

A background image showing three men in suits sitting around a large wooden table in a formal office setting. They are looking at documents and a newspaper. The Indian national flag is visible in the background. The text is overlaid on this image.

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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.

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CBI Investigation

6 cases registered across
multiple metros

Focus on "subvention
scheme" frauds

2

Supreme Court Direction

SC specifically directed CBI
action

Separate from RERA
framework

3

Homebuyer Protection

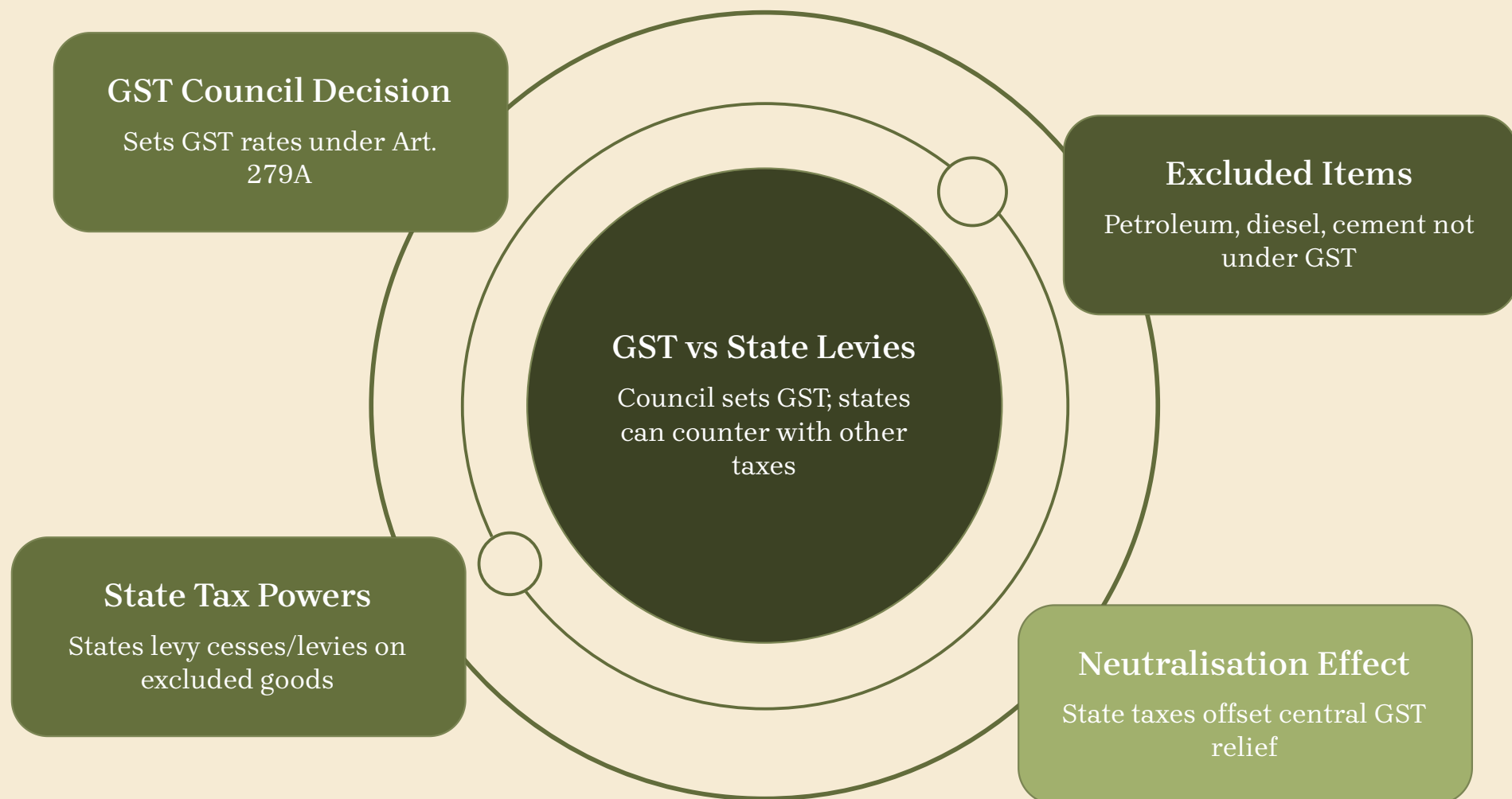
Targeting fraudulent
schemes

Multiple metropolitan areas
affected

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