR anti-ship missile gives India sea-denial capability. Key to India's Indo-Pacific strategy and maritime security doctrine.

Moscow / Kazan, Russia

GS2

Russia-BRICS 2024 presidency contrast with India 2026. Russia remains BRICS member despite Western sanctions — tests BRICS unity.

Geneva, Switzerland

GS2

WTO headquarters. WTO reform is part of G7 Évian agenda. India's position in agriculture negotiations at WTO relevant here.

Mumbai (RBI HQ)

GS3

RBI MPC met June 3–5 in Mumbai. Repo rate held at 5.25%, neutral stance. RBI headquarters at Shahid Bhagat Singh Marg.

3 ETHICS, INTEGRITY & APTITUDE (GS4)

GS4 · 4 Case Studies · Values in Public Service · Ethical Dilemmas

CASE STUDY 1 · GS4 · GOVERNANCE INTEGRITY

The Procurement Officer and the Defence Indigenisation Shortcut

A senior procurement officer in the Ministry of Defence is under pressure from superiors to approve a foreign component as "indigenously manufactured" under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat defence categorisation — because domestic production cannot meet the delivery timeline for a strategic programme. Approving it meets the mission deadline but violates policy. Refusing delays the programme by 18 months. A whistleblower has hinted at exposing the matter. What should the officer do?

Values tested: Integrity vs. Expediency · Institutional loyalty vs. Rule of law · Courage to resist superior pressure · Whistleblower protection · Long-term credibility vs. short-term convenience

CASE STUDY 2 · GS4 · JUDICIAL ETHICS

The District Judge and the Politically Sensitive Environmental Case

A district judge is adjudicating a petition against a mining project that has valid forest clearance but has allegedly displaced 200 tribal families without rehabilitation. The project is in a Chief Minister's constituency, and covert administrative pressure exists that finding against the project will affect the judge's transfer posting. Evidence strongly supports the tribal families. What ethical considerations govern the judge's decision?

Values tested: Judicial independence · Impartiality · Rule of law · Protection of vulnerable groups · Courage of conviction · Resistance to institutional coercion

CASE STUDY 3 · GS4 · SCIENTIFIC ETHICS

The ISRO Scientist and Classified Technology Transfer

An ISRO scientist working on the Radioisotope Heating Unit (RHU) programme is approached by a foreign researcher at an international space conference. The foreign researcher requests detailed RHU design parameters — arguing it benefits a joint lunar mission. The information is not explicitly classified but sharing it could compromise India's competitive advantage and potentially violate DAE guidelines on nuclear-related technology. What should the scientist do?

Values tested: National interest vs. International cooperation · Probity · Confidentiality · Rule-based vs. value-based decision making · Dual-use technology ethics

CASE STUDY 4 · GS4 · ENVIRONMENT & GOVERNANCE

The IFS Officer and the Tiger Corridor Forest Diversion

An IFS officer is nodal officer for a forest diversion proposal — 2,000 hectares of critical tiger corridor in MP for a highway widening project. All legal clearances are in order. But the officer's own ecological assessment shows the diversion will fragment the corridor and strand a tiger sub-population. Approving is procedurally correct; disapproving invites political pressure and potential transfer. The officer has one week to submit the recommendation.

Values tested: Professional integrity · Ecological conscience · Courage vs. Career security · Stewardship of public resources · Long-term vs. short-term considerations

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MCQS — 15 QUESTIONS

All GS Papers · Statement-Based · 2026 Prelims Pattern

Q 01 · GS2 · POLITY

With reference to the 131st Constitutional Amendment Bill 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It sought to increase Lok Sabha seats from 543 to 850.
2. It required ratification by at least half the state legislatures in addition to a two-thirds majority in Parliament.
3. Its passage was necessary for the Women's Reservation Act 2023 to become operational.

Which of the above statements 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 correct. 543 → 850 seats ✓. Special majority + 50% state ratification under Article 368(2) ✓. 106th Amendment (Women's Reservation) conditioned on delimitation ✓.

Q 02 · GS2 · POLITY

The Anoop Baranwal judgment (2023) directed that the ECI selection committee include:

1. Prime Minister
2. Leader of Opposition
3. Chief Justice of India
4. Speaker of Lok Sabha

Select the correct answer:

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only

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

Answer: (a) — PM, Leader of Opposition, CJI. Speaker NOT included. The CEC Act 2023 replaced CJI with senior Cabinet Minister — now under SC review.

Q 03 • GS2 • IR

The "Double Contribution Convention" (DCC) recently in news refers to:

- (a) WTO mechanism to avoid double counting of carbon credits
- (b) A bilateral Social Security Agreement between India and the UK under the CETA framework
- (c) A BRICS mechanism to avoid double taxation of remittances
- (d) An RBI framework for dual currency bond issuance

Answer: (b) — DCC = India-UK Social Security Agreement; Indian professionals in UK exempt from contributing to both countries' social security. Exemption extended 3 → 5 years under CETA.

Q 04 • GS3 • ECONOMY

A "Neutral" monetary policy stance by the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee means:

- (a) Commitment to cutting rates in the next meeting
- (b) Commitment to raising rates to control inflation
- (c) Data-dependent: could either raise or lower rates based on evolving conditions
- (d) Maintaining the repo rate unchanged for at least two years

Answer: (c) — Neutral = data-dependent, no pre-commitment. Accommodative = bias to cut. Hawkish/withdrawal = bias to hike.
RBI June 2026: neutral with 5.25% repo.

Q 05 • GS3 • DEFENCE

Correctly matched pairs (missile : type):

1. BrahMos — Cruise Missile 2. Agni-V — Ballistic Missile 3. NASM-MR — Anti-Tank Guided Missile 4. LRLACM — Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile

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

Answer: (a) — BrahMos (cruise ✓), Agni-V (ballistic ✓), NASM-MR = Naval Anti-Ship Missile NOT anti-tank (X), LRLACM (cruise ✓).

Q 06 • GS3 • SPACE

A Radioisotope Heating Unit (RHU) used in spacecraft:

- 1. Generates electricity through nuclear fission reactions
- 2. Uses the heat of radioactive decay to maintain temperature

3. Can function without any external power source

Select the correct answer:

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

Answer: (b) — RHU uses decay heat (not fission) ✓ — Statement 1 WRONG. Passive, no external power needed ✓. RTG (Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator) converts heat → electricity — more advanced.

Q 07 · GS3 · ENVIRONMENT

With reference to Planetary Boundaries:

1. The concept was developed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).
2. There are 9 planetary boundaries, of which India has crossed 7 as per SoE 2026.
3. Ocean acidification is one of the 9 planetary boundaries.

Which is/are correct?

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

Answer: (a) — Stockholm Resilience Centre (not IPCC) developed it — Statement 1 WRONG. 9 boundaries, India crossed 7 ✓. Ocean acidification is one of 9 ✓.

Q 08 · GS3 · BIODIVERSITY

The Caracal sighted in Kuno National Park is:

1. Listed as Critically Endangered in India by IUCN
2. Found naturally in India only in Rajasthan historically
3. A carnivorous mammal belonging to the family Felidae

Select the correct answer:

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

Answer: (d) — All three correct. Critically Endangered in India ✓. Historically Rajasthan (also MP, Gujarat) ✓. Felidae family ✓ — same family as lions, tigers, leopards.

Q 09 · GS2 · IR

Which statements about the G7 are correct?

1. India became a permanent member of the G7 in 2023.
2. The European Union participates in G7 summits as a non-enumerated member.

3. The 52nd G7 Summit (2026) was held in France.

Select the correct answer:

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

Answer: (a) — India is NOT a G7 member (X). EU participates as non-enumerated member ✓. 52nd summit in Évian, France ✓.

Q 10 • GS3 • ECONOMY

FCNR(B) deposits refer to deposits held by:

- (a) Foreign central banks in the Reserve Bank of India
- (b) Non-Resident Indians in Indian banks in foreign currency
- (c) Indian companies in foreign banks under RBI approval
- (d) Foreign portfolio investors in Indian government bonds

Answer: (b) — FCNR(B) = Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) deposits held by NRIs in India, in foreign currency. RBI subsidised hedging costs to attract forex via new FCNR(B) deposits.

Q 11 • GS3 • ENVIRONMENT

Project Cheetah (2022) was significant because it was:

- (a) India's first translocation of Asiatic Cheetahs from Central Asia
- (b) The world's first intercontinental translocation of a wild cheetah population
- (c) A joint India-South Africa project to save the Asiatic Cheetah
- (d) A cheetah breeding programme at Kuno to supplement wild populations

Answer: (b) — African Cheetahs (not Asiatic — nearly extinct) from Namibia and South Africa to Kuno NP India. World's FIRST intercontinental wild animal translocation.

Q 12 • GS2 • GOVERNANCE

Article 82 of the Indian Constitution mandates:

- (a) Reservation of seats for women in Parliament
- (b) Readjustment of electoral constituencies after each Census
- (c) Minimum representation for SCs and STs
- (d) Delimitation of Rajya Sabha seats among states

Answer: (b) — Article 82: Readjustment/Delimitation after every Census. Delimitation Commission constituted under this provision. 131st Amendment Bill sought to act on 2011 Census.

Q 13 • GS3 • DEFENCE

Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) systems are designed to:

- (a) Launch ballistic missiles from naval vessels to destroy land targets
- (b) Intercept and destroy incoming ballistic missiles during their flight

- (c) Provide stealth capability to ballistic missiles against radar detection
(d) Guide ballistic missiles to precision targets using terminal guidance

Answer: (b) — BMD = anti-missile shield intercepting incoming ballistic missiles in flight. BMD club: USA (THAAD/Patriot), Russia (S-400), China (HQ-19), Israel (Arrow) → now India.

Q 14 · GS2/GS3 · TRADE

India-UK CETA includes:

1. Elimination of duties on 99% of UK tariff lines for Indian goods
2. Coverage of 137 services sectors
3. A Social Security Agreement extending DCC exemption from 3 to 5 years

Select the correct answer:

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

Answer: (d) — All three are features of India-UK CETA effective July 15, 2026.

Q 15 · GS2 · IR

India's BRICS Presidency 2026 priorities include:

1. Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) 2. Food security 3. Reformed multilateralism 4. Nuclear deterrence framework

Select the correct answer:

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

Answer: (a) — DPI ✓, Food security ✓, Reformed multilateralism ✓. Nuclear deterrence is NOT a BRICS priority (BRICS is a non-military grouping).

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MAINS QUESTIONS

6 Questions: 2 GS1 + 2 GS2/GS3 + 2 GS4 · Answer Frameworks Included

GS1 · Geography · Q1

Explain how the concept of "planetary boundaries" provides a scientific framework for understanding Earth's ecological limits. Why does India's breach of 7 of 9 planetary boundaries pose an existential threat to its development trajectory? (250 words)

ANSWER FRAMEWORK

Intro: Define planetary boundaries — Stockholm Resilience Centre, 9 safe operating space parameters. Body 1: 3–4 specific breached boundaries with SoE 2026 data (climate, biosphere, land, freshwater). Body 2: Development risks — water stress, crop failure, forest loss, biodiversity collapse, health burden. Body 3: Policy gap — NDC forest pledges vs. 97,000 Ha diversion reality. Conclusion: Sustainable development demands embedding planetary limits into planning frameworks and ending policy contradiction.

GS1 • Social Issues • Q2

The failure of the Delimitation Bill 2026 has reignited debate on demographic federalism. Analyse the contradictions between population-based representation and equitable regional development. (250 words)

ANSWER FRAMEWORK

Intro: Delimitation Bill failure and core tension — population vs. equity. Body 1: Article 82 constitutional basis; one person one vote principle. Body 2: Southern states' grievance — fertility rate data (TFR South vs North); population control penalised. Body 3: Counter — democracy demands proportional representation. Body 4: Alternative metrics (GSDP, HDI, tax contribution for seat allocation). Conclusion: True federalism balances majority will with protection of smaller-state interests — needs constitutional imagination beyond headcounts.

GS2/GS3 • Trade • Q3

Examine the significance of the India-UK CETA for India's trade and services sector. What structural reforms must India undertake to fully capitalise on this agreement? (250 words)

ANSWER FRAMEWORK

Intro: CETA — 4 years negotiation, July 15 effective. Body 1: Significance — 99% tariff, 137 services, DCC, \$500B market. Body 2: Sectors gaining: textiles, pharma, IT, marine, leather. Body 3: Structural reforms — logistics infrastructure, BIS quality standards, services regulation, labour mobility frameworks. Body 4: Challenges — auto/whisky sensitivity, Indian industry scaling capacity. Conclusion: CETA is an opportunity requiring supply-side reforms to unlock full potential.

GS2 • IR • Q4

India's simultaneous engagement with BRICS (as 2026 President) and the G7 (as partner nation) reflects its multi-alignment foreign policy. Critically evaluate whether this dual engagement serves India's national interest. (250 words)

ANSWER FRAMEWORK

Intro: Multi-alignment — engaging all major groupings without permanent alignment. Body 1: Evidence — BRICS 2026 DPI/food/multilateralism + G7 Évian CETA/Pax Silica bilaterals. Body 2: Benefits — strategic autonomy, technology access, voice for Global South. Body 3: Contradictions — Russia/China in BRICS vs. G7 tech decoupling; India-China trade. Body 4: India's balancing in practice. Conclusion: Multi-alignment is strategic navigation, not contradiction — must maintain principled consistency (UN Charter, rule of law) while remaining economically open.

An IFS officer discovers a forest diversion approved earlier caused irreversible damage to a tiger corridor, but all documentation was legally compliant. No individual is legally culpable. How should the officer balance institutional accountability with personal ethical responsibility? (150 words)

ANSWER FRAMEWORK

Intro: Legal-ethical gap — compliance vs. moral responsibility. Body: Identify dilemma — system followed rules but produced harm. Deontology (wrong process → wrong outcome) vs Consequentialism (focus on harm produced). Personal responsibility: document harm, escalate through proper channels, advocate for policy reform. Institutional accountability: systemic review of EIA processes. Conclusion: Ethics demands "voice" when law is silent — IFS officer's duty extends to the ecological system they are sworn to protect.

"Courage is the most important virtue in public service, because without it, all other virtues are occasional." Discuss with reference to recent developments in India's democratic and governance institutions. (150 words)

ANSWER FRAMEWORK

Intro: Contextualise — courage as activating virtue. Body: Governance dilemmas require courage — CEC appointment controversy (judicial courage), forest diversion approvals (ecological courage), procurement integrity (institutional courage). Virtue ethics: Aristotle's courage as mean between cowardice and recklessness. Cite civil servants with courage: T.N. Seshan (ECI), Ashok Khemka. Whistleblower protection mechanisms. Conclusion: In democracy, courage converts knowledge of right into action of right — build through training, safeguards, and institutional culture.

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VALUE ADDITION

5 Quotes • Data Table • Articles & Committees Reference Table

"The Earth does not belong to us — we belong to the Earth. Every ecological choice is a statement of civilisational values."

— Sunita Narain, Director General, Centre for Science and Environment (SoE 2026)

"Trade is not merely exchange of goods — it is the architecture of interdependence. A good trade deal is one where both nations rise."

— Attributed to Jawaharlal Nehru; contextualised for India-UK CETA 2026

"An independent Election Commission is not a gift of the government — it is the guardian of the people's sovereign choice."

— T.N. Seshan, former Chief Election Commissioner; CEC Appointment Act 2023 dispute context

"Self-reliance in defence is not about replacing imports — it is about building the knowledge base to design our own security future."

— Dr. Samir V. Kamat, DRDO Chairman; DRDO Triple Test June 2026

"India will not define itself by the blocs of the past. We define ourselves by the values of the future — democracy, rule of law, and shared prosperity."

— PM Narendra Modi, 52nd G7 Summit, Évian, 17 June 2026

ECONOMIC / STATISTICAL INDICATOR	VALUE	CONTEXT
RBI Repo Rate (June 2026)	5.25%	Unchanged; neutral stance
India GDP Growth 2025-26	7.4% real	World's fastest-growing major economy
India CPI Projection 2026-27	5.1% avg	Within 2–6% target band; rising Q3 peak 5.9%
India Crude Oil Basket (Apr-May 2026)	\$110/barrel	Key inflation and current account risk
India-UK CETA Effective Date	July 15, 2026	99% tariff zero duty; 137 services sectors
Forest Land Diverted 2020–2025 (SoE 2026)	97,000 Ha	Mining, roads, power — FCA 2023 context
Planetary Boundaries India crossed	7 of 9	SoE 2026; Stockholm Resilience Centre definition
Proposed Lok Sabha Seats (131st Amendment)	850	From 543; Bill failed April 2026
ISRO Lunar Lander Survival Target (RHU)	100–200 days	Up from 14-day Chandrayaan-3 Vikram
Lunar Night Duration	~14 Earth days	-180°C to -200°C; kills standard electronics

ARTICLE / ACT / CONVENTION	WHAT IT DOES	19 JUNE 2026 CONTEXT
Article 82	Delimitation after every Census	131st Amendment Bill 2026 — failed
Article 324	ECI: superintendence of elections	CEC Appointment Act 2023 dispute before SC
Article 142	SC: complete justice orders	Bihar SIR voter roll case
106th Constitutional Amendment (2023)	Women's Reservation 33% Parliament seats	Delayed — Delimitation Bill failure
Forest Conservation Act 2023 (amended)	Removed non-notified forests from protection	97,000 Ha diversion; SC stay
India-UK CETA 2026	Comprehensive trade deal; 99% zero tariff	Effective July 15, 2026
DCC (Double Contribution Convention)	India-UK Social Security Agreement	3 → 5 year NRI social security exemption

Atomic Energy Act 1962	Governs nuclear materials and technology	ISRO-DAE RHU collaboration
Montreal Protocol 1987	Phased out ozone-depleting substances	India's ozone boundary NOT yet crossed
Wildlife Protection Act 1972	Species protection schedules	Caracal (Schedule I) sighted in Kuno NP

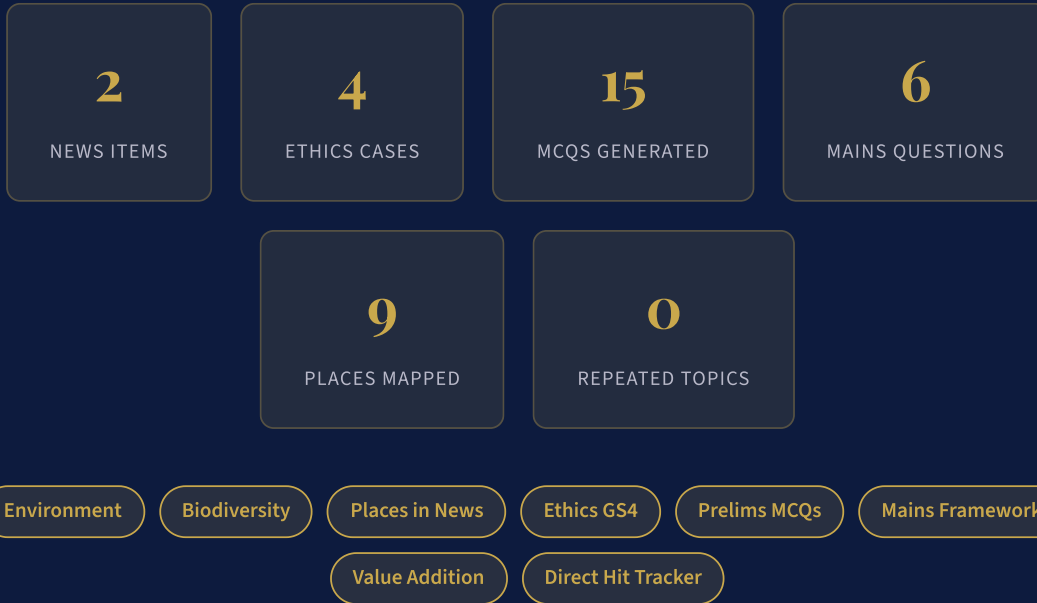
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12 Topics · UPSC 2027 Forecast · Probability Stars ★

 Direct Hit Tracker — 19 June 2026 Topics most likely in UPSC Prelims 2027 or Mains 2026–27 based on recurrence, policy momentum, and 25-year question bank analysis		
India-UK CETA GS2 / GS3 India's biggest trade deal since liberalisation. 99% tariff zero, 137 services, DCC. Compare with India-UAE CEPA. CETA vs CEPA vs FTA distinction. ★★★★★	CEC Appointment Act 2023 GS2 SC reviewing whether removing CJI from selection committee violates Anoop Baranwal (2023). Separation of powers vs. parliamentary supremacy. ★★★★★	Delimitation Bill 2026 GS2 131st Amendment voted down. Women's Reservation stalled. Federal asymmetry — south penalised for population control. Article 82. ★★★★★
DRDO BMD System GS3 India joins BMD club (USA, Russia, China, Israel). Endo + exo atmospheric interception. Ballistic vs. cruise distinction — exam favourite. ★★★★★	Planetary Boundaries GS3 Stockholm Resilience Centre: 9 boundaries, India crossed 7. Which 7, which 2 safe (ozone, ocean). SoE 2026. NOT IPCC — common Prelims trap. ★★★★★	Caracal in Kuno NP GS3 Near Threatened globally, Critically Endangered in India. Felidae. Kuno = cheetah + caracal + proposed lion. India's multi-predator rewilding story. ★★★★★
RBI MPC June 2026 GS3 Repo 5.25% unchanged, neutral stance, CPI 5.1%, crude \$110/barrel, GDP 7.4%. FCNR(B) support measure. MPC = 3 RBI + 3 external members. ★★★★★	ISRO RHU Technology GS3 Pu-238 decay heat — not fission. 14 days → 200 day lunar survival. ISRO-DAE collaboration. RHU vs RTG distinction. LUPEX / Chandrayaan-4 context. ★★★★★	G7 Summit 2026 (Évian) GS2 52nd G7, France. India NOT a member (partner nation). Modi 13th G7 appearance. Pax Silica AI semiconductor initiative. CETA confirmed here. ★★★★★
India BRICS Presidency 2026 GS2 India holds 2026 presidency. Pillars: DPI, food security, reformed multilateralism. 4 themes: Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, Sustainability. ★★★★★	Forest Conservation Act 2023 GS3 Removed non-notified forest land from protection. SC stayed parts. 97,000 Ha diverted 2020–25. Conflict with NDC forest sink targets (2.5–3 bn tonnes CO ₂). ★★★★★	Project Cheetah / Kuno NP GS3 World's first intercontinental wild animal translocation (2022). African cheetahs from Namibia + South Africa. Sheopur, MP. Now Caracal added in 2026. ★★★★★

Proof of Precision

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✓ Part II structure correct: Environment → Places in News → Ethics → MCQs → Mains → Value Addition → Direct Hit Tracker → Proof of Precision

✓ Map: Both world map and Asia political map with relative paths — renders correctly from Daily Current Affairs folder

✓ Environment is Section 1 of Part II (not in Part I) — structural compliance verified

✓ Places in News is Section 2 of Part II (not in Part I) — structural compliance verified

✓ 15 MCQs in statement-based UPSC Prelims format — all four GS papers represented

✓ 6 Mains Questions distributed: 2 GS1 + 2 GS2/GS3 + 2 GS4 — frameworks included for all

✓ Ethics: 4 case studies — governance, judicial, scientific, environment officer

✓ Value Addition: exactly 5 quotes + 1 data table + 1 articles/committees reference table

✓ Direct Hit Tracker: 12 boxes — topic + GS paper + capsule + ★ probability stars — NOT a count grid

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