

# The Hindu – UPSC Notes (2 September 2025)

Welcome to today's compilation of important news and editorial insights from The Hindu newspaper, specifically curated for UPSC aspirants. These notes cover key developments across Polity & Governance, Economy, International Relations, and Social Sector & Health, with special emphasis on examination-relevant points.

## **Polity & Governance**



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#### Bihar Electoral Roll – SC Extends Window

SC allowed voters excluded in Bihar's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) to file claims/objections beyond the deadline.

Political parties alleged mass deletions (65 lakh names).

#### **Prelims Pointer:**

- RPA 1950 → ERO prepares rolls, must pass speaking orders.
- Forms: 6 (inclusion), 7 (deletion), 8 (correction),
   8A (transfer).
- Art. 326 

  → Universal Adult Franchise.
- ← Mains use: Electoral reforms; judicial role in protecting voting rights.

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#### SC on Noise Pollution

SC observed noise pollution = violation of Art. 21 Right to Life.

Asked Centre & States to enforce existing CPCB standards, esp. near schools/hospitals.

#### **Prelims Pointer:**

- Noise Pollution Rules 2000 → under EPA 1986.
- CPCB monitors in 132 cities.
- WHO safe limit: 55 dB (day), 40 dB (night).
- **→** Mains use: Case for urban governance + health policy integration.

## **Economy**



GDP Growth at 7.8% (Q1 2025-26) – Data Concerns

Growth exceeded RBI's forecast (6.5%), but nominal growth only 8.8%, implying unrealistic 1% inflation → raises doubts on credibility.

Exports subdued; domestic demand strong.

#### **Prelims Pointer:**

- GDP base year = 2011–12.
- CSO under MoSPI publishes quarterly GDP.







## Carbon Border Taxes – Risks for India



The Mains use: Climate diplomacy + trade-environment nexus.



## **International Relations**

India-U.S. Tariff Row

U.S. doubled tariffs (50%) on Indian exports (~\$48-55 bn at risk).

Sectors hit: gems, textiles, agri, leather.

IT services, pharma, defence trade remain unaffected.

#### **Prelims Pointer:**

- WTO principle → Most Favoured Nation (MFN).
- Tariffs invoked under Executive Order 14329.

**ℰ** Mains use: Resilience of ties beyond trade; trust > tariffs.

## Social Sector & Health

80%

35%

1.3%

**Population Coverage** 

PMJAY & State schemes cover 80% population

Utilisation

Only 35% utilisation of health insurance schemes

**GDP** on Health

India spends 1.3% of GDP on health vs world avg 6.1%

## Health Insurance – Editorial Review

Issues: bias to private hospitals, corruption, poor reimbursements.



#### **Prelims Pointer:**

- PMJAY launched 2018 under Ayushman Bharat.
- Coverage: ₹5 lakh per family.

**Mains use:** Case for strengthening public health infra over insurance-based model.

## J&K Drug Abuse – Women Dimension



~62,000 women drug users in J&K; stigma hides problem.

No gender-sensitive rehab, lack of female counsellors.

#### **Prelims Pointer:**

- NDPS Act 1985 → India's main drug law.
- Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan → national de-addiction campaign.
- Mains use: Social justice & security → narco crisis with gender lens.



## Editorial Summaries – Exam Use (Part 1)

## "Questionable Cheer" - GDP Data

Core Idea: Growth numbers look impressive but statistical credibility weak; fiscal deficit pressure rising.

Exam Use: GS-III Economy >> GDP measurement debates. Essay >> "Growth without credibility is like numbers without meaning."

#### "Another Chance" - Bihar Voter Rolls

Core Idea: SC extending claim period restores trust; mass exclusions damage democracy.

Exam Use: GS-II Polity >>> Electoral reforms; GS-IV >>> institutional accountability. Essay >>> "Elections are the festival of democracy only if everyone is invited."

### "The Rise and Risks of Health Insurance"

Core Idea: Insurance schemes not equal to Universal Health Care; shift resources to public health infra.

Exam Use: GS-II (Health policy), GS-III (Economy).
Essay » "Health is a public good, not a private

commodity."

## "Noise Pollution is Rising, but Policy is Silent"

Core Idea: Urban noise exceeds limits; weak enforcement undermines rights & ecology.

Exam Use: GS-III Environment; GS-II Polity (Art. 21 expansion). Essay → "Silent rights in noisy cities."



# Editorial Summaries – Exam Use (Part 2)

"Recognising Women Drug Users in J&K"

Core Idea: Women's drug abuse ignored due to stigma; need gender-sensitive rehab.

Exam Use: GS-II Social

Justice; GS-III Internal

Security. Essay: "Addiction

is not moral failure but a health crisis."

"Rethinking Carbon Pricing"

Core Idea: CBAM risks for

India; need <mark>unified national</mark>

carbon tax + global

coordination

Exam Use: GS-III

Environment/Economy; IR

in climate negotiations

Essay: "Carbon justice must

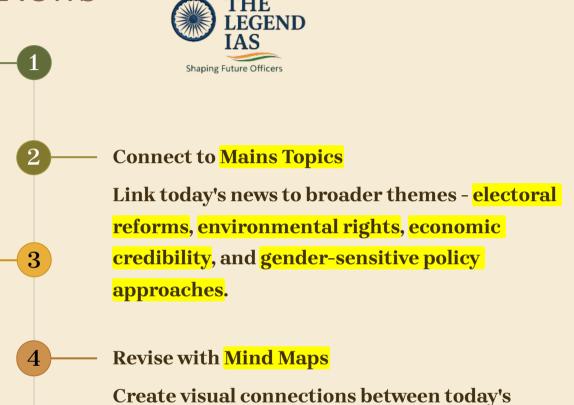
precede carbon pricing."

"India-U.S. Relationship: Trust > Tariffs"

Core Idea: Tariffs sting but structural ties (diaspora, IT, defence) endure.

Exam Use: GS-II IR → resilient partnership. Essay: "Trust, not trade, defines lasting diplomacy."

## Study Strategy for Today's News



topics, especially where they overlap (e.g.,

and international relations).

carbon pricing connects environment, economy

Focus on the Prelims Pointers in each section especially the RPA 1950 provisions, Noise
Pollution Rules, GDP base year, and PMJAY
details.

Note Editorial Insights

The editorial summaries provide ready-made
analysis for GS papers and potential essay topics
that connect current affairs to conceptual
frameworks.

Remember: The Hindu notes are most valuable when you connect facts to concepts and current events to historical context.