

# UPSC Current Affairs

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# Polity & Governance

## Bihar Assembly Elections 2025

**Keywords:** Electoral Democracy, Democratic Decentralization - **Electoral Democracy:** A system where political power is derived through competitive elections, ensuring representation and accountability; **Democratic Decentralization:** Empowering local self-governing bodies to foster grassroots democracy and ensure efficient governance.

### Election Schedule

Phase 1: Nov 6 (121 constituencies) Phase 2: Nov 11 (122 constituencies) Counting: Nov 14, 2025

### Chief Election Commissioner

Gyanesh Kumar announced the election schedule on Monday, 6 October

### Constituency Details

Total 243 constituencies → 203 General, 2 ST, 38 SC

**Voter Statistics:** 7.43 crore (3.92 crore men, 3.5 crore women, 1,725 transgender)

**First-time voters (18-19 yrs):** 14.01 lakh

**Centenarians:** ~14,000

**Constitutional Link:** 73rd & 74th Amendments — local self-governance.

# Proposed Nuclear Bill – Ongoing Consultations

**Keywords:** Nuclear Governance, Legislative Modernization - **Nuclear Governance:** Regulatory framework ensuring safe and secure nuclear technology development and deployment; **Legislative Modernization:** Process of updating existing laws to meet contemporary challenges and technological advances.

- **Status:** Discussions continue on India's new Nuclear Bill (2025)
- **Aim:** To modernize nuclear regulation and strengthen civil nuclear liability provisions
- **Legislative Context:** Expected to replace or amend portions of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962
- **Key Issues:** Debate focuses on private participation & safety oversight

**UPSC Relevance:** Polity + Science & Tech overlap in nuclear policy framework

# ⚖️ Internal Security / Law & Order

## Ladakh – Continued Curbs after Statehood Protests

**Keywords:** Internal Security Management, Constitutional Governance -

**Internal Security Management:** Strategies to maintain law and order while balancing civil liberties; **Constitutional Governance:** Administration according to constitutional principles and provisions.

### Incident Details

**Date:** Sept 24 protests demanding Statehood and Sixth Schedule protection

**Casualties:** 4 killed, ~90 injured

### Security Measures

**Restrictions:** Curfew, ban on assembly of >4 persons under Section 163, BNSS (Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita)

**Internet:** Mobile services suspended

### Political Response

**LAB (Leh Apex Body):** Questioned govt's "normalcy" claims

**Relevance:** 6th Schedule demand & UT governance issue





# International Relations

## Israel's New Defence Doctrine

**Keywords:** Strategic Military Doctrine, Offensive Deterrence - Strategic Military Doctrine: Comprehensive framework guiding a nation's defense and security strategy; Offensive Deterrence: Military strategy emphasizing preemptive strikes to prevent enemy attacks.

- **New Doctrine:** Israel adopts "Go on the Attack" doctrine — focus on offensive deterrence
- **Criticism:** Potentially increasing civilian insecurity
- **Context:** Post-Gaza conflict policy realignment
- **UPSC Angle:** Strategic doctrines; West Asian security dynamics

## India–Pakistan Cricket Tensions

**Keywords:** Soft Diplomacy, Cultural Relations - Soft Diplomacy: Using cultural and sporting exchanges to improve bilateral relations; Cultural Relations: Interactions between nations through shared cultural activities and values.

- **Issue:** Reports of post-match handshake refusals between men's and women's teams
- **Concern:** Erosion of sportsmanship ethics amid bilateral hostility
- **Commentary:** Experts urge restoration of "gentleman's game" spirit
- **UPSC Relevance:** Soft diplomacy, cultural relations in South Asia



# Health & Economy

## Cough Syrup Safety – Government Oversight Debate

**Keywords:** Pharmaceutical Regulation, Public Health Security - **Pharmaceutical Regulation:** Government oversight ensuring drug safety, quality, and efficacy standards; **Public Health Security:** Protection of population health from medical product-related risks and contamination.

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### International Incidents

**Context:** Renewed criticism after child deaths abroad (Gambia, Uzbekistan) linked to Indian syrups

**Impact:** India's image as "Pharmacy of the World" at stake

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### Regulatory Response

**Government Action:** Drug firms must follow revised safety norms & Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)

**Problem Identified:** Lax inspections, irrational combinations

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### Expert Warnings

**Safety Concerns:** Chlorpheniramine & Phenylephrine unsafe for <2 yrs (globally banned)

**Overdose Risk:** Combined with Paracetamol → overdose risk

**UPSC Relevance:** Health regulation, CDSCO, Drug & Cosmetics Act, global standards

 Culture

## Valmiki Jayanti Feature

**Keywords:** Classical Literature Heritage, Spiritual Transformation - **Classical Literature Heritage:** Ancient texts and literary works that form the foundation of cultural and religious traditions; **Spiritual Transformation:** Personal journey from worldly pursuits to higher spiritual consciousness.

**Versatile Valmiki**

Article recounts the spiritual transformation of the sage from a hunter

**Divine Inspiration:** From Narada & Brahma to compose Ramayana

**Cultural Significance**

**Literary Importance:** Part of Indian epics' origin tradition

**UPSC Connection:** Questions on Itihasa literature & classical Sanskrit heritage



# History & Archives

## Fifty Years Ago – UPSC Computerisation (1975)

**Keywords:** Digital Governance Evolution, Administrative Modernization - Digital Governance Evolution: Historical development of technology integration in government processes; Administrative Modernization: Transformation of bureaucratic processes through technological advancement.

Date	Event	Significance
Oct 7, 1975	UPSC decided to computerise recruitment processes	Early digital governance initiative
Partner Agency	Contract with Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Calcutta	Academic-Government collaboration
Scope	Creation of data bank of experts for technical/specialised posts	Systematic talent management

**Historical Context:** Reflects India's early adoption of computer technology in public administration, decades before the IT revolution



# Additional Governance Issues

## Lawyer Misconduct at Supreme Court

**Keywords:** Judicial Decorum, Professional Ethics - **Judicial Decorum:** Standards of respectful behavior and conduct expected in court proceedings; **Professional Ethics:** Moral principles governing the conduct of legal professionals.

- **Incident:** Lawyer threw papers at a CJI-led Bench
- **Concern:** Highlights issues over judicial decorum and courtroom discipline
- **Legal Framework:** Possible link to ethics & conduct of advocates under Advocates Act, 1961

## Byelections Announced

### States/UTs Affected:

- Budgam & Nagrota (J&K)
- Anta (Rajasthan)
- Ghatsila (Jharkhand-ST)
- Jubilee Hills (Telangana)
- Tarn Taran (Punjab)
- Dampa (Mizoram-ST)
- Nuapada (Odisha)

**Schedule:** Gazette notifications - Phase 1: Oct 10; Phase 2: Oct 13



# Quick Fact Recap (for Prelims Revision)

Topic	Key Data / Date	UPSC Tag	Additional Notes
Bihar Elections	Nov 6 & 11, 2025 (Counting Nov 14)	Polity / ECI	CEC: Gyanesh Kumar
Ladakh protests	Sept 24 (4 dead, Sec.163 BNSS)	Internal Security	Sixth Schedule demand
Nuclear Bill	Under discussion Oct 2025	Polity / S&T	Atomic Energy Act, 1962 amendment
Israel doctrine	"Go on the Attack"	IR	Post-Gaza conflict policy
Drug safety norms	GMP, irrational combinations	Health / Economy	CDSCO oversight
Valmiki Jayanti	Epic literature origin	Culture	Ramayana composition
UPSC digitisation	ISI, 1975	Governance	Oct 7, 1975 decision
Indo-Pak cricket rift	Post-match refusals	IR / Society	Soft diplomacy concerns