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The Bench was hearing a batch of petitions challenging the constitutionality of the SIR exercise conducted in Bihar. "The SIR is a verification exercise," Mr. Singh argued.

"It had aroused the interest of the common man. It drafted anti-inflation votes for the Democrats," he said. "It increased the threshold of eligibility. We are verifying the eligibility parameters in the next election. We want you to prove the parameters in Article 326 along with additional parameters 'X' and 'Y.' In the absence of additional parameters, there is no question of proportionality," Mr. Dwivedi completed the counter-argument to the opposition.

"The limitations flow from Article 326 read with Section 16 and 19. It is not the case that we have come on with a policy and in

up with a policy and increased the threshold of eligibility. We are verifying the eligibility parameters. It is not that we have asked you to prove the parameters in Article 328 along with additional parameters 'X' and 'Y'. In the absence of additional limitations, there is no question of proportionality." Mr. Dwivedi completed the counter-affidavits for the EC.

'Mother of all deals': India and the EU finalise FTA

European wines, luxury cars to become cheaper as two sides conclude trade negotiations that began in 2007

Modi calls it historic pact, while EU chief says the deal will reduce strategic dependency at a time of global upheaval

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T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

After almost two decades of negotiation, India and the European Union (EU) finalised a free trade agreement (FTA) on Tuesday, billed as the "mother of all deals", that will see the EU drop tariffs on 99.5% of Indian exports to the 27-nation bloc.

India has given tariff concessions on 97.5% of imports from the EU, with European wines and luxury cars set to become less expensive here as a result.

Beyond the economics, both sides stressed the geopolitical significance of a deal between two economies that together account for a third of global trade in the shadow of uncertainty sparked by the U.S. tariff regime.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that the partnership would "strengthen stability" at a time of global turmoil, while European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said it would reduce strategic dependency at a time when global trade is increasingly fractious.

"We have delivered the mother of all deals," she said. "Two giants who choose partnership, in a

true win-win fashion. A strong message that cooperation is the best answer to global challenges."

'Largest-ever FTA'

Noting that this is India's largest-ever FTA, Mr. Modi said: "This historic agreement will facilitate access to the European market for our farmers and small industries, create new opportunities in manufacturing, and strengthen cooperation in our services sectors."

Both sides, however, made sure to exclude their respective sensitive sectors. India's strategic agricultural and dairy sectors remain protected, while the EU will maintain its current tariffs on beef, sugar, rice, chicken meat, milk powder, honey, bananas, soft wheat, garlic, and ethanol.

India-EU FTA talks were first launched in 2007. Following several hiccups and pauses, they were resumed in 2022 with both sides agreeing to exclude issues on which agreement had been elusive.

According to Commerce Ministry officials, the language in the document will first be cleaned up over the next 10 to 15 days, following which it will undergo "legal scrubbing". It will

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Source: AFP

Diplomatic outreach: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Council President António Costa, on Tuesday in New Delhi. ANI

then have to be translated and sent to all 27 EU member states, before it can be ratified by the European Parliament. "We do hope that we should be able to celebrate the entry into force of this agreement within calendar 2026 itself," said Union Minister Piyush Goyal.

According to the Commerce Ministry, India has gained tariff reductions across 97% of tariff lines, covering 99.5% of trade value. Of this, 90.7% of India's exports will see duties eliminated entirely on the first day of the deal's implementation, including labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, apparel, leather, footwear, tea, cof-

fee, spices, sports goods, toys, gems and jewellery, and certain marine products, amongst others.

Another 2.9% of India's exports will see duty elimination over three to five years.

This would include certain marine products, processed food items, and arms and ammunition. Over and above this, 6% of India's exports will see tariff reductions including certain poultry products, preserved vegetables, bakery products, amongst others.

"Key labour-intensive sectors comprising more than ₹2.87 lakh crore [\$33 billion] of exports that are currently subjected to import duty between 4% to

26% in the EU and are crucial for employment generation, will enter zero duty from entry into force of the FTA and thus gain enhanced competitiveness in the EU market," the Ministry said in a release.

Duty elimination

In particular, of the sectors that India primarily exports to the EU, the following will see duties eliminated entirely: marine products (current duties of up to 26%), chemicals (12.8% currently), plastic and rubber items (6.5%), leather footwear (17%), textiles and apparel (12% each), base metals (10%), gems and jewellery (4%), furniture and allied con-

sumer goods (10.5%), and toys and sports goods (4.7%). On services, the EU has agreed to commitments across 144 services sub sectors, including IT/ITeS, professional services, education, and other business services.

Overall, India is offering duty elimination and reductions on 92.1% of the tariff lines, which comprises 97.5% of the EU exports to India. Within this, 49.6% of the tariff lines will see an immediate duty elimination once the agreement comes into effect.

Another 39.5% of the tariff lines will be subject to a phased elimination of tariffs over five, seven, and 10 years. An additional 3%

of products will see phased tariff reductions.

"Imports of EU's high technology goods are expected to diversify India's import sources, thereby reducing input costs for businesses, benefit consumers and will create opportunities for Indian businesses to integrate into global supply chains," the statement added.

Notably for the EU, the following European sectors will see duty-free access to the Indian markets: machinery and electrical equipment, aircraft and spacecraft, optical, medical and surgical equipment, plastics, precious stones and metals, chemicals, motor vehicles, iron

and steel, pharmaceuticals, and various agricultural products. On services, India has agreed to open up 102 sub sectors covering EU priorities such as professional, business, telecommunications, maritime, financial, and environmental services.

It has been learnt that negotiations over a few sectors such as automobiles and wine had caused some problems, but that the two sides finally agreed to quota based systems that were satisfactory to both sides. India agreed to allow European cars with a price tag above ₹25 lakh to be imported at lower duties of as low as 10%, from the current 110%, but subject to a quota.

India and the EU also reached a limited agreement on the contentious Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), Mr. Goyal added. The agreement creates a way for carbon footprint verifiers in India to gain accreditation. It also specifies that, should the EU give concessions under CBAM to a third country, those concessions would automatically apply to India too.

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- **India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) finalised / भारत-EU मुक्त व्यापार समझौता (FTA) अंतिम**
 - Talks started in **2007**; deal termed a "landmark / mother of all deals" / वार्ता **2007** से; समझौते को "ऐतिहासिक/सबसे बड़ा" बताया गया।
 - Next steps: **legal scrubbing + translation + ratification (European Parliament)** / अगला चरण: कानूनी जाँच + अनुवाद + यूरोपीय संसद से अनुमोदन।
- **Market access & tariff cuts / बाज़ार पहुँच व शुल्क कटौती**
 - EU to remove/cut tariffs on **~99.5% of Indian exports** / EU भारत के **~99.5%** निर्यात पर शुल्क हटाए/घटाएगा।
 - India gives tariff concessions on **~97.5% of imports from EU** / भारत EU आयात के **~97.5%** पर रियायत देगा (इससे EU wines व luxury cars सस्ते हो सकते हैं)।
 - India's Commerce Ministry version: tariff reductions across **~97% tariff lines covering ~99.5% trade value**; **~90.7% exports get zero-duty from Day-1**, and a small share gets phased elimination / मंत्रालय के अनुसार **~97% टैरिफ लाइनों (~99.5% ट्रेड वैल्यू)** में कटौती; **~90.7% निर्यात Day-1 से शून्य-शुल्क**, कुछ हिस्से में चरणबद्ध छूट।

- **Sectoral impact (Industry view) / सेक्टर-वाइज असर (इंडस्ट्री दृष्टि)**
 - **Textiles/apparel:** near-zero duty access can expand India's footprint in EU import market / **टेक्सटाइल/रेडीमेड:** EU में भारत का शेयर बढ़ने की संभावना।
 - **Auto:** phased tariff reduction can integrate Indian manufacturing into global value chains / **ऑटो:** चरणबद्ध कटौती से ग्लोबल वैल्यू-चेन इंटीग्रेशन।
 - **Pharma:** zero/low tariff access strengthens formulations/APIs + MSMEs / **फार्मा:** फॉर्म्युलेशन/API को लाभ; MSMEs को सपोर्ट।
 - **IT/Services:** cross-border services + mobility can rise / **आईटी/सेवाएँ:** प्रोफेशनल सेवाओं का विस्तार।
- **AI + Semiconductors angle (2nd report) / AI + सेमीकंडक्टर एंगल**
 - Deal links **EU AI Office** with India's National AI Mission for **testing, evaluation, audit-style cooperation** / **EU AI Office** और **National AI Mission** का लिंक: **टेस्टिंग-इवैल्यूएशन/ऑडिट सहयोग**।
 - Focus beyond fabs: **"heterogeneous integration/advanced packaging"**—combining chips/sensors in one package (high value for AI) / **फेब से आगे: हेटेरोजीनस इंटीग्रेशन/एडवांस्ड पैकेजिंग—AI के लिए हाई-वैल्यू हिस्सा**।
 - Possible **"Brussels effect"** in AI rules: EU compliance norms could shape Indian AI products (export-grade vs domestic divergence risk) / **AI रेगुलेशन में "Brussels effect":** EU मानक भारतीय AI को प्रभावित कर सकते हैं (एक्सपोर्ट-ग्रेड बनाम घरेलू डाइवर्जेंस का रिस्क)।

Topic	Key facts from news / खबर के मुख्य तथ्य	Extra exam points / अतिरिक्त परीक्षा तथ्य
FTA basics / FTA आधार	India–EU FTA aims deep tariff cuts + services access / टैरिफ कटौती + सेवाओं में पहुँच	FTA is an exception to WTO MFN when it covers “substantially all trade” (Goods: GATT Art. XXIV , Services: GATS Art. V) / WTO-MFN का अपवाद: GATT XXIV, GATS V।
Tariff lines vs trade value / टैरिफ लाइन बनाम ट्रेड वैल्यू	Figures quoted as % of tariff lines and % of trade value / टैरिफ लाइन्स व ट्रेड वैल्यू दोनों में %	“Tariff line” = product category at HS code level; trade value share can be higher even if tariff lines share lower / HS कोड-आधारित कैटेगरी; वैल्यू-शेयर अलग हो सकता है।
CBAM / कार्बन बॉर्डर टैक्स	Dialogue on carbon border tax / CBAM पर संवाद	EU CBAM: transitional reporting from Oct 2023 , financial levy from 2026 ; goal = prevent carbon leakage / 2023-25 रिपोर्टिंग; 2026 से शुल्क।
GI (Geographical Indications) / भौगोलिक संकेतक	News says GI agreement not included in package / GI समझौता पैकेज में नहीं	GI protection is under WTO TRIPS ; UPSC has asked GI-Act linked to WTO obligations / GI-TRIPS (WTO) से जुड़ा; UPSC PYQ मौजूद
Services & mobility / सेवाएँ व मोबिलिटी	Commitments across many services sub-sectors / अनेक सेवा उप-क्षेत्र	For Prelims: distinguish Mode-1/2/3/4 (Cross-border, Consumption abroad, Commercial presence, Movement of natural persons) / GATS के 4 modes याद रखें।
Semicon strategy / सेमीकंडक्टर रणनीति	Focus on integration + standards alignment / इंटीग्रेशन + मानक	“Heterogeneous integration” + conformity assessment/standards can reduce re-certification frictions / स्टैंडर्ड-अलाइनमेंट से कॉस्ट/डिले घटते हैं।
Risks / जोखिम	Sensitive sectors excluded; sustainability chapter contested / संवेदनशील सेक्टर बाहर; सस्टेनेबिलिटी विवाद	FTAs often raise questions on data flows, labour, environment, govt procurement, ISDS —what’s in vs out is exam-relevant / डेटा-फ्लो, लेबर, एनवायरनमेंट, प्रोक्योरमेंट, ISDS—फोकस क्षेत्र।

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CHARTING THE PACT

Goals



■ EU targets to double goods exports by 2032; 58% growth in last decade

■ EU imports from India to accelerate from 140% growth in last decade



Benefits for EU

■ Tariffs on most cars to be cut to **30-35%** (from 66-110% at present) at launch of deal and to **10%** in next 5 years; fixed quotas to gradually rise; only cars priced above €15,000 covered

■ Zero tariff on 30% of EU goods from Day One; 90% coverage finally

■ Higher access for EU firms in financial and maritime services; stronger IPR protection

■ Sharp tariff cuts for EU wines, spirits, beer, olive oil, processed foods and some fruits



Key gains for India

■ Zero tariffs on 90% of Indian merchandise from Day One of FTA and 93% of goods over next 7 years

■ On balance 6%, tariff cuts with quotas

■ Textiles, plastics, gems & jewellery, leather & footwear, base metals, furniture, toys to attract zero tariff from Day One, down from 4-26% now

■ EU's average tariff rate for India to fall from 3.8% now to 0.1% finally

■ Commitments on student mobility and post-study visas, concessions for 144 services

■ Beef, rice, sugar, dairy and poultry excluded for Indian sensitivities

CURRENT ENGAGEMENT

\$136.5 bn

Two-way goods trade

\$77 bn

Bilateral services trade

~\$25 bn

Overall trade surplus for India



Areas kept out/ not impacted by the deal

■ No India-specific exemption from EU's carbon duties

■ Duty-free steel imports for India on a par with EU policy



NARENDRA MODI
PRIME MINISTER

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ANTONIO COSTA
EUROPEAN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

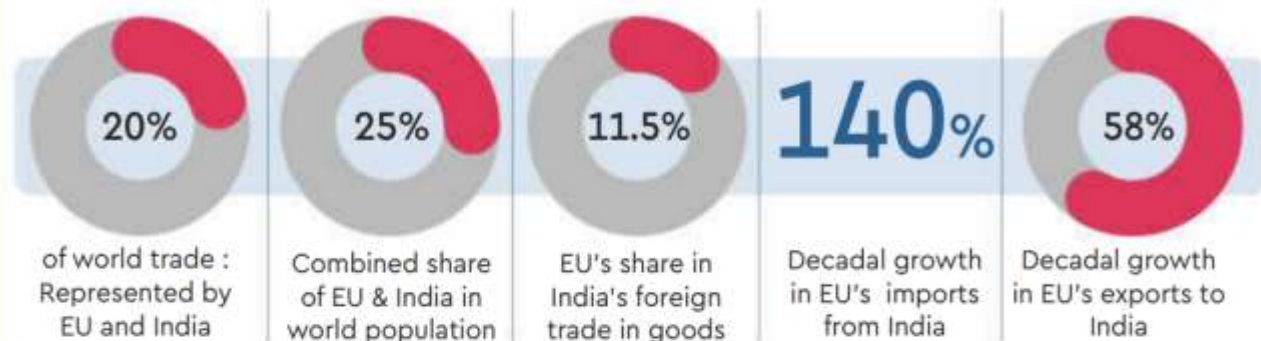
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION PRESIDENT

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▶ Over the last decade, EU-India trade in services more than doubled

TOP TRADED SERVICES



Telecom, computer and information services

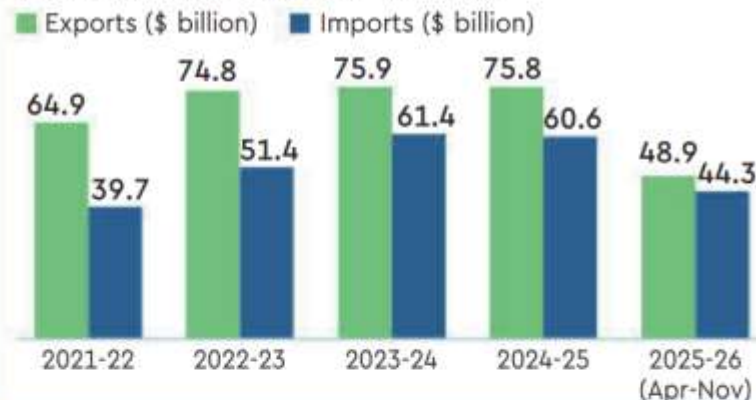


Other business services (professional and management consultancy)



Transport services

INDIA-EU MERCHANDISE TRADE



\$43 bn

Services exports to EU

\$34 bn

Services imports from EU



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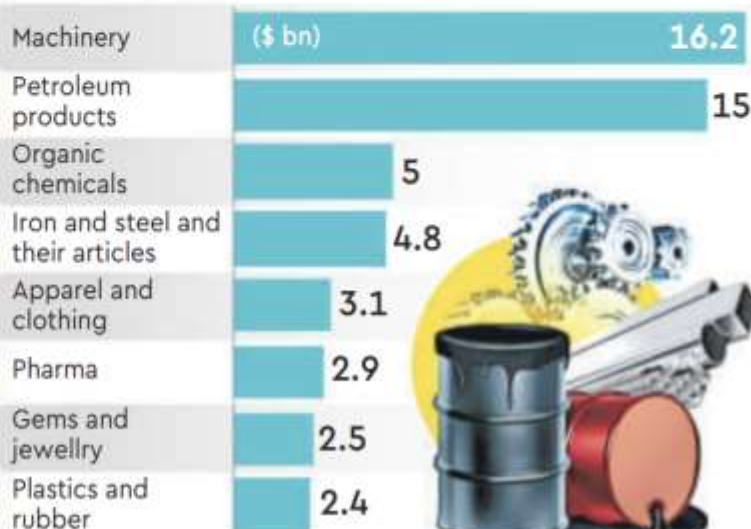
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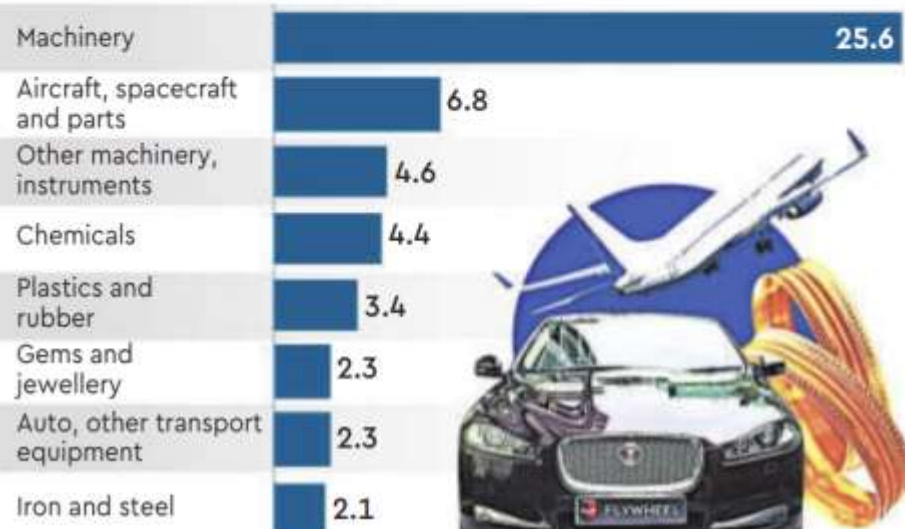
\$117.4 bn

FDI by EU in India

PRODUCT-WISE EXPORTS TO THE EU (2024-25)



IMPORTS FROM EU (2024-25)



Exam (Date)	PYQ (theme/question)	Answer
UPSC CSE Prelims GS-I (03-06-2018) (upsc.gov.in)	GI Act 1999 was enacted to comply with obligations to which organisation? / GI Act 1999 किस संगठन के दायित्व हेतु?	WTO
UPSC CSE Prelims GS-I (18-06-2017) (upsc.gov.in)	WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) statements (ratification, Bali package, entry into force) / TFA पर कथन-आधारित प्रश्न	Correct option: 1 & 2 only
UPSC CSE Prelims (07-08-2016) (upsc.gov.in)	Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) statements (Pacific Rim except China/Russia; maritime security only) / TPP कथन	Neither 1 nor 2
UPSC CDS (I) 2017 GK (05-02-2017) (upsc.gov.in)	MFN clause under WTO is based on which principle? / WTO-MFN किस सिद्धांत पर?	Non-discrimination between nations / एकता का प्रश्न
UPSC CDS (I) 2024 GK (21-04-2024) (upsc.gov.in)	RCEP: (i) ASEAN + FTA partners, (ii) India opted out / RCEP पर कथन	Both statements correct

No discrimination under UGC's new equity rules, says Education Minister

Abhinav Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday sought to allay concerns over the 2026 University Grants Commission regulations on promoting equity in higher education institutions, amid protests and allegations that the rules discriminate against "general category" students.

Speaking to presspersons in Rajasthan, Mr. Pradhan said the regulations had been notified under the supervision of the Supreme Court. He said "there will be no discrimination" and that "no one will have the right to misuse anything in the name of discrimination".

His remarks came against the backdrop of protests against the UGC regulations in cities such as Lucknow, Indore, and New Delhi, with more demonstrations planned in the coming days, and multiple petitions filed in the Supreme Court challenging the framework.

The new regulations, notified on January 13, define "caste-based discrimination" as discrimination on the basis of caste or tribe against those belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, and the Other Backward Classes. The final version drops a provision pro-



Voicing dissent: Students protest against the new UGC rules near Lucknow University on Tuesday. KSL

Students hold demonstrations in U.P.

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

The University Grants Commission (UGC)'s new regulations triggered protests in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday, with a section of students demonstrating

at Lucknow University against the rules, alleging they would affect their studies and future.

The protesting students staged a sit-in at the university's main gate and raised slogans against the UGC, claiming the new

rules for promoting equity in higher education institutions could lead to caste conflict and disrupt social harmony on campuses.

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posed in an earlier draft to penalise false complaints.

Critics of the rules have argued that by not recognising students from the "general category" as potential victims of caste-based discrimination, the definition itself is discriminatory. They also flagged the absence of a mechan-

ism to act against complaints believed to be false.


Mr. Pradhan said, "I want to assure everyone that no one will be subject to harassment and there will be no discrimination. No one will have the right to misuse anything in the name of discrimination."

"I assure you that wha-

tever system or arrangement is made in India will be within the framework of the Constitution. No injustice, oppression, or discrimination will be committed against anyone," the Union Minister said.

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Theme	Key facts (news + policy) / मुख्य तथ्य	Exam linking points / परीक्षा एंगल
Regulation name / नाम	UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2026 / UGC “इक्विटी” नियम,	GS2: Social Justice + Education governance; Prelims: UGC as statutory regulator
Institution mechanism / व्यवस्था	Mandatory Equal Opportunity Centre (EOC) + Equity Committee with representation (SC/ST/OBC/women/PwD etc.) / EOC + Equity Committee, प्रतिनिधित्व के साथ	Askable: “Which body must be set up in every HEI?”
Coverage / कवरेज	Final regulations explicitly include OBCs within caste-based discrimination scope / OBCs को scope में शामिल	Prelims trap: “only SC/ST” vs “SC/ST/OBC”
Enforcement / प्रवर्तन	Non-compliance can invite UGC action (grants/recognition related consequences) / पालन न होने पर UGC consequences	Governance: regulator power; accountability & reporting
False complaint penalty / झूठी शिकायत penalty	Draft में false complaint penalty चर्चा थी; final खरू removed / Draft में था; final खरू पल्लव	Mains: balancing “protect victims” vs “prevent misuse”
Constitutional frame / संविधान	Minister: rules Constitutional framework के भीतर, discrimination नहीं / संविधान के दायरे में implementation (The Times of India)	Link: Art 14–18 (Equality), Art 15(4)/(5), DPSP Art 46



Aspect	Explanation
Regulation	UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2026
Issuing Body	University Grants Commission
Core Issue	Reservation-related discrimination & equity framework in higher education
Nature	Regulatory framework replacing earlier equity/anti-discrimination regulations
Controversy	Alleged dilution of caste-based safeguards and focus shift to “general equity”

Year / Event	Key Development
Pre-2000	Caste discrimination in universities addressed informally
2006	Reservation expanded in Central Educational Institutions
2012	UGC (Promotion of Equity through Equity Cells) Regulations
2019	UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2019
2026	New Regulations notified → replaces 2019 framework
Trend	Shift from explicit caste focus → broader equity language

Objective

Explanation

Promote Equity

Equal access & fair treatment for all students

Prevent Discrimination

Address exclusion based on social, economic, gender, disability factors

Inclusive Campus

Safe & inclusive institutional environment

Grievance Redressal

Structured complaint mechanism

Compliance

Align HEIs with constitutional values

Provision	Details
Equity Cells	Mandatory Equity Cell in every Higher Education Institution
Coverage	Students, faculty, non-teaching staff
Discrimination Grounds	Caste, religion, gender, disability, socio-economic background
Grievance Mechanism	Time-bound inquiry & reporting
Institutional Responsibility	HEIs accountable for inclusive practices
Awareness	Sensitisation & orientation programmes



Concern

Explanation

Dilution Fear

Reduced explicit emphasis on **caste-based discrimination**

Social Justice

Critics say caste is still the **primary axis of exclusion**

Ambiguity

Broad terms may weaken enforceability

Student Opposition

Dalit & tribal student groups express concern

Policy Shift

From **affirmative justice** → **neutral equity**



Area

Suggestion

Explicit Safeguards

Re-include clear caste-based protections

Monitoring

Independent oversight of Equity Cells

Data

Mandatory reporting on caste-based grievances

Capacity Building

Training of faculty & administrators

Balance

Equity + Social Justice approach

BRUSSELS

Keep dreaming: Rutte says Europe can't defend itself without the U.S.



NATO chief Mark Rutte warned on Monday Europe cannot defend itself without the United States in the face of calls for the continent to stand on its own feet after tensions over Greenland. "If anyone thinks here again, that the Europe can defend itself without the US — keep on dreaming. You can't," Mr. Rutte told lawmakers. AFR

CAIRO

Hamas seeks role for its police in Gaza ahead of disarmament talks



Hamas is seeking to incorporate its 10,000 police officers into a new force fighting in eastern Ghazwa, Hamas's defence ministry said. The 20-point plan to end the war, now in its second phase, calls for the governance of Gaza to be handed to the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza, a Palestinian technocratic body. AFR

MOSCOW

Russia's military chief visits troops in east Ukraine: Defence Ministry



The Russian army's chief of staff, Viktor Serzhukov, has visited troops fighting in eastern Ukraine, Russia's defence ministry said on Tuesday. Gen. Serzhukov "inspected the progress of combat missions conducted by formations and units of the Zapad (West) force group," the ministry wrote on telegram. AFR

PESHAWAR

KPK Assembly to reject Pakistan's decision to join Board of Peace



The provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has unanimously passed a resolution rejecting Pakistan's decision to join the Board of Peace for Gaza set up by U.S. President Donald Trump. The resolution stated that joining the Board of Peace is contrary to Pakistan's historic and principled stance. AFR

Trump says Iran wants talks as U.S. strike group arrives in West Asia

President states the U.S. has a 'big armada' near Iran, larger than the one used against Venezuela. U.S. intelligence reports say Iran gov't's position is weakening. Senator Lindsey Graham urges Republican President to end Iranian regime after talks

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

A U.S. naval strike force led by an aircraft carrier was in West Asian waters on Tuesday as Iran vowed to hit back against any strike and President Donald Trump said he believed the Islamic republic still wanted talks.

Washington has not ruled out new military intervention against Tehran over its crackdown on protests, which according to rights groups saw thousands of people killed with tear gas.

A strike group led by the USS Abraham Lincoln has now arrived in West Asian



Lined and loaded: A strike group led by the USS Abraham Lincoln has arrived in West Asian waters, says U.S. Central Command. AFR

waters, U.S. Central Command said, without revealing its precise location. Since Iran earlier this month launched the crackdown on protests accompanied by a blanket inter-

net blackout, Mr. Trump told the *Asiatic* news site, weeks after U.S. military action resulted in the capture of the Latin American nation's President Nicolas Maduro.

But he added: "They want to make a deal. I know so. They called on numerous occasions. They want to talk."

Abbas said Mr. Trump declined to discuss the options presented to him by his national security team, or which one he prefers. Analysts say options include strikes on military facilities or targeted hits against the leadership under Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in a full-scale bid to bring

down the system that has ruled Iran since the 1979 Islamic revolution that ousted the shah.

The *New York Times*, meanwhile, reported that Mr. Trump has received multiple U.S. intelligence reports "indicating that the Iranian government's position is weakening" and signalling its hold on power "is at its weakest point" since the shah's fall.

U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham told the paper he had spoken with Mr. Trump in recent days about Iran and that "the goal is to end the regime."

"They may stop killing them today, but if they're in charge next month, they'll kill them then."

TikTok settles social media addiction suit before trial

Agence France-Presse
LOS ANGELES

Video sharing app TikTok has made an eleventh-hour deal to avoid a landmark U.S. trial accusing it, along with Meta and YouTube, of addicting young people to social media, lawyers said on Tuesday.

The deal was made as jury selection was to begin in a Los Angeles court that could establish a legal precedent on whether social media companies deliberately designed their platforms to addict children.

The case being heard in the California state court is being called a "bellwether" proceeding because its outcome could set the tone for a tidal wave of similar litigation across the United States.

The remaining defendants in the suit are Alphabet and Meta, the tech fi-



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ties behind YouTube and Instagram. Meta co-founder and Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg is slated to be called as a witness during the trial.

"The parties are pleased to have reached an amicable resolution of this dispute," the Social Media Victims Law Center said, noting that the terms of the settlement with TikTok are confidential.

The case focuses on allegations that a 19-year-old

woman identified by the initials K.G.M. suffered severe mental harm because she was addicted to social media.

After joining YouTube at age six, Instagram at 11, Snapchat at 13, and TikTok at 15, the California claims to have developed an addiction to the sites that contributed to her depression, anxiety, body image issues and other suicidal thoughts.

Social media firms are accused in hundreds of lawsuits of addicting young users to their platforms, leading to depression, eating disorders, psychiatric hospitalization and even suicide.

Internet titans have argued that they are shielded by Section 230 of the U.S. communications Decency Act, which frees them of responsibility for what social media users post.

Cruise to Valhalla



Many traditions: Revelers set fire to a boat during the Valhalla festival, in Larnaca, Cyprus. The festival pays tribute to the Viking heritage, where dead people were placed on burning boats on their way to the afterlife. AFR

Agence France-Presse
REUTERS

South Korea's government on Tuesday held emergency talks after U.S. President Donald Trump said he will raise tariffs on South Korean goods, including autos, lumber and pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Trump said on Monday that he would raise tariffs on the goods, accusing South Korea of not living up to an earlier trade pact struck with Washington.

South Korea's presidential office said it had not been officially informed about the tariff hike plans in advance. The increase would raise tariff levels from 18% to 25%.

"South Korea's Legislature is not living up to its deal with the United States," Mr. Trump wrote



Donald Trump

on his Truth Social platform.

He added that he was increasing tariff rates "because the Korean Legislature hasn't enacted our Historic Trade Agreement, which is their prerogative."

On Tuesday, Seoul convened an emergency meeting to hash out a response, with Trade and Industry Minister Kim Jung-kwan, currently in Canada, joining remotely.

"Our government in-

tends to convey its commitment to implementing the tariff agreement to the U.S. side, while responding in a calm and measured manner," Seoul said in a statement.

The country added it believed Washington's "tariff hikes only take effect after administrative steps such as publication in the Federal Register."

South Korea has said Trade Minister Kim will travel to Washington for talks on the issue with U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick.

Mr. Trump's apparent about-face comes months after Washington and Seoul struck a trade and security deal, capping a period of tense negotiations. The agreement was finalized after Trump met his South Korean counterpart Lee Jae Myung in October.

U.S. sued over deadly missile strikes on 'drug boats'

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Relatives of two Trinidadian men — Chad Joseph, 36, and Rishi Samaroo, 41 — killed last year in a U.S. military strike on a boat allegedly carrying drugs filed a wrongful death lawsuit on Tuesday against the U.S. government.

It is the first such case to be brought against the Trump administration over the three dozen missile strikes in the Caribbean and eastern Pacific, which have left at least 125 people dead since September.

President Donald Trump alleged at the time that "six male narcocontrollers" were killed in a boat allegedly ferrying drugs. Washington has yet to release any evidence supporting its claims.

North Korea fires short-range missiles towards Sea of Japan

Associated Press
SEOUL

North Korea launched short-range ballistic missiles toward its eastern waters on Tuesday, according to its neighbours, as the North heightened tensions with rival South Korea ahead of a major political meeting.

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He also cited the worsening consequences of climate change, AI's effects on jobs and disinformation, and what he called the "rise of nationalism and autocracy" — referring to the recent events in Minnesota — to support the Clock being less than a minute and half from midnight.

Japan-U.S. ties would crumble if Tokyo ignored Taiwan crisis

Reuters
TOKYO

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The new setting moves the clock forward from its previous position of 89 seconds to midnight from a year ago.

“Last year, we warned that the world was perilously close to catastrophe and that countries needed to change course towards international cooperation and actions on the most critical existential risks,” SSB Chair and University of Chicago professor Daniel Holz said. “Unfortunately, the opposite has happened.”

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 - The **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists** moved the **Doomsday Clock** to 85 seconds to midnight (closest ever). / **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists** ने **Doomsday Clock** को midnight से 85 seconds पर सेट किया (अब तक सबसे नज़दीक)। Reuters
 - Announcement was made on **Jan 27 (Washington, DC)**. / घोषणा 27 जनवरी (वॉशिंगटन DC) में हुई। Reuters
- **Why was it moved / आगे क्यों बढ़ाया?**
 - A worsening global security landscape: **eroding nuclear norms + conflicts + fractured international cooperation**. / वैश्विक सुरक्षा हालात बिगड़ना: न्यूक्लियर norms कमजोर + संघर्ष + अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहयोग में गिरावट। Reuters
 - Major drivers highlighted: **nuclear weapons risk, climate change, biological risks, and AI misuse (mis/disinformation, warfare)**. / मुख्य कारण: परमाणु जोखिम, जलवायु परिवर्तन, जैविक जोखिम, और AI का दुरुपयोग (mis/disinformation, warfare)। Reuters +1
- **Nuclear angle / परमाणु एंगल**
 - Concern over nuclear rhetoric and potential **return to nuclear testing**; modernization of arsenals raises arms-race anxiety. / न्यूक्लियर टेस्टिंग की वापसी की आशंका; arsenals के आधुनिकीकरण से arms-race का डर। Reuters +1
 - The report flags weak/expiring arms-control guardrails. / arms-control "गार्डरेल्स" कमजोर/समाप्ति की ओर। Reuters +1

Theme	Key facts / मुख्य तथ्य	Extra exam points / अतिरिक्त परीक्षा तथ्य
Midnight meaning / “Midnight” अर्थ	Midnight = global catastrophe metaphor / midnight = वैश्विक तबाही का प्रतीक	Not a prediction tool; a risk-communication device / prediction नहीं, awareness tool
Who sets it / कौन सेट करता है	Bulletin + expert board moves it annually / विशेषज्ञ बोर्ड तय करता है	Factors now include nuclear + climate + bio + tech/AI (The Washington Post)
CTBT / परमाणु परीक्षण रोक	CTBT bans all nuclear test explosions ; opened for signature 1996 / CTBT सभी nuclear test explosions पर रोक; 1996 (ctbto.org)	CTBT not in force until key ratifications (Annex-2 states) / प्रमुख ratification के बिना effective नहीं (armscontrol.org)
NPT / अप्रसार संधि	NPT aims non-proliferation + peaceful use + disarmament; 5 NWS recognized / NPT के 3 pillars; 5 NWS मान्यता (Reuters)	Review Conferences every 5 years; next due 2026 / 5-year review cycle (Reuters)
New START / US–Russia arms control	Widely described as last remaining US–Russia strategic arms control treaty ; signed 2010, in force 2011 / प्रमुख US–Russia treaty (Due to expire in 2026 unless extended / 2026 में expiry (अगर extend न हो)
AI risk / AI जोखिम	Mentioned: misinformation + warfare uses + weak governance / misinfo + warfare + governance gap (Reuters)	UPSC angle: AI ethics, deepfakes, election integrity, critical infra



Statement-based

Doomsday Clock is a symbolic indicator of human-made global catastrophe risk. /
Doomsday Clock मानव-निर्मित वैश्विक तबाही के जोखिम का प्रतीक है।

It is set by the United Nations annually. / इसे संयुक्त राष्ट्र हर साल सेट करता है।
(a) 1 only / केवल 1 (b) 2 only / केवल 2 (c) Both / दोनों (d) Neither / कोई नहीं

Uttarakhand Uniform Civil Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026



Aspect

State

Topic

Current Context

Date of Ordinance

Enforced From

Original UCC Enforcement

One-Year Milestone

Key Points for Exam

Uttarakhand

Uniform Civil Code (UCC) – Amendment Ordinance, 2026

Uttarakhand implemented the **Uniform Civil Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026**, marking **one year of UCC enforcement** in the state

January 2026

Immediate effect upon Governor’s approval

January 27, 2025

January 27, 2026 observed as **“UCC Day”** in Uttarakhand





Dimension

Details

Concept of UCC

A common set of civil laws governing **marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption, and succession** for all citizens irrespective of religion

Constitutional Provision

Article 44 (Directive Principles of State Policy) – State shall endeavour to secure a Uniform Civil Code

Nature of Article 44

Non-justiciable but **fundamental in governance**

Debate Since

Constituent Assembly debates (1946–49)

Key View

Balance between **individual rights, gender justice, and secularism**





Case / Event

Shah Bano Case (1985)

Sarla Mudgal Case (1995)

John Vallamattom Case (2003)

Recent Trend

Key Observation

Highlighted need for uniform civil laws for gender justice

SC emphasized UCC to prevent misuse of personal laws

UCC linked with equality before law

Courts reiterating UCC as a **reformatory constitutional goal**





Aspect

Explanation

Type of Law

Ordinance (Temporary law with immediate effect)

Constitutional Article Used


Article 213 – Governor’s power to promulgate Ordinances

Authority

Promulgated after **Governor’s approval**

Reason for Ordinance

To refine and strengthen implementation of UCC Act, 2024





Objective

Explanation

Streamlining Procedures

Simplifies registration and compliance mechanisms

Administrative Efficiency

Reduces bureaucratic delays

Transparency

Clearer procedures and accountability

Penalty Alignment

Aligns penalties with **new criminal laws** (BNS, BNSS, BSA)

Effective Enforcement

Removes operational gaps observed in first year





Dimension

First Indian State

Policy Experiment

Gender Justice

Secular Governance

Federal Implications

Importance

Uttarakhand is the **first state to fully implement UCC**

Acts as a **model for other states**

Promotes equality in personal laws

Strengthens constitutional secularism

Raises debate on Centre vs State role in UCC





Fact

UCC Ordinance Power

UCC Mentioned In

First State with UCC

UCC Act Year

UCC Enforcement

UCC Day

Value

Article 213


Article 44

Uttarakhand

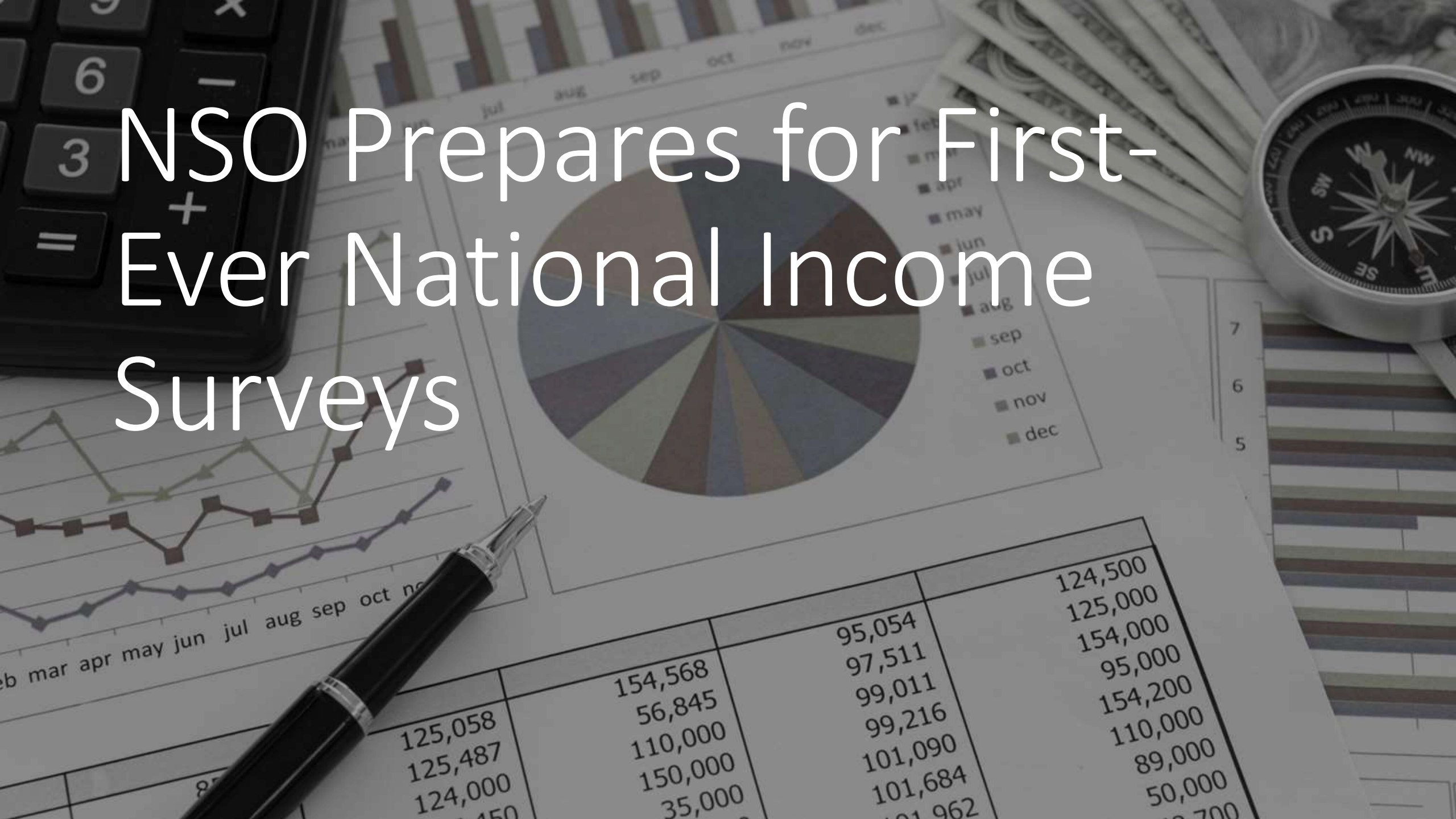
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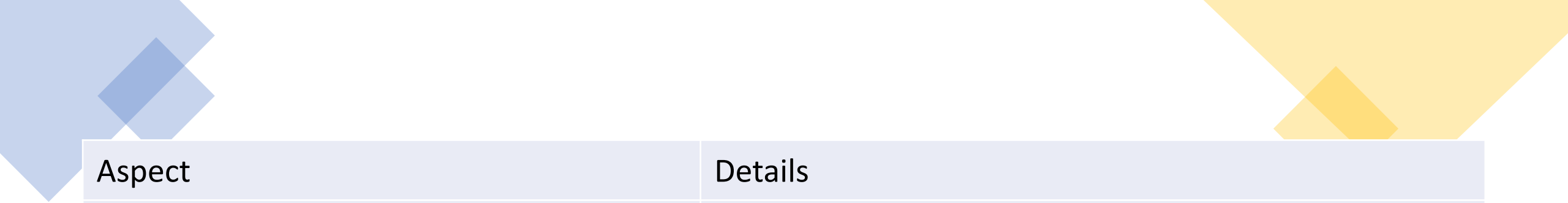
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NSO Prepares for First-Ever National Income Surveys





Aspect	Details
Implementing Agency	National Statistics Office
Ministry	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Current Context	NSO preparing for two landmark national surveys to fill long-standing data gaps
Date in News	January 28, 2026
Nature of Initiative	First-ever direct national income measurement surveys
Mode of Data Collection	Fully digital
Fieldwork Start	April 2026





Dimension

Explanation

Data Gap

India lacks **direct, comprehensive household income data**

Existing Proxies

Consumption (CES), employment (PLFS), savings/investment

Policy Limitation

Inadequate income data affects **targeting, inequality analysis, and welfare design**

International Practice

Many countries run **regular income surveys**





Aspect

Status

Pre-Independence

Fragmented income estimates

Post-Independence

Focus on **National Accounts Statistics (GDP)**

NSSO Surveys

Consumption & employment, **not direct income**

Expert Committees

Repeated recommendations for **income surveys**

Milestone

NHIS becomes **first pan-India household income survey**





Survey

**National Household
Income Survey (NHIS)**

**Annual Survey of
Incorporated Service
Sector Enterprises
(ASISSE)**

Description



First-of-its-kind pan-India
survey on **household
income distribution &
living conditions**

Focus on **corporate
services sector income &
performance**





Objective

Income Distribution

Inequality Measurement

Living Conditions

Policy Support

Data Integration

Explanation

Capture **income across classes & regions**

Better estimation of **income inequality**

Link income with **housing, education, health**

Evidence-based **welfare & fiscal policy**

Complement GDP, CES, PLFS data



Area	Importance
Welfare Targeting	More accurate beneficiary identification
Fiscal Policy	Better tax & subsidy design
Inequality Debate	Reliable evidence on income disparities
Economic Analysis	Improves macro & micro-level insights
Global Comparability	Aligns India with international statistical standards

A hand is holding a gold medal with a red ribbon. The medal features a map of India in the center, surrounded by a laurel wreath. The background is a bright, hazy sky with a sun flare in the upper left corner. The text "National Awards for Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS)" is overlaid in white.

National Awards for Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS)

Aspect

Details

Initiative Name

Model Youth Gram Sabha (MYGS)

Current Context

National Award Ceremony to honour MYGS winners

Date

28 January 2026

Venue

New Delhi

Lead Ministry

Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Other Participating Ministries

Ministry of Education (School Education & Literacy), Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Nature of Event

National-level recognition of youth engagement in grassroots democracy



Dimension	Explanation
Democratic Need	Low youth participation in local self-governance
Educational Gap	Civics often remains theoretical
Governance Vision	Build future-ready, participative citizens
Policy Focus	Experiential learning + democratic values





Aspect

Gram Sabha

Constitutional Basis

Panchayati Raj

Youth Engagement

Details

Foundation of **local democracy**

Article 243A – Powers & functions of Gram Sabha

73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992

MYGS bridges **education + constitutional practice**





Component

Description

Nature

Simulated **Gram Sabha & Gram Panchayat proceedings**

Participants

School students

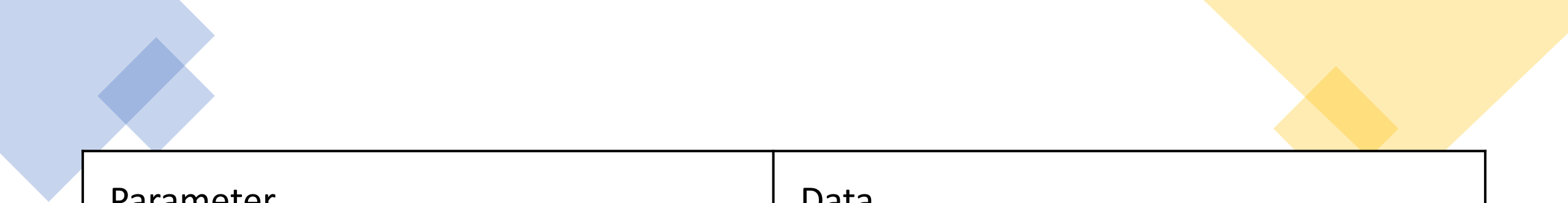
Method

Role-play, debates, resolutions, decision-making


Learning Outcome

Practical understanding of **local governance**





Parameter	Data
Total Student Participation	28,000+
Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas	619
Eklavya Model Residential Schools	200
Geographic Coverage	Pan-India
Nature of Activities	Simulated Gram Sabha proceedings



A glowing green padlock icon is centered on a dark blue background. The background features a complex, glowing circuit pattern with numerous white and light blue lines and dots, resembling a digital or technological theme. The padlock itself is a bright green color with a textured, slightly pixelated appearance.

International Data Privacy Day



Aspect

Details

Observed On

28 January (annually)

Also Known As

Data Protection Day

Purpose

To promote **awareness about personal data protection** and digital trust

Global Context

Rising digitisation, data-driven governance, cyber risks





Dimension	Key Points
Origin	Linked to Convention 108
Year of Convention	1981 (entered into force later; anniversary observed from 2006)
First Observed As Day	28 January
Significance	Marks the world's first legally binding international treaty on data protection
Adopted By	Council of Europe



Aspect

Details

Full Name

Convention for the Protection of
Individuals with regard to Automatic
Processing of Personal Data

Nature

Legally binding international treaty

Scope

Protection of individuals' personal data

Importance

Foundation of modern **data protection
laws** globally

Upgraded Version

Convention 108+ (to address digital age
challenges)

Dimension

Key Points

Fundamental Right

Right to Privacy recognised by Supreme Court

Landmark Case

Justice K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India (2017)

Constitutional Basis

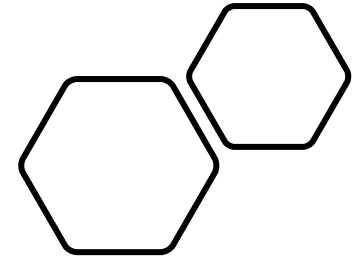
Article 21 (Right to Life & Personal Liberty)

Digital Governance

Privacy as core of India's digital ecosystem



**“Chandrakant Lahariya
wins Wiley Research
Heroes Prize”,**





Aspect

Awardee

Award

Category

Date in News

Global Standing

Selection Pool

Total Awardees (2025)

Details

Chandrakant Lahariya

Wiley Research Heroes Prize 2025

Impact Beyond Academia

28 January 2026

First Indian to receive this prize

2,000+ global nominations

5 researchers worldwide





Dimension

Key Points

Awarding Body

Wiley

Purpose

Recognises researchers whose work creates **real-world policy & societal impact**

Focus Area

Translating research into **actionable policy outcomes**

Importance

Bridges gap between **academia and governance**



Professional Background of Chandrakant Lahariya

Dimension	Details
Field	Public Health & Health Policy
Roles	Researcher, academician, medical professional
International Experience	Formerly associated with <u>World Health Organization</u>
Core Expertise	Universal health coverage, immunisation, health systems
Work Nature	Evidence-based policy design & implementation

Nature of His Research Impact

Area	Contribution
Health Policy	Influenced national & sub-national health strategies
Programme Design	Evidence-led improvements in public health delivery
Governance	Strengthened accountability & outcome-based planning
Society	Improved health outcomes beyond academic circles



France Bans Social Media for Children Under 15

Aspect	Details
Country	France
Issue	Ban on social media access for children below 15 years
Date in News	28 January 2026
Nature of Step	Legislative
Target Group	Users under 15 years of age
Key Concern	Screen addiction, mental health, algorithmic harm

Aspect	Details
Lower House	National Assembly
Voting Outcome	130 votes in favour, 21 against
Current Status	Sent to French Senate for approval
Implementation Timeline	From start of 2026 school year
Initial Coverage	New user accounts first



Dimension	Explanation
Mental Health	Rising anxiety, depression, attention disorders among minors
Screen Addiction	Excessive screen time linked to behavioural issues
Algorithmic Influence	Content amplification affecting child psychology
Public Debate	Growing concern across Europe
Digital Regulation Trend	Shift from self-regulation to state intervention



Country / Region	Approach
France	Full ban for under-15s
EU (General)	GDPR age of consent: 13–16 (state choice)
India	Advisory & parental consent model
USA	COPPA (under-13 protection)



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Alphabet: /'klæmənt/, /'kleɪmənt/





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