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Comprehensive coverage of key developments for **UPSC** preparation

Vice-President Election

C.P. Radhakrishnan Elected

Key Development: Radhakrishnan elected as **Vice-President** with 473 out of 750 valid votes, sworn in at **Rashtrapati Bhavan**.

Article 66

VP elected by **MPs** only, not **States**

STV System

Single transferable vote used

Secret Ballot

No **whip** binding allowed



Key Terms for UPSC

- **Electoral College (VP):** **MPs** of both **Houses** participate
- **STV:** **Voters** rank preferences; **votes** transferred until **quota** met
- **Cross-voting:** **Legislators** voting against **party line**; valid in **VP elections**

Nepal Political Crisis

Current Situation: Prime Minister Oli resigns amid widespread protests, vandalism of Parliament, and political turmoil engulfing the nation.

1950 Treaty Significance

India–Nepal Treaty of Peace & Friendship remains cornerstone of bilateral relations

Open Border Policy

Indo–Nepal open border allows movement without visa requirements

Critical Terms

Gen-Z Protests: Youth-driven agitation movements

Political Vacuum: Government collapse without alternative leadership



Israel– Hamas Conflict

Doha Diplomatic Strikes



Latest Development: Israel strikes Hamas leaders in Qatar whilst U.S.-backed truce proposal remains under active discussion.

ⓘ Prelims Alert: Truce ≠ ceasefire in international law terminology.



Backchannel Diplomacy.

Informal and secret negotiations between conflicting parties



CBMs

Confidence-building measures designed to reduce mistrust

Key Point: Qatar serves as host mediator, not treaty guarantor in peace negotiations.

Rajasthan Anti-Conversion Bill

Legislative Update: New Bill passed with provisions for **life imprisonment** and **substantial fines**; **opposition stages walkout** in protest.

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Constitutional Framework

Public order falls under **State List** subject matter

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Legal Grounds

Conversion laws target **fraud**, **force**, and **allurement**

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Judicial Tests

Essential Religious Practices and **Proportionality Test** apply

Essential Religious Practices: **Supreme Court** test for **Article 25** protection

Proportionality Test: **Balance fundamental rights** with **reasonable restrictions**

Assam SOP on Foreigners

Policy Shift

Major Development: Assam bypasses traditional tribunals, introduces new Standard Operating Procedure for expulsion of illegal migrants.



Key Terminology

- Expulsion SOP: Government process for systematic deportation
- NRC: National Register of Citizens specifically for Assam

Assam Accord Cutoff

24 March 1971 remains the decisive date

Foreigners' Tribunals

Quasi-judicial bodies under Foreigners Act

NARI Women's Safety Index

Concerning Findings: Delhi performs poorly in national report highlighting significant gaps in women's safety across urban India.



NCRB vs NARI

NCRB provides crime data whilst NARI measures perception index



Methodology

Perception surveys track feelings of safety, not just crime statistics

Understanding the Metrics

Gender Index: Comprehensive measure of empowerment and safety parameters

Perception Survey: Captures subjective experiences of safety in public spaces

Karnataka Protests

'Chamundi Chalo' Movement



Political Tension: BJP and VHP stage protests over Dasara inauguration controversy; police detain prominent leaders.



Constitutional Point: Preventive custody differs from arrest for criminal offence

Article 19(1)(b)

Right to peaceful assembly, subject to reasonable restrictions

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Section 144 CrPC

Prohibits assemblies for maintaining public order

Legal Framework: Reasonable restrictions balance fundamental rights with security, morality, and public order concerns.

Telangana HC on Group-I Exams

Judicial Intervention: High Court orders comprehensive re-evaluation of TSPSC Mains answer scripts following procedural concerns.



Judicial Review: Courts possess authority to oversee legality of examination procedures and ensure procedural fairness.

Manipur Border Fencing Protest

Ethnic Tensions: Naga Council declares embargo against India–Myanmar border fencing project, citing cultural and ethnic concerns.



FMR Policy

Free Movement Regime allows 16 km visa-free entry across border

Tribal Concerns

Ethnic communities historically split across international boundaries

Key Concepts

- **Ethnic Ties:** Traditional tribal communities divided by colonial-era borders
- **Embargo:** Economic boycott employed as form of political protest

Nepal Airport Crisis

700 Indians Stranded

Travel Disruption: Flight operations suspended at **Kathmandu airport**, leaving approximately **700 Indian citizens stranded** without immediate **evacuation options**.

01

Consular Responsibility

Ministry of External Affairs coordinates **citizen assistance** abroad

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Emergency Response

Diplomatic missions activate **crisis management protocols**

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Evacuation Planning

Organised **rescue missions** for **stranded nationals**



Consular Assistance: **Government obligation** to provide help to **citizens abroad** during **emergencies**

Siachen Avalanche Tragedy

Military Loss: Devastating avalanche claims lives of three brave soldiers on treacherous Saltoro Ridge in Siachen sector.

World's Highest Battlefield

Siachen Glacier presents extreme operational challenges

Natural Hazards

Avalanches pose constant threat to military personnel



Technical Terms

Avalanche: Sudden, rapid flow of snow down mountainous slopes

HAA Warfare: High Altitude Area military operations in extreme environmental conditions

Supreme Court on Governors

Constitutional Review: Supreme Court examines concerning delays in Governor's assent to state legislation, addressing federal balance issues.



Articles 200/201

Constitutional provisions governing gubernatorial assent process



Money Bill Exception

Money Bills cannot be returned by Governor to state legislature

Assent: Formal approval required for bills to become law

Reservation for President: Governor's power to refer controversial bills to President



Aadhaar in Bihar Electoral Rolls

Supreme Court Decision

Electoral Reform: Supreme Court permits use of Aadhaar for voter roll verification processes in Bihar state.

⊗ Critical Distinction: Aadhaar serves as identity proof, not citizenship proof



SIR Process

Special Intensive Revision involves comprehensive electoral roll cleanup exercise



BLO Role

Booth Level Officers manage and maintain accurate electoral rolls

Great Nicobar Project

Environmental Concern: Government seeks comprehensive report on Forest Rights Act claims in Great Nicobar development project area.

FRA 2006

Forest Rights Act mandates Gram Sabha consent for forest land use

Tribal Rights

Indigenous communities possess traditional forest access rights

Rights Categories

IFR: Individual Forest Rights for traditional forest dwellers

CFR: Community Forest Rights for collective resource management

ICMR Malaria Vaccine



Medical Breakthrough: **Indian Council of Medical Research** licenses indigenous **malaria vaccine** to five **pharmaceutical firms** for mass production.

- **Malaria Parasites**

Plasmodium falciparum and **vivax** cause disease

- **Indigenous Development**

Made-in-India vaccine reduces import dependency

Key Institutions and Terms

- **ICMR**: Apex medical research body coordinating health research
- **AEFI**: **Adverse Event Following Immunisation** monitoring system

AI & Chatbots Consciousness

Philosophical Debate: Emerging discourse questions whether **advanced chatbots** possess **consciousness**, challenging traditional understanding of **artificial intelligence**.

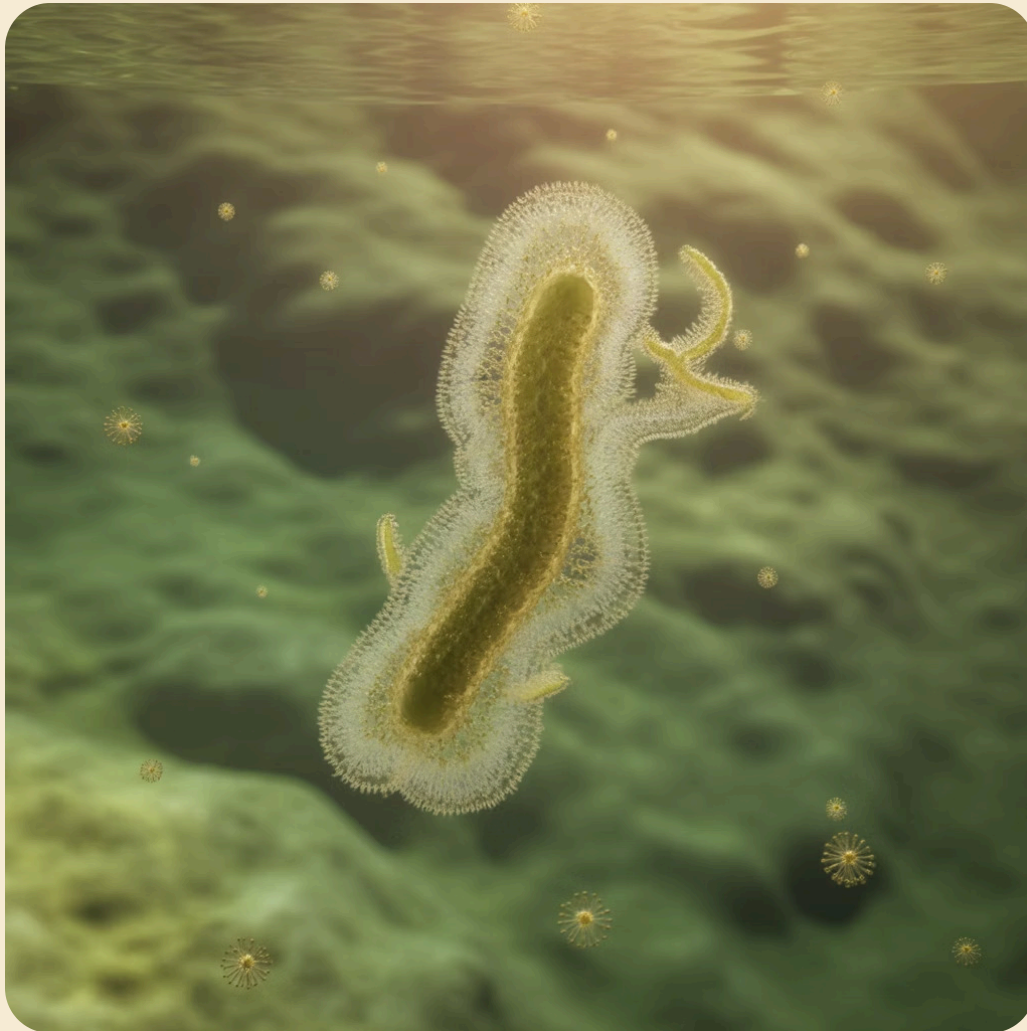


❓ **Prelims Alert**: **Chatbots** represent **generative AI technology**, distinct from **traditional search engines**

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Brain-Eating Amoeba

Health Alert: Reported case of rare infection caused by **Naegleria fowleri**, highlighting public health concerns about **waterborne pathogens**.



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Pathogen Source

Free-living amoeba found in warm freshwater environments

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Disease Mechanism

Causes **Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis (PAM)**

PAM: Rare but fatal **brain infection** with extremely high mortality rate

Rare Earths & China Dominance

Strategic Concern: China's overwhelming dominance in rare earth elements prompts India to seek supply-chain resilience and reduce critical mineral dependency.

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REE Elements

Critical for electronics and defence manufacturing

80%

China's Share

Global rare earth production
dominance

India's Response Strategy

Domestic Reserves: Significant deposits identified in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha

Supply Chain Resilience:
Diversify imports to reduce strategic vulnerability.

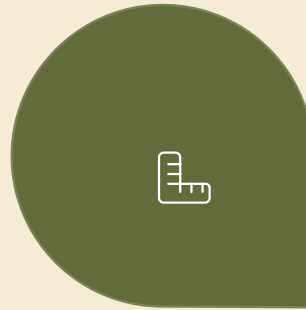


Kerala Urban Policy Commission

Pioneering Initiative: India's first state-level urban commission proposes innovative city cabinets, municipal bonds, and green levies for sustainable urban development.

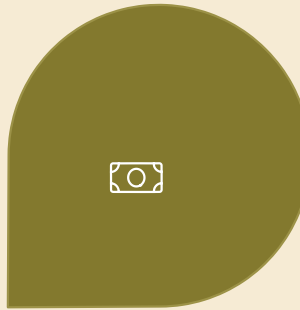
City Cabinets

Local governance innovation



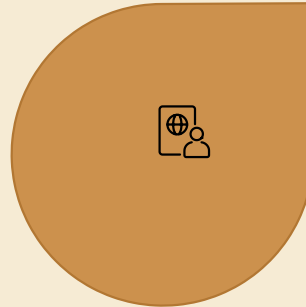
Municipal Bonds

Infrastructure financing tool



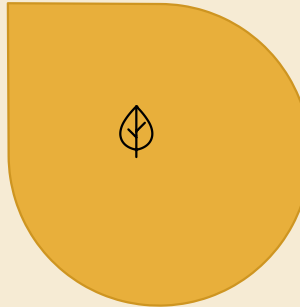
Urban Planning

Comprehensive development strategy



Green Levies

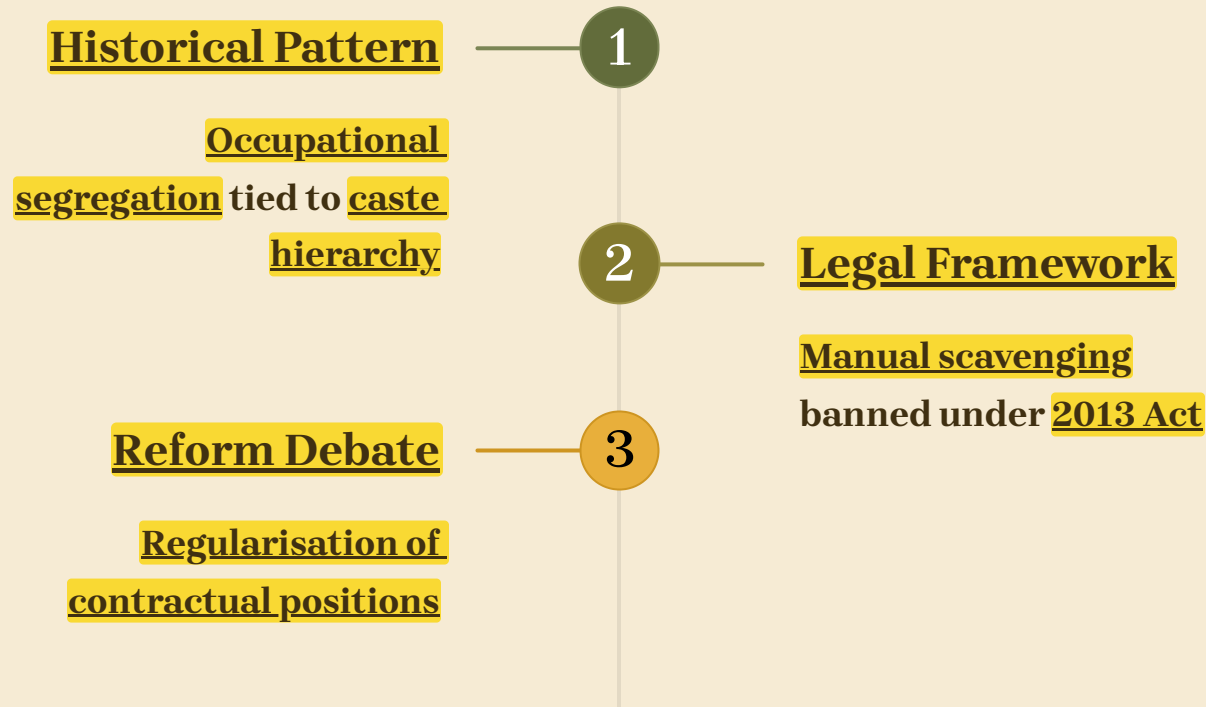
Environmental project funding



i Key Point: Municipal bonds issued by Urban Local Bodies, not state governments

Conservancy Work & Caste

Social Justice Issue: Comprehensive study reveals persistent links between caste identity and conservancy employment, sparking debate on job regularisation policies.



Critical Terminology

Occupational Segregation: Employment patterns determined by caste-based social hierarchy

Regularisation: Converting temporary contractual positions into permanent government jobs

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