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News: **The Hindu**

Karur Stampede Tragedy in Tamil Nadu

Pointer: 38 killed in stampede at Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam rally; probe panel led by retired judge Aruna Jagadeesan; ₹10 lakh solatium per victim.

Trap: UPSC may confuse who ordered the probe (it's state govt panel under retired HC judge, not CBI/SC). Crowd disaster = state subject under Disaster Management Act context.

Key Facts

- 38 casualties in political rally
- Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam event
- ₹10 lakh compensation announced

Investigation

- Retired Judge Aruna Jagadeesan leads probe
- State government panel, not central agency
- Disaster Management Act applicable

Sonam Wangchuk Detention Under NSA

Pointer: Detained under NSA, shifted to Jodhpur jail; police alleged misuse of FCRA and foreign funding; curfew relaxed in Leh.

Trap: NSA is preventive detention law, not post-conviction punishment; FCRA regulates foreign donations — don't confuse with FEMA.

Legal Framework

- NSA = National Security Act (preventive detention)
- FCRA = Foreign Contribution Regulation Act
- Not FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act)

Current Status

- Shifted to Jodhpur jail
- Allegations of foreign funding misuse
- Curfew relaxed in Leh



Bareilly Violence and New Criminal Codes

Pointer: Cleric Tauqeer Raza Khan arrested; clashes over "I Love Muhammad" banners; BNSS Section 163 invoked.

Trap: Many will confuse BNSS (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023) with old CrPC sections — questions may test new criminal codes.

- Important:** BNSS (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita) replaced CrPC in 2023. Section 163 is from the new code, not the old Criminal Procedure Code.

Custodial Death and Supreme Court Intervention

Pointer: CBI arrested one **policeman** after SC strictures in Deva Pardhi custodial death case.

Trap: Distinguish between **Supreme Court** orders for **arrests** vs. **conviction** – no **conviction** yet.

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Custodial Death Occurs

Deva Pardhi dies in police custody in **Madhya Pradesh**

02

Supreme Court Intervention

SC issues strictures regarding the case

03

CBI Action

One **policeman** arrested following **SC** directions



Election Commission's Bihar Visit and Electoral Preparations

Pointer: EC team visits Oct 4–5 to review Assembly polls; **65 lakh deletions** in roll revision flagged.

Trap: MCQs might ask constitutional basis — EC = Art. 324, not under Representation of People Act alone.

Constitutional Basis

Article 324 - Election

Commission powers

Not just Representation of People Act

Bihar Review

EC team visit: October 4–5

Assembly polls preparation

Voter Roll Issues

65 lakh deletions flagged

Roll revision under scrutiny

Political Party Strategies: BSP and BTC Elections

BSP Bihar Elections

Pointer: First party to declare candidates; contesting all 243 seats alone.

Trap: May confuse with JD(U)/RJD alliances — BSP is contesting solo.

Bodoland Territorial Council Polls

Pointer: BPF sweeps with 28/40 seats; BJP-UPPL alliance defeated. BTC governs 5 Bodo districts.

Trap: UPSC may test which districts form BTC → Baksa, Chirang, Kokrajhar, Tamulpur, Udalguri.

BSP Strategy

- All 243 seats in Bihar
- Solo contest (no alliance)
- First to declare candidates

BTC Districts

- Baksa
- Chirang
- Kokrajhar
- Tamulpur
- Udalguri

Sabarimala Controversy and Kerala Politics

Pointer: Nair Service Society (NSS) supports ruling LDF govt despite Sabarimala controversy.

Trap: Don't confuse NSS with SNDP (Ezhava organisation); Sabarimala row relates to Articles 25–26 vs equality rights.

NSS vs SNDP

NSS: Nair Service Society

SNDP: Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana (Ezhava community)

Constitutional Issues

Articles 25-26: Religious freedom

vs Equality rights (gender discrimination)

CBI Action Against Real Estate Frauds

Pointer: CBI registers 6 cases in multiple metros over "subvention scheme" frauds on homebuyers.

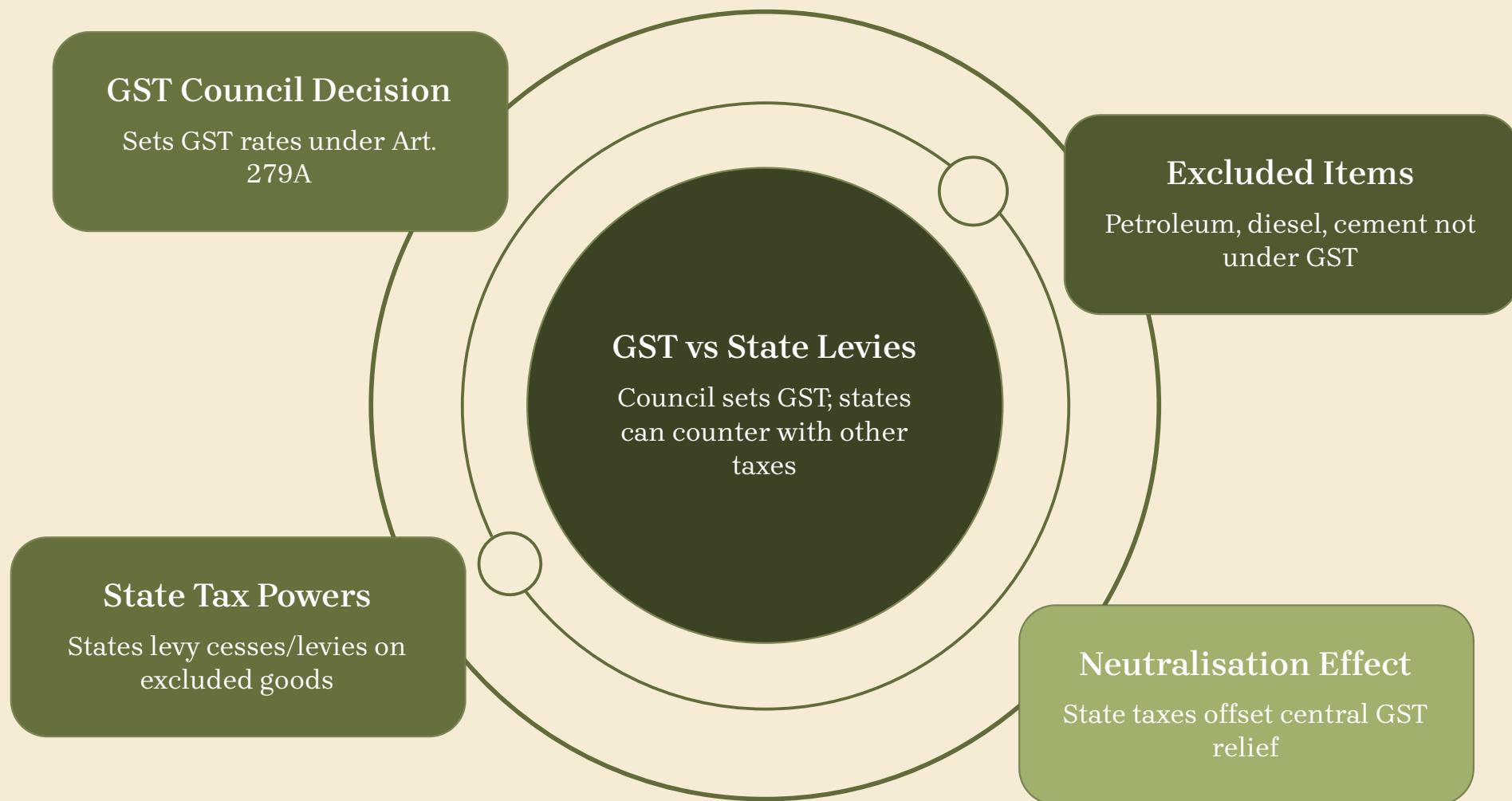
Trap: Don't mix with RERA (Real Estate Regulation Act, 2016) — SC directed CBI here.

<p>1 <u>CBI Investigation</u> <u>6 cases</u> registered across <u>multiple metros</u> Focus on "<u>subvention</u> <u>scheme</u>" <u>frauds</u></p>	<p>2 <u>Supreme Court</u> <u>Direction</u> <u>SC</u> specifically directed <u>CBI</u> action Separate from <u>RERA</u> framework</p>	<p>3 <u>Homebuyer Protection</u> Targeting <u>fraudulent</u> <u>schemes</u> <u>Multiple metropolitan areas</u> affected</p>
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GST Politics and Federal Taxation

Pointer: PM accuses Congress states of neutralising **GST relief (cement, diesel, petrol)** with **extra state taxes**.

Trap: **GST rates** decided by **GST Council (Art. 279A)**; but **states** can levy **non-GST cesses/taxes** on **excluded items**.



Understanding this **federal taxation structure** is **crucial** for comprehending **centre-state fiscal relations** in the **GST regime**.

BSNL's Indigenous 4G Launch and Digital India

Pointer: PM launched BSNL's indigenous 4G (5G-ready); **1 lakh** towers, **30,000** villages to be covered.

Trap: UPSC may ask which public sector company spearheaded — answer: **BSNL**, not BEL/ISRO.

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Towers

Total 4G towers to be installed

30K

Villages

Rural areas to be covered

100%

Indigenous

Swadeshi 4G technology

Key Point: BSNL is the lead PSU, not BEL (Bharat Electronics Limited) or ISRO. The technology is 5G-ready, indicating future upgrade capability.



Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum: Central Vista Project

Pointer: Designed by ARCOP-led consortium; 950 rooms, 1,17,000 sq.m; will replace National Museum.

Trap: Don't confuse with PM Sangrahalaya (Nehru Museum) — this is new world's largest museum project.

Design Consortium	<u>ARCOP-led team</u>
Total Rooms	<u>950 rooms</u>
Area Coverage	<u>1,17,000 square metres</u>
Replaces	<u>National Museum</u> (not <u>PM Sangrahalaya</u>)
Status	<u>World's largest museum project</u>

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Timeline

Pointer: Mumbai-Ahmedabad HSR: Surat-Bilimora (50 km) stretch by 2027; full project by 2029.

Trap: Timeline confusion — exam may give 2026 or 2030; correct = 2027 (partial), 2029 (full).

2027

Surat-Bilimora stretch

50 km partial opening

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2029

Full Project Completion

Complete Mumbai-Ahmedabad HSR

- Memory Tip:** 2027 for partial (50 km), 2029 for full project. Avoid confusion with 2026 or 2030 options in MCQs.

International Relations: UNGA, IBSA, and Security Challenges

Jaishankar at UNGA

Pointer: Called UN "gridlocked"; demanded UNSC reform (expand both categories); called Pak "epicentre of terror"; supported peace in Gaza & Ukraine.

Trap: Distinguish UNSC reform demands: India wants both permanent & non-permanent expansion, not just non-permanent seats.

India's Right of Reply and IBSA Statement

Pointer: Recalled Operation Sindoor (May 2025), said Pak military pleaded for ceasefire; rejected third-party mediation. IBSA condemned Israeli strikes on Gaza.

Trap: UPSC may ask about India's consistent position → no third-party mediation on J&K, only bilateral (Shimla Agreement, Lahore Declaration). Don't confuse IBSA with BRICS – IBSA is India, Brazil, South Africa (democracies), not China/Russia.

Security and Environmental Updates

Kaziranga Biodiversity: 283 insect & spider species recorded. Musi River Floods: 15 Osman Sagar gates opened (first in 60 years). Coimbatore ISIS Module: NIA court convicts 2 for WhatsApp propaganda. International Crime: Gangster Sambhav Senthil traced to UK, extradition via Interpol.

UNSC Reform

J&K Policy

IBSA vs BRICS