



# Current Affairs Analysis: Key Developments in Indian Polity and Governance

A comprehensive examination of recent developments in Indian governance, legal proceedings, and policy implementations that are crucial for competitive examinations and understanding contemporary political dynamics.

# Sonam Wangchuk — Detention Under NSA; Ladakh Agitation

Sonam Wangchuk has been detained under the National Security Act (NSA) after violent protests in Leh, where the protest turned violent and four civilians were killed. Internet services in Leh have been suspended, and his family is reportedly awaiting the formal detention order.

## Prelims Pointers

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## Common Examination Traps

- Trap: conflating NSA with preventive detention laws like MCOCA / PSA — remember NSA is central preventive detention law for "security/public order" (distinct from PSA used in J&K historically).
- Trap: asking whether detention followed a criminal conviction — NSA is preventive detention, not conviction; no trial requirement at detention stage.
- Trap: mixing the Leh incident with other Ladakh demands (Statehood vs. Sixth Schedule). Questions may ask which protections/benefits Sixth Schedule provides — don't confuse Sixth (autonomous councils/tribal areas) with Fifth Schedule (tribal areas in states).

Relevant reading point for Mains/Options: consequences for federal promises (Sixth Schedule demand) and impact on civil liberties.

# NCST (2019 Minutes) & Sixth Schedule Recommendation for Ladakh

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## Critical Examination Traps

- Trap: MCQs may ask which schedule (V/VI) applies to which territories — remember Fifth Schedule: administration & control of scheduled areas in States (non-tribal → tribal interface); Sixth Schedule: autonomous district & regional councils for certain NE tribal areas (greater autonomy). Ladakh demand = Sixth Schedule.
- Trap: equating Sixth Schedule with Statehood — Sixth Schedule ≠ Statehood; it grants autonomous councils and tribal safeguards, not full statehood.

# AFSPA Extended (Manipur, Nagaland, Parts of Arunachal) — 6 Months

AFSPA extension notified from 01.10.2025 for whole of Manipur (except areas under 13 police stations), for 9 districts + 21 PS limits in Nagaland, and specified districts/PS in Arunachal for six months. AFSPA is under Section 3 of the AFSPA, 1958.

## Manipur

Whole state except areas under  
13 police stations

## Nagaland

9 districts + 21 PS limits

## Arunachal Pradesh

Specified districts/PS

## Key Examination Traps

- Trap: asking which Act gives power to declare "disturbed areas" — answer: AFSPA, 1958 (not PSA/CrPC).
- Trap: conflating AFSPA application (statewide vs. district/PS) — examiners may present statements like "AFSPA applied to entire State X" — verify exact wording: sometimes only selected districts/PS. Here, Manipur mostly, but 13 PS excluded for Oct 1, 2025 notification.
- Trap: asking whether AFSPA grants absolute immunity — wording in MCQs sometimes says "complete immunity" — correct nuance: it provides sanction/central protection w.r.t. prosecution but procedure exists (sanction can be sought/clarified).



# SC on Firecrackers – Balanced Approach; Green Crackers Allowed (Conditional)

**Supreme Court** said **complete ban** could empower **mafias**; recommended a **balanced policy** and allowed **certified green crackers** by **NEERI/PESO** to operate with **undertakings** (but sale in **prohibited areas** restricted). Earlier the Court had imposed all-pervasive ban in **Delhi-NCR** in **Apr 2025**; now asking **stakeholders** be heard.

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<u>Complete Ban Concerns</u>	<u>Balanced Policy</u>	<u>Green Crackers Allowed</u>
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## Examination Traps

- Trap: MCQ wording may overstate: "**SC** allowed sale of **green crackers** everywhere" — incorrect; manufacturers can operate but restrictions on sale/use in **prohibited areas** remain.
- Trap: confusing **NEERI/PESO certification agencies** with **policy makers** — question may ask which agencies certify **green crackers** — **NEERI** and **PESO** were cited.

# Custodial-Death Case — SC Directs MP Govt & CBI

SC gave deadline (Oct 7) to Madhya Pradesh & CBI to arrest two absconding officers accused in custodial death of Deva Pardhi (25-year-old); warned contempt/possible summoning of DGP if not complied.

## Case Details

Victim: Deva Pardhi (25-year-old)

Accused: Two absconding police officers

Deadline: October 7

Warning: Contempt/possible summoning of DGP



## Critical Traps

- Trap: MCQs may try to confuse the stage — this is Supreme Court issuing direction for arrest / contempt warning, not conviction.
- Trap: mixing with other custodial death rulings; remember Paramvir Singh Saini vs Baljit Singh (2020) (CCTV in police stations) is related jurisprudence on custodial safeguards — connect to CCTV ask below.

# SC Asks Rajasthan to Explain CCTV Installation in Police Stations

SC sought details: number of cameras per PS, technical features, storage, SOPs — flagged issue that non-functional or withheld CCTV breaches Paramvir Singh Saini precedent.



## Camera Details

Number of cameras per police station and technical specifications



## Storage Systems

Data storage mechanisms and retention policies



## Standard Operating Procedures

SOPs for CCTV operation and maintenance

❏ Trap: examiner may test Paramvir Singh Saini (2020) directions — CCTV coverage in police stations recommended as safeguard; question might ask which case mandated CCTV — use correct case name.

# SC Orders Preservation of Maoist Leader's Body

SC directed Chhattisgarh govt to preserve body of Maoist commander Katha Ramchandra Reddy till HC decides plea alleging fake encounter (killed Sept 22). Videoed postmortem claimed by State; petition seeks CBI probe.

## Case Timeline

- September 22: Maoist commander killed
- Petition filed alleging fake encounter
- SC orders body preservation
- Awaiting HC decision on CBI probe

## Key Details

Commander: Katha Ramchandra Reddy

State claim: Videoed postmortem

Petition demand: CBI probe

Trap: MCQs may phrase "SC ordered CBI probe" — not automatically; SC ordered preservation of body and may ask for investigation, but details depend on petitions/orders. Be precise on what SC directed.



# CBI Extradites Fugitive from UAE

CBI used Interpol channels to secure return of fugitive Parminder Singh (aka Nirmal Singh) from UAE — case: alleged extortion/funding terrorists; escorted to India by Punjab police.



## Interpol Coordination

International police cooperation channels activated



## UAE Return

Fugitive secured from United Arab Emirates



## Punjab Police Escort

Escorted to India by Punjab police

## Examination Traps

- Trap: mixing Interpol role with direct enforcement — Interpol provides notices/cooperation; arrest/extradition executed by local authorities and home/foreign ministries.
- Trap: confusing extradition vs. surrender/return via Interpol — check wording in options.

# Gauhati HC Grants Bail to Kuki Inpi Spokesperson

Gauhati High Court granted bail to Thangminlen Mate (Kuki Inpi) in an UAPA case registered by NIA concerning killing of two Manipur police commandos (Jan 2024). Court noted issues like double FIRs.

Accused	<u>Thangminlen Mate</u> ( <u>Kuki Inpi spokesperson</u> )
Case Type	<u>UAPA case</u> registered by <u>NIA</u>
Incident	<u>Killing of two Manipur police commandos</u> ( <u>Jan 2024</u> )
Court Observation	Issues like <u>double FIRs</u> noted

## Key Traps

- Trap: UAPA vs. IPC questions — UAPA has stringent bail principles; MCQs might ask about who has burden to show prima facie terrorist link — know UAPA bail jurisprudence (denial of bail is common unless conditions shown).
- Trap: assuming NIA = central investigative monopoly; recall state police/NIA can both register FIRs (as in this case, two FIRs).

# Modi Launches Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana (Bihar)

Scheme: immediate transfer ₹10,000 to 75 lakh women in Bihar; additional up to ₹2 lakh after 6 months based on performance; total transfer on day ≈ ₹7,500 crore. Launched by PM via VC; targeted at self-employment (agriculture, handicrafts, tailoring etc.).

## ₹10,000

Immediate Transfer

Direct benefit to 75 lakh women

## ₹2L

Additional Amount

Performance-based after 6 months

## ₹7,500Cr

Total Day Transfer

Massive financial outlay

## Target Areas

- Agriculture
- Handicrafts
- Tailoring
- Other self-employment activities

## Examination Traps

- Trap: questions may try to swap scheme name/benefit numbers with other schemes (PM Ujjwala, PM SVANidhi etc.). Memorise: ₹10,000 initial; ₹2 lakh later conditional.
- Trap: asking whether scheme is Centre-funded vs State-funded — this was launched for Bihar (state-funded assistance rolled out with PM participation) — check question wording.

# GST Council & States' Compensation Concern

Finance ministers of Kerala and Telangana said GST Council did not discuss compensation for States after recent rate cuts; highlighted Centre-State fiscal imbalance and use of cesses limiting transfers. (States concerned about revenue loss estimates — e.g., Kerala ₹8,000–10,000 crore).

## Kerala's Concern

Revenue loss estimate: ₹8,000–10,000 crore

GST Council did not discuss compensation for States after recent rate cuts

## Telangana's Position

Highlighted Centre-State fiscal imbalance

Concern about use of cesses limiting transfers

- ❏ Trap: MCQs can ask which body decides GST rates — answer: GST Council (Art. 279A). But questions may ask about compensation cess mechanism (earlier compensation scheme existed for 5 years after GST rollout) — ensure you know timeline: compensation cess timeline / Fifteenth Finance Commission recommendations context.

# Trump's Tariffs (Global Trade Impact)

U.S. announced tariff measures (effective Oct 1, 2025) including 100% duties on branded drugs, 25% on heavy-duty trucks, 50% on cabinets, 30% on upholstered furniture; rationale: "flooding" of products. India responded that NATO chief's linking of Modi-Putin talks to tariffs was baseless; MEA clarified energy discussions.

Branded Drugs

100% duties

Heavy-duty Trucks

25% duties

Cabinets

50% duties

Upholstered Furniture

30% duties

## India's Response

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Trap: MCQs may try to attribute tariffs to WTO rules — remember unilateral national security tariffs invoke domestic authorities; WTO law allows exceptions but subject to dispute. Distinguish between national tariffs and trade agreements.



# Desert "Soilification" — Wheat Grown in Thar (CUoR)

Central University of Rajasthan used polymer-based bioformulation to convert sand to soil-like substrate; first wheat (wheat-4079) grown on 1,000 sq.m at Banseli (Nov 2024) with harvest Apr 2025; yield: 26 kg per 100 sq.m (seed:harvest 1:20). Irrigation cycles reduced, water retention improved. Plans to scale to millet/green gram.

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## Polymer-based Bioformulation

Sand converted to soil-like substrate using innovative technology

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## Pilot Cultivation

First wheat (wheat-4079) grown on 1,000 sq.m at Banseli

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## Successful Harvest

Yield: 26 kg per 100 sq.m (seed:harvest 1:20 ratio)

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## Future Scaling

Plans to scale to millet/green gram cultivation

## Key Benefits

- Irrigation cycles reduced
- Water retention improved
- Desert land made cultivable

## Examination Traps

- Trap: MCQ may ask whether this is GMO or transgenic tech — it's soil amendment / bioformulation (polymer + microbes), not genetic modification.
- Trap: overstating scale — pilot/experimental (1,000 sq.m), not nationwide rollout; don't mark as national policy until formally adopted.

# Illegal Tree Felling & Miscellaneous Current Affairs

## NGT Report on Radha Soami Satsang Beas (Panchkula)

NGT-appointed committee found 40.34 hectares illegally felled on forest land allotted in 1998 to Radha Soami Satsang Beas (initially had 4,322 trees + 1,128 saplings). Land transfer had conditions restricting felling / construction.

## Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) Polls

Bodoland People's Front (BPF) leading/poised to be single-largest party in BTC polls (21/40 seats lead at snapshot); BJP/UPPL dynamics changed since 2020. BTC governs BTR districts (Baksa, Chirang, Kokrajhar, Tamulpur, Udalguri).

## J&K Tourist Spots Reopening

12 tourist spots reopened (5 in Jammu, 7 in Kashmir) after being closed since Pahalgam attack (Apr 22); earlier 48 destinations closed; reopening followed security review by LG Manoj Sinha.

## Bareilly Communal Tension

Clash after protest with "I Love Muhammad" banners; police lathi charge; Section 163 (ban on gatherings >4?) invoked (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita reference).

## Awards and Inaugurations

DRDO won Changemaker of the Year; Congress inaugurated Dr. Manmohan Singh Research Centre & Library (≈1,200 books) at Indira Bhawan on his 93rd birth anniversary.

❏ **Key Examination Points:** These miscellaneous items are useful for Current Affairs/GK tidbits but may appear in static/current affairs matching or one-liners; avoid overemphasis while maintaining awareness.