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Current Affairs for UPSC 2024

- **What will you get?**
- Current affairs coverage of 2023 and 2024
- Coverage of topics in Month wise manner
- Strictly based on Exam pattern
- 360 degree coverage of the topic
- Easy Mnemonics to remember the topics

Current Affairs for UPSC 2024

- **Importance of Current Affairs**
- **2023 – 20 Qstns**
- **2022 – 19 Qstns**
- **2021 – 17 Qstns**
- **2020 – 18 Qstns**
- **2019 – 22 Qstns**

Areas of Frequent Questions

- **On the basis of International Institutions (Economy, Environment, IR)**
- **On the Basis of new initiatives**
- **On the Basis of Species in news**
- **On the basis of Places in News**
- **On the basis of Protected Area network in the News**
- **On the basis of Recent Surveys related to Economy, Forest, Reports & Index, Conventions & Protocols**
- **On the basis of terms related to Science tech, Economy & Environment related terms**

On the basis of International Institutions **(Economy, Environment, IR)**

The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), a UN mechanism to assist countries transition towards greener and more inclusive economies, emerged at

- (a) The Earth Summit on Sustainable Development 2002, Johannesburg
- (b) The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 2012, Rio de Janeiro
- (c) The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 2015, Paris
- (d) The World Sustainable Development Summit 2016, New Delhi

On the Basis of new initiatives

“momentum for change: climate neutral now” is an initiative launched by

- (a) The intergovernmental panel on climate change
- (b) The UNEP secretariat
- (c) The UNFCCC secretariat
- (d) The World Meteorological Organization

On the Basis of Species in news

Why is a called Prosopis juliflora often mentioned is news?

- (a) Its extract is widely used in cosmetics.
- (b) It tends to reduce the biodiversity in the area in which it grows.
- (c) Its extracts is used in the synthesis of pesticides.
- (d) None of the above

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On the basis of Places in News

Consider the following pairs :

Region sometimes mentioned in news Country

1. Catalonia - Spain
2. Crimea - Hungary
3. Mindanao - Philippines
4. Oromia - Nigeria

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 3 and 4 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 4 only

On the basis of Places in News

Consider the following countries:

1. Azerbaijan
2. Kyrgyzstan
3. Tajikistan
4. Uzbekistan
5. Turkmenistan

Which of the above have borders with Afghanistan?

- (a) 1, 2 and 5 only (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 3, 4 and 5 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Israel

On the basis of Protected Area network in the News

In which one of the following State Pakhui Wildlife Sanctuary is located?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Manipur
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Nagaland

Kuno

On the basis of Recent Surveys related to Economy, Forest, Reports & Index, Conventions & Protocols

In the Guidelines, statements: context of WHO consider the Air Quality following

1. The 24-hour mean of PM_{2.5} should not exceed 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and annual mean of PM_{2.5} should not exceed 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.
2. In a year, the highest levels of ozone pollution occur during the periods of inclement weather.
3. PM₁₀ can penetrate the lung barrier and enter the bloodstream.
4. Excessive ozone in the air can trigger asthma.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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|----------------|------------------|
| (a) 1, 3 and 4 | (b) 1 and 4 only |
| (c) 2, 3 and 4 | (d) 1 and 2 only |

On the basis of Recent Surveys related to Economy, Forest, Reports & Index, Conventions & Protocols

“Rule of Law Index” is released by which of the following?

- (a) Amnesty International
- (b) International Court of Justice
- (c) The office of UN Commissioner for Human Rights
- (d) World Justice Project

On the basis of terms related to Science tech, Economy & Environment related terms

The terms 'WannaCry, Petya and EternalBlue' sometimes mentioned in the news recently are related to

- (a) Exoplanets
 - (b) Cryptocurrency
 - (c) Cyber attacks
 - (d) Mini satellites
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On the basis of terms related to Science tech, Economy & Environment related terms

The “Miyawaki method” is well known for the:

- (a) Promotion of commercial farming in arid and semi-arid areas
- (b). Harvesting wind energy on coastal areas and on sea surfaces
- (c) Development of gardens genetically modified flora using
- (d) Creation of mini forests in urban areas

Topic Wise Approach

Central Sector
↳ 100%
Centrally sponsored

A. How to Prepare Schemes?

- Objective ✓
- Ministry ✓
- Inclusion & Exclusion ✓
- Uniqueness from Previously Existing scheme
- Funding Mechanism

B. Report & Index

- Published by ✓
- Frequency of Publication
- Dimensions
- India's Position

Topic Wise Approach

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C. International Institutions

- How it originated (with a hint of when it originated)
- What is the mechanism of functioning
- Role of the institution
- Composition
- Role of India (If any)
- Any new initiative

Vienna
Kyoto Protocol

CBD

Gharial

Mugger

Saltwater Crocodile

D. Species in news

- Habitat (Also see if it is predominantly found within some protected area)
- Conservation Status – IUCN, WPA, CMS, CITES
- Uniqueness of the species
- If endangered species (Major threat to the species)

Topic Wise Approach

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E. Protected Areas in News

- Location (State and Physiography)
- River Passing through it
- Flora and Fauna (More focus on type of vegetation rather than names of all plants)
- Presence of any specific monuments
- Endangered species
- Proximity with any other Protected area (If applicable)

F. National Institutions

- How it has been established? (Law/CA/Executive Resolution)
- Composition & Appointment
- Powers & Functions

Delimitation in Assam

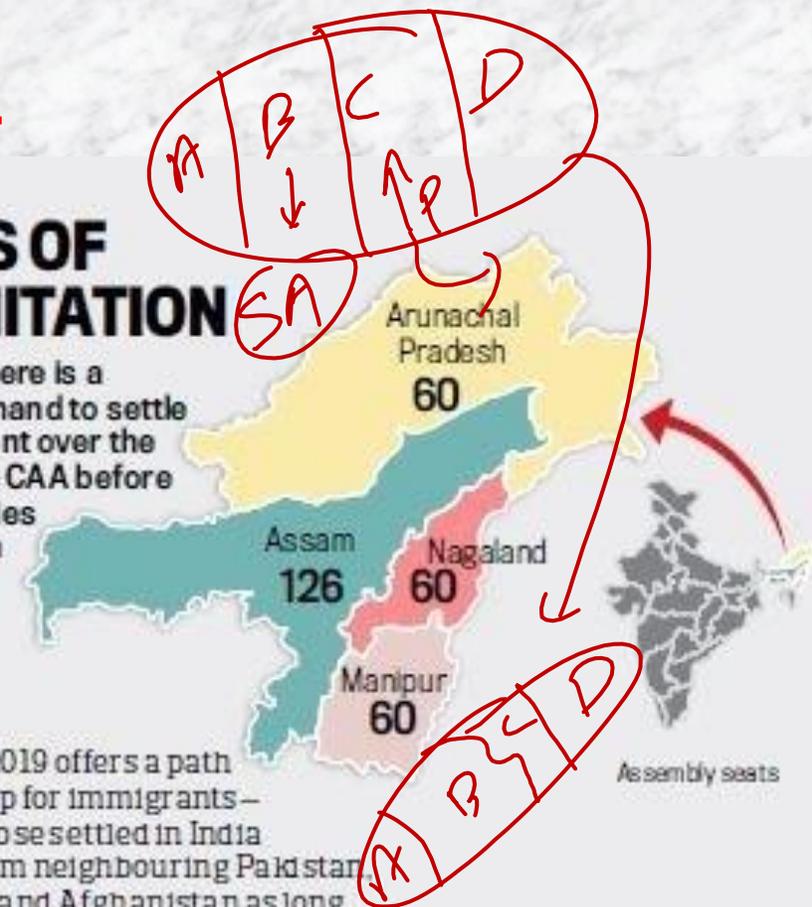
- The Election Commission of India has begun the process of delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary constituencies in Assam.
- The process will be based on Census data from 2001. ✓
- The last delimitation of constituencies in Assam was done in 1976 on the basis of the 1971 Census.
- Delimitation is the act of redrawing boundaries of Lok Sabha and State Assembly seats to represent changes in population.
- The Delimitation Commission is appointed by the President of India and works in collaboration with the Election Commission of India.
- It is composed of the retired Supreme Court judge, the Chief Election Commissioner of India and respective State Election Commissioners.

LIMITS OF DELIMITATION

In Assam, there is a growing demand to settle the discontent over the NRC and the CAA before constituencies are redrawn

➤ The CAA 2019 offers a path to citizenship for immigrants – including those settled in India illegally – from neighbouring Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan as long as they are non-Muslims. There is fear among native Assamese that a large number of Hindu Bangladeshi immigrants will be given citizenship, which will tilt the delimitation in favour of Bangla-speaking people.

➤ The NRC published in 2019 excluded **1.9 million people in Assam**. There is no clarity on how they will be treated in the delimitation process

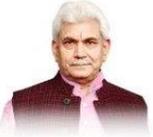


Delimitation in Assam

- The Delimitation Commission works without any executive influence.
- The Constitution mandates that the Commission's orders are final and cannot be questioned before any court as it would hold up an election indefinitely.
- The main objective of delimitation is to provide equal representation to equal segments of a population.
- The population does not grow uniformly across all areas of a state. Hence, delimitation of constituencies not only reflects an increase in population but changes in its distribution.
- Under Article 82, Parliament is to enact a Delimitation Act after every Census. Once the Act is in force, the Union government sets up the Delimitation Commission.

Aspirational Block Program

- It aims to enhance the quality of life of citizens in the most difficult and underdeveloped blocks of India by converging existing schemes, defining outcomes, and monitoring them constantly.
- 500 blocks from across 27 states and 4 Union Territories of India have been identified for this.
- Focus on Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Allied Services, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Financial Inclusion, Basic Infrastructure and overall Social Development
- The aspirational blocks strategy also hinges upon three broad contours.
- Convergence (of Central & State Schemes),
- Collaboration (of NITI Aayog, Central Ministries and Departments, State Governments and District and Block Administration) and,
- Competition among blocks driven by a spirit of mass Movement.



Aspirational Blocks Development Programme (ABDP)



- A step towards equitable and inclusive development
- 44 Aspirational Blocks selected, from 285 Blocks of UT of J&K, based on their backwardness on the basis of 21 indicators covering four major aspects of human development
- ABDP Dashboard developed for monitoring the progress of these 44 Aspirational Blocks on 61 Data Points - 49 Key Performance Indicators.
- Additional Financial assistance of Rs One Crore per block made available to these blocks.
- 491 (90%) works/ activities have been completed ending March, 2023.
- About 68.32% (29.15 Crore) expenditure booked.
- Blocks are being ranked on monthly basis on the 61 data points on the ABDP Dashboard.
- An amount of Rs 44.00 Crore (Rs 1.00 Crore per Block) approved under District Capex for financial year 2023-24.

Rule of Law Index

- Released by World Justice Project
- The rule of law has once again eroded in a majority of countries this year, according to the World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2023.
- More than 6 billion people live in a country where the rule of law weakened between 2022 and 2023.
- The top-ranked country in the 2023 WJP Rule of Law Index is Denmark, followed by Norway (2), Finland (3), Sweden (4), and Germany (5).
- India's rank = 79 out of 142

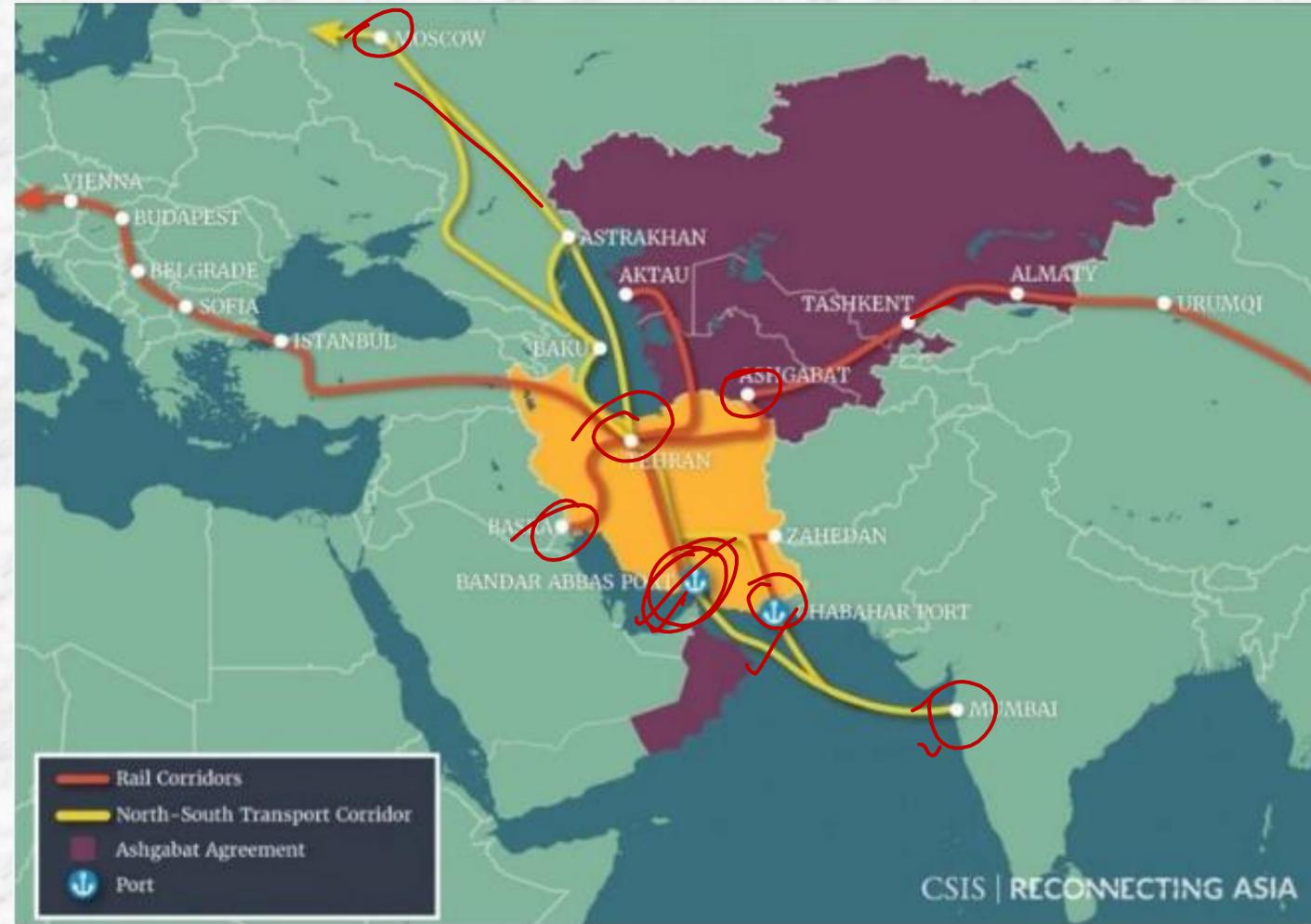
PARAMETERS

- 1 | CONSTRAINTS ON GOVERNMENT POWERS
- 2 | ABSENCE OF CORRUPTION
- 3 | OPEN GOVERNMENT
- 4 | FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
- 5 | ORDER AND SECURITY
- 6 | REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT
- 7 | CIVIL JUSTICE
- 8 | CRIMINAL JUSTICE

2023

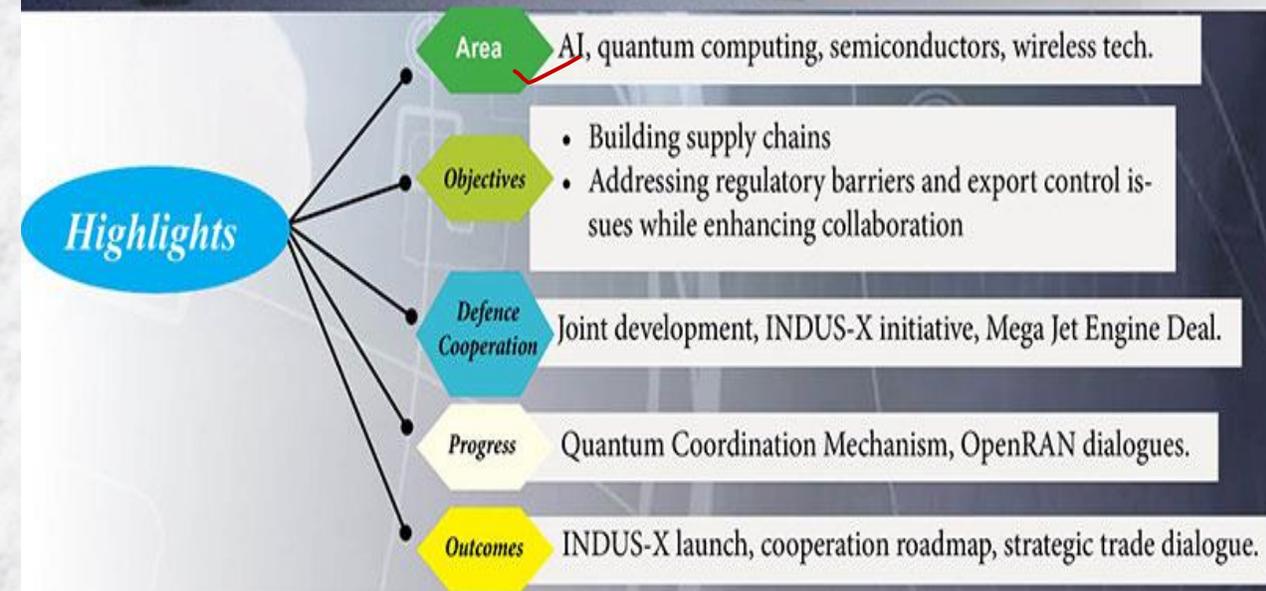
International North-South Transport Corridor - INSTC

- It is a multi-modal transport project that spans over 7,200 kilometres
- It aims to ease the transportation of cargo among Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Central Asia, Europe, as well as India and Iran.
- In December 2016, India agreed to use the INSTC which was established in 2000 and ratified in 2002 by India, Iran, and Russia.
- The multimodal route begins in Mumbai, India and goes to Bandar Abbas and Bandar-e-Anzali in Iran, then crosses the Caspian Sea to reach Astrakhan, Moscow, and St. Petersburg in Russia.



Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET)

- The Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) is a framework for cooperation between India and the United States.
- It was officially launched in January 2023.
- It focuses on cooperation in developing fields of technology, including Artificial intelligence, Quantum computing, Semiconductors, Wireless telecommunication, and Space.
- The iCET aims to promote more frequent government-to-government interactions and engagement among non-governmental stakeholder.
- It seeks to position New Delhi and Washington D.C. as "trusted technology partners" to build supply chains and support the co-production and co-development of items.



UN Peacekeeping force: India's largest women platoon

- India deployed a platoon of Women Peacekeepers in Sudan's Abyei region
- It is India's largest single unit of women Peacekeepers in a UN Mission
- In 2007, India became the first country to deploy an all-women contingent to a UN peacekeeping mission
- More than 200,000 Indians have served in 49 of the 71 UN peacekeeping missions established around the world since 1948.
- Peacekeeping Force
- UN peacekeepers provide security and political and peacebuilding support to help countries make the difficult, early transition from conflict to peace.
- UN Peacekeeping is guided by three basic principles:
 - Consent of the parties;
 - Impartiality;
 - Non-use of force except in self-defence and defence of the mandate.

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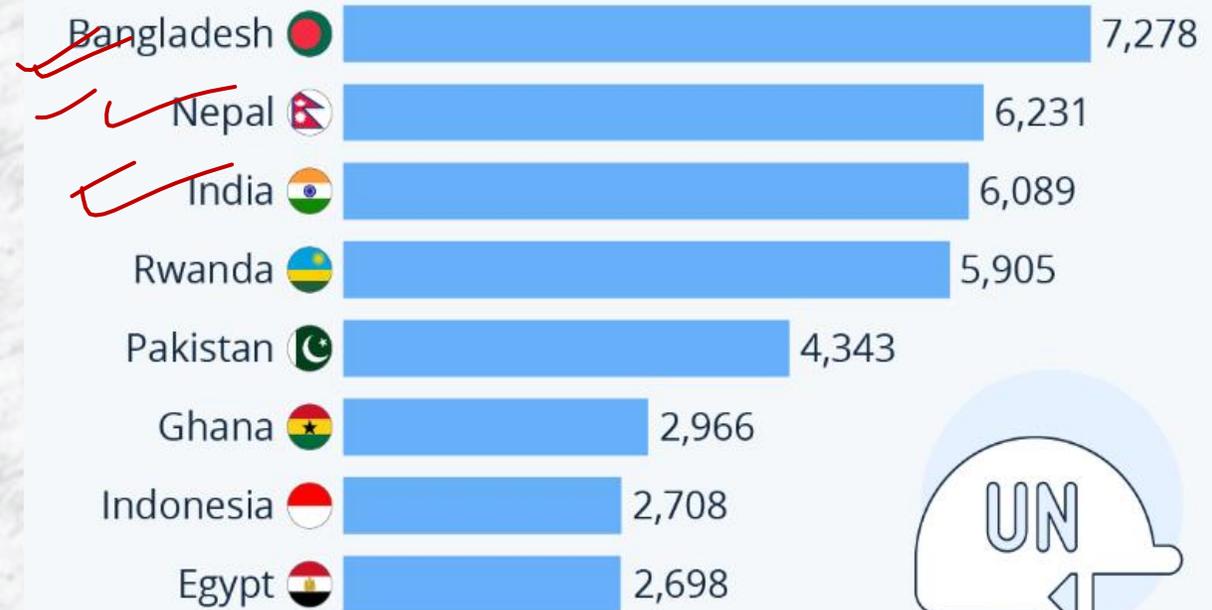
Abyei
Places in news

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- The UNSC determines when and where a UN peace operation should be deployed.
- The Security Council can vote to extend, amend or end mission mandates as it deems appropriate.
- Under Article 25 of the Charter, all UN members agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council.
- Bangladesh was the top contributing country in terms of personnel deployed globally as of May 2023 with 7,278 peacekeepers, while Nepal provided the second largest contribution with 6,231 and India ranked third with 6,089.
- The United States (27.89 per cent), China (15.21 per cent), Japan (8.56 per cent) and Germany (6.09 per cent) contribute the most money to peacekeeping operations

The Biggest Contributors to UN Peacekeeping Operations

Main contributors of uniformed personnel to UN peacekeeping operations as of May 31, 2023*



* Uniformed personnel constitute mission experts, police units, staff officers and troops

Source: UN Peacekeeping



ASIAN PACIFIC POSTAL UNION

- It is an intergovernmental organization of 32 countries in the Asia-Pacific region.
- India will take over the leadership of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) which has its Headquarters in Bangkok.
- The goal of APPU is to extend, facilitate and improve postal relations between member countries and to promote cooperation in the field of postal services
- APPU is the only Restricted Union of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in the region, which is a specialized agency of the United Nations.



UN specialised agency

ASIAN PACIFIC POSTAL UNION

- The APPU is made up of the three bodies
- **Congress:** It is the supreme organ of the Union and meets not later than 2 years after the UPU congress
- **Executive Council:** It comprises all members and meets every year to ensure the work of the union.
- **APPU Bureau:** It serves as a body for liaison, information, inquiry and training for members.

Permanent

INDIA TO TAKE OVER ASIAN PACIFIC POSTAL UNION LEADERSHIP



New payment methods: UPI Lite, 123 Pay and others

- What is UPI

- The term "Unified Payment Interface" (UPI) refers to a smartphone application that enables users to transfer money between bank accounts.
- It is a mobile payment system created by the National Payments Corporation of India.
- Customers are no longer required to initiate transactions by divulging private information like bank account numbers or other financial details.

- What is UPI123Pay?

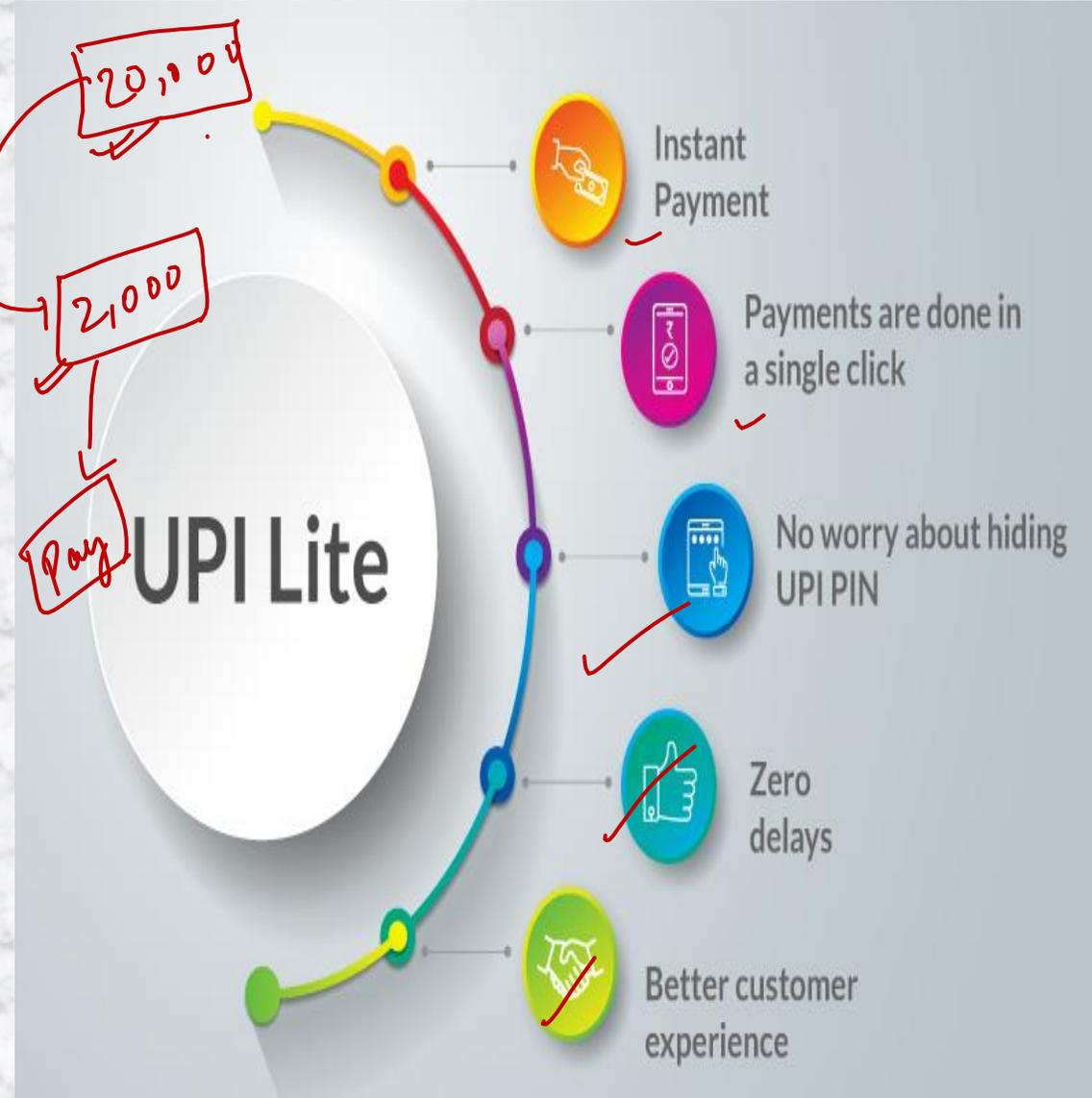
- To decrease cash-based transactions in India, the RBI introduced UPI.
- For a sizable percentage of the population who lacked smartphones, UPI was unavailable.
- The RBI introduced UPI123Pay to solve this issue.
- Customers will be able to use their feature phones for almost all transactions using UPI123Pay, with the exception of scan and pay.

→ Internet X → without

UPI id
Mobile no

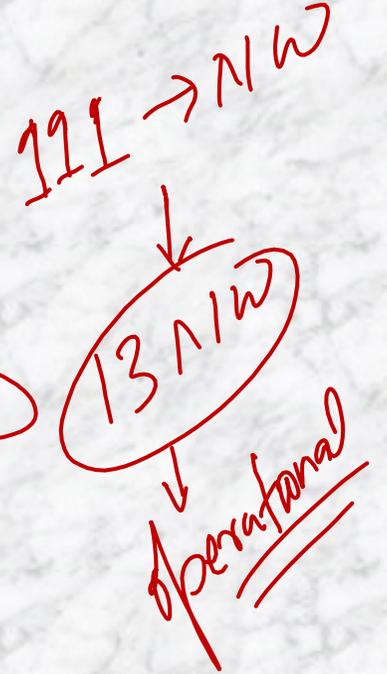
New payment methods: UPI Lite, 123 Pay and others

- **What is UPI Lite?**
- UPI Lite is an "on-device wallet".
- To use UPI Lite, users must first contribute money to the app's wallet from their bank accounts.
- Users can make real-time payments without the Internet because it is a "on-device wallet."
- In phase one, UPI Lite will process transactions in near offline mode, i.e., debit (payments) can be made without Internet connection and credits into the account will be done online.
- However, there is a plan to make UPI Lite offline in the future where customers can process transactions — both debit and credit — in complete offline mode



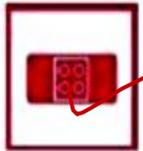
Inland waterways

- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) came into existence on 27th October 1986 for the development and regulation of inland waterways for shipping and navigation.
- The Authority primarily undertakes projects for the development and maintenance of IWT infrastructure on national waterways through grants received from the Ministry of Shipping.
- The National Waterways Act, 2016 has declared 111 inland waterways as 'National Waterways' (NWs) in the country to promote shipping and navigation on them.
- The total length of NWs is 20,275 km spread across 24 States in the country.
- Out of the 111 National Waterways (NWs) declared under the National Waterways Act, of 2016, 13 NWs are operational for shipping and navigation and cargo/passenger vessels are moving on them
- Inland Water Transport (IWT) mode is widely recognized as environment friendly and cost-effective mode of transport.



National Technical Textile Mission (NTTM)

- Technical textiles are engineered products that have specific functions.
- They are made from natural and synthetic fibers, such as Kevlar, Nomex, Twaron, and Spandex.
- These fibers have enhanced functional properties, such as improved thermal resistance, excellent insulation, and higher tenacity.
- Technical textiles are optimized to have qualities like: Strength, Durability, Chemical resistance, Flame resistance, Moisture management.

	Agrotech Horticulture + landscape gardening, agriculture + forestry, animal keeping		Meditech Hygiene, medicine
	Buildtech Membrane, lightweight + massive construction, engineering + industrial building.		Mobiltech Cars, ships, aircraft, trains, space travel
	Clothtech Garments, shoes		Oekotech Environmental protection, recycling, waste disposal
	Geotech Road infrastructure, Railways, Irrigation and Hydraulic structures, Waste Landfills, Dams etc.		Packtech Packaging, protective-cover systems, sacks, big bags, container systems
	Homotech Furniture, upholstery + interior furnishing, rugs, floor coverings		Protech Person and property protection
	Indutech Filtration, cleaning, mechanical engineering, chemical industry		Sporttech Sport and leisure, active wear, outdoor, sport articles.

National Technical Textile Mission (NTTM)

- National Technical Textile Mission
- The Ministry of Textiles has launched NTTM to increase the penetration level of technical textiles in India while leveraging the extraordinary growth rate of the sector.
- The mission aims to position India as a global leader in Technical Textiles.
- The mission will comprise the following four components:
 - Research, Innovation and Development
 - Promotion and Market Development
 - Export Promotion
 - Education, Training, Skill Development
- **Implementation:** It has been approved with an implementation period of six years starting from FY 2020-21 till FY 2026-27.

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2026-27

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