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U.P. tops in crimes against women, says NCRB report

Incidents of atrocities against Scheduled Castes jump from 5,082 to 5,775

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has released its report on crimes against women. The report shows a significant increase in crimes against Scheduled Castes in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The number of cases registered in 2018-19 increased from 5,082 to 5,775.

Infamous capital

Delhi had the highest number of crimes against women, followed by Mumbai and Kolkata.

National Crime Records Bureau

- Ministry of Home Affairs
- Releases 3 publications
  - Prison Statistics India
  - Crime in India
  - Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India

Crime in India - Report

- Statistics for crimes and offences, under various categories
  - Example:
    - Crimes against women, children, senior citizens
    - Crimes against / committed by foreigners

Part A—Preliminary Examination

Paper I - (200 marks)

- Current events of national and international importance
- Indian Polity and Governance-Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.

Part B—Main Examination

PAPER II

General Studies—I: Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society.

- Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.

PAPER III

General Studies—II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.

- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.

Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability

* Compiled and collated by NCRB

- Data obtained from
  - State/UT police
  - Central Law Enforcement Agencies
  - Central Armed Police Forces
  - Central Police Organisation

Report Findings

* Cognizable Crimes

- 'Arrest without Warrant' offences / crimes
- Crimes that are serious in nature
  - Murder
  - Dowry death
  - Rape
  - Kidnapping

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**Crime Against Women**

States with highest crimes:
- Uttar Pradesh
- Maharashtra
- West Bengal

*Crime Incidents registered under The Scheduled Castes & The Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989*

- Increase in no. of cases of atrocities against the scheduled castes
- Decrease in no. of cases against STs.

**Crime Data on False/Fake news and rumours**

- Madhya Pradesh
- Uttar Pradesh
- Kerala

States with highest crimes
DAC clears indigenous projects worth ₹3,300 cr.

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, which met on Monday, approved three projects worth ₹3,300 crore of "indigenously designed and developed equipment." These include third generation Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM) and Auxiliary Power Units (APUs) for the T-72 and T-90 tanks to be executed by the Indian industry.

"The third indigenous project pertains to discrete electronic warfare systems for the mountain and high altitude terrain, which would be designed and developed by the DRDO and manufactured by design cum production partner from the Indian industry," the ministry said.

Both these projects will be progressed under the 'Make-II' category, the statement said and added: "With this, for the first time the Ministry of Defence has offered complex military equipment to be designed, developed and manufactured by the Indian private industry."

Part A—Preliminary Examination

- Current events of national and international importance

Part B—Main Examination

PAPER-III

General Studies-II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.

- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

PAPER-IV


- Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology.

Acceptance of necessity

- Categorization of acquisition proposals
- Offset provisions
- Transfer of Technology
- Field trial evaluation

3 projects

1. 3rd generation Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM)
2. Auxiliary power units for T-72, T-90 tanks
3. Electronic warfare system for mountain and high altitude terrains

Role of Indian Industry
Many hydropower projects could face closure

Ecological flow/ Environmental flow/ e-flow

Notification of Centre in 2018

Environmental flow
- Allocation of water among multiple, competing users.
- Helps in integrated management of river flow
- Sustains ecosystem and dependent species

National Mission for Clean Ganga, under Environment Protection Act (EPA) - 1986
- Objective: Determine magnitude of ecological flow in Ganga and its tributaries

EPA 1986 (Section 3 and Section 5)
- Central govt - power to issue direction to any person/o f f i c e r / authority - shall comply
- Powers:
  - Direct closure, prohibition of industries
  - Stoppage / regulation - electricity, water etc.

2018: e-flow notification
- Minimum environmental flow in Ganga downstream diverting structures
**Central Water Commission**: authority to ascertain water flow → quarterly report

**Compliance**

- Initially 3 years period
- New notification: December, 2019

**Mandated Flow**

1. **Dry season**: November to March → 20%
2. **Lean Season**: October, April & May → 25%
3. **Monsoon season**: June to September → 30%

(1/3 of monthly average flow of the preceding 10 days)

**Minimum flow at few barrages**: Bhirimgoda, Bijnor, Narora & Kanpur

**Significance**

- Water hoarding by power producers → less flow
- Non-complying hydropower projects could face closure
- Good for ecosystem

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**Keywords**: Siachen, Kumar Post, Shyok river, Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu.

**Union Territory of Ladakh**: Kargil district, Leh district

**Siachen**: World's highest battle field

*Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu*

- India’s highest altitude all-weather permanent bridge
- On Shyok river (tributary of Indus river)
- UT of Ladakh

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**Part A—Preliminary Examination**

**Paper 1—(200 marks)**

- Current events of national and international importance
- Indian and World Geography: Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World

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**Siachen now open for tourism**

The Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu is at an altitude of 14,650 feet above mean sea level. The bridge linking the Siachen Glacier at Col. Mitho said, the bridge was opened for the first time on 6th May 2019.
China's growing influence at the United Nations

- China making use of US's absence in several multilateral forums, peacekeeping and is also influencing UNSC

- China's Influence in UNSC

  - UNSC:
    - One of the main organs of UN
    - 5 permanent + 10 non-permanent members
    - Permanent members -- China, France, U.K., USA and Russia

- Author:
  - China is aggressively seeking more positions in UN Secretariat as a permanent member of UNSC

- China is trying to reverse the role of disruptor; and seeking to use the UN platform to legitimise and spread its own ideology

- Ways and Means:
  - Increased monetary contributions
  - Projecting China as a “Champion of multilateralism”
  - Filling Chinese in various UN positions
  - UN Specialised Agencies
### UN Specialized Agencies

- Legally independent international organizations
- Own rules, membership, organs and financial resources
- Brought into relationship with UN through negotiated agreements
- Examples
  - Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)
  - UN Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)
  - International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)
  - International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- Increased participation in UN Peacekeeping forces by China

### China’s view on Human Rights

- Each country may choose its own human rights protection in the context of “national circumstances”
- UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
  - Inter-governmental body within UN system
  - Responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights
  - Responsible for addressing the situations of human rights violations and making recommendations
  - Replaced former United Nations Commission on Human Rights

### Previous Year Question – Mains 2017 (Reference only)

Q. What are the main functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)? Explain different functional commissions attached to it.

- 47 United Nations member states → members of UNHRC
- India - Member since Jan 1 2019
- USA left UNHRC as a member in 2018
- USA's absence in UNHRC has given a chance for China to dominate
- Dilutes the concept of universal values
- Promoting the views of Human Rights
- Promotion of Belt and Road Initiative by China
Peaceful but low polling in two States

Voter turnout dips to 65% in Haryana

Five Kerala constituencies see low turnout due to heavy rain

‘Total wealth in India touches $12.6 trillion’

‘Country now fifth globally in terms of number of ultra-high net-worth individuals’
Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Consider the following statements.

1. National Crime Records Bureau functions as a repository of information on crime and criminals so as to assist the investigators in linking crime to the perpetrators.


Which of the above statement/s is/are correct?

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2
Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the e-flow notification, 2018.

1. Ecological or Environmental flow is the minimum flow of water required for the efficient functioning of hydro-power projects.
2. The e-flow notification is applicable to all major rivers in India.
3. Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 enables the central government to prohibit or regulate any industry or stop any services for non-compliance to e-flow notification.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

a) 1 and 2
b) 3 only
c) 2 and 3
d) 1 and 3

Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Which of the following are specialized agencies of United Nations?

1. Food and Agricultural Organization
4. International Civil Aviation Organization

Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

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

Practice Question – Prelims

Q. Consider the following statements.

1. Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu is constructed by Border Roads Organization is on Shyok river.
2. Shyok river is the tributary of Indus.
3. Shaksgam Valley is in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

a) All the statements
b) All the statements except 3
c) All the statements except 2
d) None of the above