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Golden Triangle's menace increasing



CONTEXT: Myanmar replaces Afghanistan as key opium source, impact seen on India's eastern border: NCB

"Double-Front Narcotic Pincer"



Strategic Shift for India's North-East

BEYOND THE BORDERS: THE NORTHEAST DRUG MAP

Trafficking routes, Golden Triangle and key border entry points



Old Status "Peripheral Transit Zones"



Two Infiltration Corridors into India

1. **Manipur** = National Highway-102
2. **Mizoram** = Myanmar (Chin State) => Champhai (Mizoram) => Aizawl => Silchar

The Enablers:

1. **Highly porous, unfenced jungle terrain**
2. **Exploitation FRM**

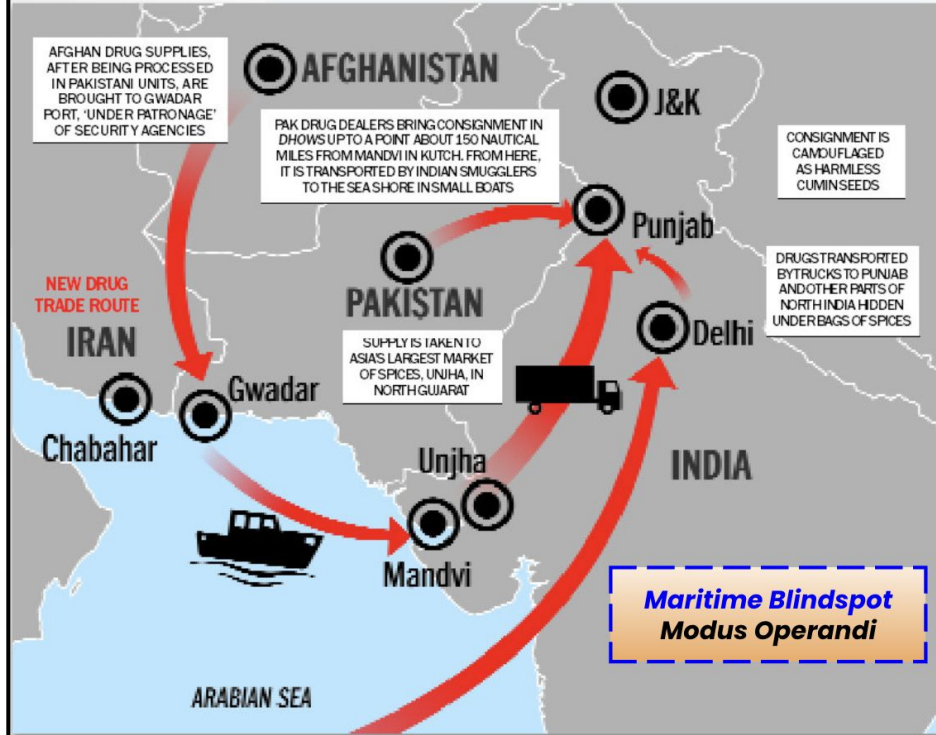


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Pakistan & The Golden Crescent



Despite the Taliban's 93% production cut, roughly **13,200 tonnes of pre-ban opium stockpiles** remain active, keeping the Pakistan-Iran trafficking pipelines fully fed.

Drone Incidents Detected

2021	3
2023	28
2024	178
2025	305

Maritime Blindspot Modus Operandi

Why is this an Internal Security Nightmare? !

Narco-Terrorism Feedback Loop

Youth Demographic

Asymmetric Strain on Forces

Hawala & Parallel Economy

China Factor

DRUGS THEY CONSUME

Drugs consumption by children (Below 18 years)



Source: Lok Sabha
Chart: Samrat Sharma, Mudita Singh



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The most critical steps India is taking include:

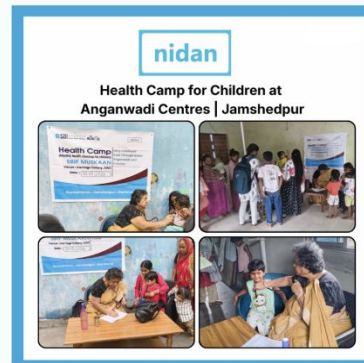
Multi-pronged "Zero Tolerance" strategy

- **NDPS Act**
- **Officially terminated the visa-free border crossing**
- **Physical and Smart Fencing: CIBMS**
- **AF + BSF + RPF**
- **Targeting Cartel Finances**
- **Advanced Tech: darknet + satellite + blockchain forensics + AI tools**

NCORD and NIDAN Portals

Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

Expanded Treatment Infrastructure



Citing Kwatka-based civil society organisations, Mr. Singh said almost 70% of the youth in the area were indulging in drugs. "The drug peddlers often allow users to purchase drugs on credit. This practice has made the drug users get easy access to drugs," he said.

Vision Document on Narcotics Control



Modi Government firm on curbing Drug Trafficking

Special focus on strengthening institutional frameworks

- Formation of NCORD
- Formation of Joint Coordination Committee (JCC)
- Reorganisation of NCB Cadre
- **Narcotics-related National Database**
- Preventing misuse of dual-use medications
- **Stringent investigation process for financial monitoring**

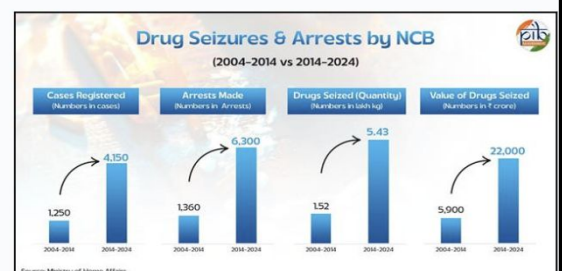


Mr. Shah. He said that the entire road map had been prepared on the foundation of "detect, disrupt and destroy", and urged the State governments to target drug traffickers and gangsters hiding abroad, through Red Corner Notices with the help of the Central Bureau of Investigation

Narco-Coordination Centre

- **Established in 2016/ MHA**
- **Apex Committee**
- **Executive Committee**
- **State Level**
- **District Level**

Annual Report 2026

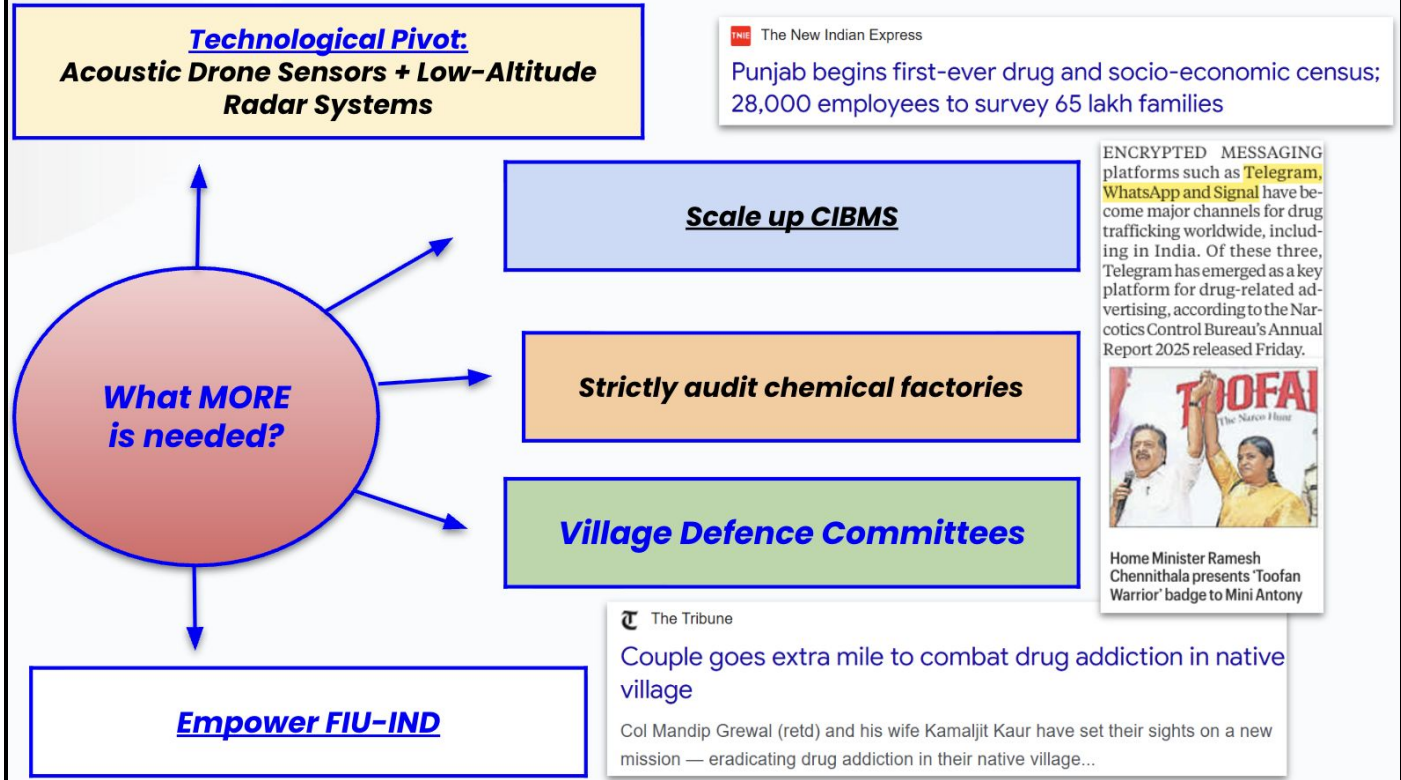


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The "Way Forward"



Mains Practise Question

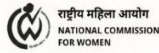
India is actively implementing a multi-pronged "Zero Tolerance" strategy led by the Ministry of Home Affairs to disrupt narco-terrorism and eradicate drug trafficking. Discuss the measures needed to check such nefarious acts.

(15 Marks, 250 words)



CONTEXT: Celebrating India's MSME Story.

Success stories



PM VISHWAKARMA TRANSFORMING LIVES

OF ARTISANS OF NAGALAND

Smt. Villi, a basket maker from Zunheboto, Nagaland, strengthened her livelihood through the PM Vishwakarma (PMV) Scheme by combining traditional craftsmanship with modern market opportunities.



HER JOURNEY OF EMPOWERMENT



Through skill training under PMV Scheme she upgraded her basket weaving skills



Learned new product designs using modern materials as per latest market trend.



After completing the training, she availed a ₹1 lakh loan under the scheme to purchase raw materials and expand her business.



Today, Smt. Villi earns nearly **₹15,000** per month with her income increasing by around **40%**

Her journey highlights how PMV is empowering traditional artisans through skill training, financial assistance, and better market access.

NCWIndia

Source: Ministry of msme

1 FROM IDEA TO WINNING PUBLIC TENDERS

The inspiring journey of Shri Balwant Lal Suman

A dream. The right support. A journey of transformation and impact.

Powered by NATIONAL SC-ST HUB
Safalta ki pehchaan

₹25 lakh subsidy in 2023
₹15.75 lakh RVNL tender
TO now: ₹4-5 crore

What Exactly Is an MSME?

India defines MSMEs using a **dual-criterion system** – investment in plant & machinery/equipment AND annual turnover.

	Investment Limit	Turnover Limit
Micro	Up to ₹2.5 crore	Up to ₹10 crore
Small	Up to ₹25 crore	Up to ₹100 crore
Medium	Up to ₹125 crore	Up to ₹500 crore

MSMEs have also created a total of

120 Million Jobs



generated across various industries in India.

Why MSMEs Matter More Than Their Name Suggests

Contribution to GDP	31.1%
Share of manufacturing output	35.4%
Share of total exports	48.58%
People employed	32.8 crore (ES2025-26)
Registered enterprises (Udyam + Udyam Assist)	8.7 crore (June 2026)
Rank as employer in India	2nd-largest, after agriculture



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Why MSMEs Matter More Than Their Name Suggests

~ Rs. 1/3 of everything India produces comes from an MSME

~ half of India sells abroad

More Indians work in this sector than the entire population of the United States, twice over

Labour-intensive clusters

Prevent uneven regional development.

They make up about

90%

of businesses globally and are responsible for over

50%

of the total global employment.

State	Udyam Registrations	Share
Maharashtra	1.01+ crore	~13%
Uttar Pradesh	86.3 lakh	~11%

Who Actually Owns These Businesses

SC/ST Entrepreneurs
Public procurement: ₹3,731 crore in 2024-25

Persons with Disabilities

Why MSMEs Matter More Than Their Name Suggests

Classification of women-owned MSMEs

Category	Registered	Unregistered	Total	Total versus all women-owned businesses (percent)	Total versus all MSMEs (percent)
Micro	274,059	2,655,318	2,929,377	97.62	9.40
Small	40,722	30,414	71,136	2.37	0.23
Medium	276	-	276	0.01	0.01
Total	315,057	2,685,732	3,000,789	100.00	10.25

Geographical distribution of women-owned MSMEs

Prevalence of women-owned businesses	State-wise Share (percent)	Number of states/union territories (#)	States/union territories	Combined share (percent)
High	>10.00	4	Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal	51.9
Medium	5.00-10.00	2	Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh	11.5
Low	2.00-4.99	7	Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Odisha	26.7
Very Low	<1.99	20	Rest of India	9.9



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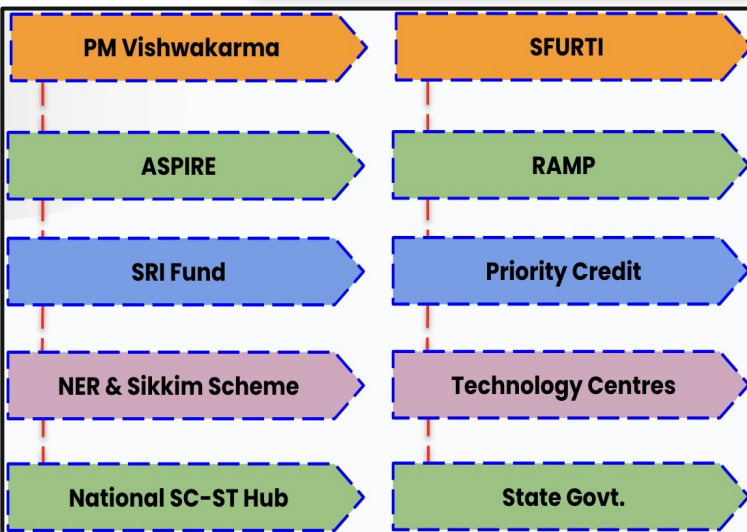
A Year of Transformation – 2025-26

What Actually Happened in 2025-26

<p>Udyam and Udyam Assist crossed 8.7 crore as of June 2026</p>	<p>25 Years of CGTMSE ₹5 crore to ₹10 crore</p>	<p>Sales of Khadi and Village Industries crossed ₹1.27 lakh crore</p>
<p>● Dispute Resolution</p>	<p>MSME Sambandh Portal 118 CPSEs = ₹31,443.32 crore in FY 2026-27, with 54.51% sourced from MSEs</p>	

Platform	Function	2025-26 Performance
MSME Samadhaan	Delayed payment dispute resolution	2,56,892 applications received, worth ₹55,244.29 crore ; 58,148 cases disposed by MSE Facilitation Councils
CHAMPIONS Portal	General grievance redressal	39,494 grievances received, 39,387 resolved – a 99.72% disposal rate
Online Dispute Resolution Portal	New tech-enabled mechanism	Newly launched to reduce incidence of delayed payments

The Scheme Ecosystem



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
भारत सरकार
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

UNION BUDGET 2026-27

Creating "Champion SMEs" & Supporting Micro Enterprises

- ✓ A dedicated **₹10,000 crore** SME Growth Fund
- ✓ Self-Reliant India Fund to be allocated with additional **₹2,000 crore**
- ✓ Government to facilitate Professional Institutions such as ICAI, ICSI, ICMAI to design short-term, modular courses and practical tools to develop a cadre of 'Corporate Mitras', especially in Tier-II and Tier-III towns.

Follow Ministry of MSME On



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Now, The Hard Truth

Why This Sector Hasn't Scaled the Way It Should

- **Problem 1 – The "Dwarfism Trap"**
- **Problem 2 – ₹20-30 L Cr Credit Gap:**
- Why Banks Won't Lend?**
(Expert Committee on MSME, chaired by U.K. Sinha)
- **Problem 3 – The Delayed Payment Crisis** (ES 2025-26 = ₹8.1 lakh crore; TReDS)
- **Problem 4 – The Digital Paradox**
- **Problem 5 – Raw Material Price**

Shocks

India remains a fringe player in GVC. India's impact remains modest, representing only 1.5% of global GVC exports or \$241 billion as of 2017, with the largest share, about 10%, heading to the United States.

WEST ASIA CRISIS: WHAT IT MEANS FOR INDIA

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SHORT-TERM IMPACT

Growth impact likely limited to FY27

India's long-term growth trajectory remains intact

Recovery expected once external shocks ease

HOW INDIA CAN REDUCE OIL SHOCK RISKS

Diversify Crude Imports | Source oil from a wider range of countries

Boost Domestic Production | Accelerate oil exploration and extraction

Expand Strategic Reserves | Build larger emergency crude stockpiles

Shift Beyond Oil | Speed up adoption of alternative energy sources

Strengthen Trade Connectivity | Develop and diversify trade and shipping routes

BOTTOM LINE

Reduce oil dependence

Strengthen energy security

Build long-term economic

Source: EY Economy Watch

MSME obstacles/challenges	India	South Asia	All countries
Biggest Obstacle	Access to Financial Sources (21.5%)	Political Instability (17.9%)	Access to Financial Sources (15.3%)
Gender Representation (enterprises having female ownership participation) (%)	3.9%	13.8%	32.9%
Annual Labour Productivity Growth (%)	-4.3%	-3.1%	-2.8%
Real annual sales growth (%)	-1.5%	0.8	0.7
Innovation and Technology (firms globally introduce new products or services) (%)	5.8%	24.9%	36%
Customs (number of days to clear direct exports and imports from customs)	Exports - 17.3 days Imports - 31.5 days	Exports - 12 days Imports - 7.4 days	Exports - 14.1 days Imports - 12.3 days

3. Skill Gap

Between 2014 and 2022, the number of skilled employees in medium, small, and large enterprises witnessed significant growth, with increases of 19.94%, 20%, and 12.72%, respectively, as reported in the World Bank Enterprise Survey data.



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What Should Come Next

1. Cash-Flow-Based Algorithmic Lending Sandbox

2. TReDS Securitisation

3. Plug-and-Play Digital Common Facility Hubs

4. Green Ribbon Credit Window

5. Corporate Mitras for Formalisation

What MORE is needed?

India Strengthens Global MSME Cooperation through BRICS

In June 2026, India hosted the First BRICS MSME Forum and the Third SME Working Group Meeting under its BRICS Chairship. Under the theme "Building MSME Ecosystems: Sustainable Roots to Global Routes," member countries shared best practices and policy initiatives for MSME development. Discussions focused on improving access to finance, technology adoption and sustainable growth for MSMEs.

The United Nations designated 27 June as Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day. The observance raises awareness of the significant contribution of MSMEs towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As key drivers of economic growth, MSMEs play a critical role in building resilient and inclusive economies. In recognition of this imperative, the theme for MSME Day 2026 is "Empowering MSMEs through Innovation and Sustainable Industrial Development."

Mains Practise Question

India's MSME story over the past decade has been a story of breadth. Do you agree? Comment.
(15 Marks, 250 words)

WORLD MSME DAY 2026:

5 IN 10 MSMEs CONTINUE TO FACE SUPPLIER MANAGEMENT, INVOICE COMPLIANCE, PRICE VOLATILITY AND CREDIT CHALLENGES; DIGITAL PROCUREMENT ADOPTION ACCELERATING



TRADITIONAL PROCUREMENT IS HOLDING BUSINESSES BACK



DIGITAL PROCUREMENT ADOPTION ACCELERATING



HOW MSMEs RATE VARIOUS B2B DIGITAL MARKETPLACES



• BUILT UNDER STATE GOVT'S ATAL E-LIBRARIES SCHEME, THESE FACILITIES STOCK BOOKS FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMS

Why Haryana's villages are turning libraries into gateways to govt jobs

Newspaper

The Indian Express

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Atal e-Libraries scheme

- Utilizing **Panchayati Raj** Institutions
- **Last-mile** educational infrastructure

Storyboard18

The story behind 5 million young library members in Karnataka

During the COVID-19 pandemic, IAS officer Uma Mahadevan Dasgupta transformed Karnataka's rural libraries into vibrant community learning...



The Indian Express

When anganwadi worker's son becomes IAS officer: How Thrissur Collector revamped the system that raised him

2017-batch Kerala cadre officer Arjun Pandian has been recognised by the government for his work to improve anganwadis in Thrissur.



The New Indian Express

Building a future from rubble: Jharkhand IAS officer transforms abandoned govt buildings into libraries

IAS officer Faiz Aq Ahmed Mumtaz has a unique task at hand — that of setting up rural libraries in remote villages of Jamtara so that the poor...



Newspaper

The Hindu

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Rajasthan families face boycott for not serving 'ghee malpua' at funeral

GS Paper 1 (Indian Society & Social Issues)

- **Mrityu Bhoj's economic burdens** on marginalized families
- **"Weaponization of social ties"**
- **Violation of Basic Rights**
- **Parallel "justice" systems**

GS Paper 4 (Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude)

- **Compassion vs. Custom**
- **Courage of Conviction**



Newspaper

The Hindu

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TTD to launch two services focused on children from July

Akshara Govindam (an educational initiation) and **Annaprasana** (first solid feeding) rituals for children at the **Sri Vakulamata Temple in Tirupati** starting July 3

- **Akshara Govindam Kit:** writing slate, chalk, turmeric, kumkum, sacred thread, and devotional books.
- **Annaprasana:** traditional first-solid-food ceremony

Newspaper

The Hindu

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Govt. eases Quality Control Order rules

Transition Facilitation Order 2026

- **Trust-based**, self-declaration model
- **Ease of Doing Business**
- Easing stringent **Quality Control Orders** for 5 years
- **Lowering immediate barriers for**
 - Toys, footwear, electronics
 - Atmanirbhar Bharat vision



What are the draft NFSA amendments?



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NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT (NFSA), 2013

Centrally sponsored scheme

67% = 75% rural + 50% urban



FOOD GRAINS BENEFITS

CENTRAL ISSUE PRICES (CIP):

- Rice: 3/kg
- Wheat: 2/kg
- Coarse-grains: 1/kg

MONTHLY ENTITLEMENTS:

- PHH: 5 kg/person
- AAY: 35 kg/family



LIFECYCLE SUPPORT

BENEFICIARIES:

- Pregnant women
- Lactating mothers
- Children (6 months - 14 years)

MATERNITY BENEFIT:

- Pregnant women and lactating mothers are entitled of not less than Rs. 6,000

Identification of Household

Targeted PDS = "Section 3"
@Central Issue Prices

Sugar subsidy to AAY

Joint responsibility

1. Online Grievance
2. Fortification
3. Automation
4. Aadhaar seeding



FOOD SECURITY ALLOWANCE

Compensation for non-supply of entitled food grains or meals



GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL

District and State level complaint resolution system



PENALTY PROVISIONS

State Food Commission enforced penalties for non-compliance



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Ration cards issued to eldest woman (18+ years) in household

The Proposed Structural Shift

Existing Framework (NFSA 2013)		Proposed Amendment (2026 Draft)
Allocation Basis	Household-centric 🏠	Individual-centric with a cap 👤
Quantum of Foodgrains	Flat 35 kg per month per household , regardless of family size.	7 kg per person per month , subject to a maximum ceiling of 35 kg per household .
Pricing Policy	Provided free of any charges to AAY cardholders.	Maintained free of any charges for AAY cardholders.

Government's Rationale

- Eliminating "Intra-Category Inequities"
- Very large AAY families ~ PHH
- "actual, individual physiological and nutritional requirements"



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Grievances & Objections Raised

! Critical Analysis

- **"North-South Divide" in Demographics**
- **Census Delay & Exclusion Errors** 👥
- **Demand for Holistic Nutrition** 🌾
 - **flat 14 kg pp + pulses, edible oil**
- **Poverty fight**

BENEFICIARIES BEING CONSIDERED FOR DELETION

KPI | No. of members to be deleted

Income Group | 17,085

Duplicate Beneficiaries | 1,512

Aadhaar Status (Deceased/Cancelled/Suspended/Inactive) | 1,685

Total | 20,282

Beneficiaries were not found residing at their mentioned addresses | 12,583

Grand total | 32,865

EXISTING BENEFICIARIES ENROLLED UNDER NFSA

Type of card	No. of ration cards	No. of members
Antyodaya Anna Yojana	283	927
Priority Household	82,579	341,062
Total	82,862	341,989

ONE-MONTH TIME TO SUBMIT PROOF

➤ After the latest survey, the Chandigarh Administration decided to give another chance to the beneficiaries who were found to be ineligible to submit their eligibility proofs

➤ The food and supply department is organising camps across the city for beneficiaries to submit their claims. After all these are processed, the administration will take a final decision as per the central govt directions, said a UT official



What is valid proof of Indian citizenship?



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Context & The Citizenship Debate

thewire.in

Indians Must Prove Their Citizenship in the SIR – But With What?

Judicial Jurisprudence on Citizenship

Judicial vs. Executive Conflict

- **Supreme Court View** (Bihar SIR Judgment)
- **Executive View** (MEA)
- **National "citizenship card" or certificate?**

Shabbir Hussain Case (1951)

Izhar Ahmad Khan Case (1962)

Abdul Khader Case (1960)

Razia Bergum Case (2008)

Foreigners' Tribunals

Constitutional & Legislative Framework

How can you become an Indian citizen?

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1 BY BIRTH

A person is an Indian citizen by birth.



2 BY DESCENT

A person is an Indian citizen by descent.



3 BY REGISTRATION

A person can become an Indian citizen by registering.



4 BY NATURALISATION

A foreign citizen can become an Indian citizen by naturalisation.



5 BY INCORPORATION OF TERRITORY

A person becomes an Indian citizen on the incorporation of territory into India.

5. Citizenship at the commencement of the Constitution

At the commencement of this Constitution every person who has his domicile in the territory of India and—

- who was born in the territory of India; or
- either of whose parents was born in the territory of India; or
- who has been ordinarily resident in the territory of India for not less than five years immediately preceding such commencement,

shall be a citizen of India.

Constitutional Origin

- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's View
- Article 5's *jus soli*
- Article 11
 - Citizenship Act, 1955



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Constitutional & Legislative Framework

Legislative amends

- 1986 Amendment
- 2003 Amendment
- 2019 Amendment

WHO IS AN INDIAN CITIZEN BY BIRTH UNDER THE LAW

Indian citizenship is governed by the Citizenship Act and related constitutional provisions.

- Any person born in India between January 26, 1950, and July 1, 1987, is considered an Indian citizen by birth.**
- A person born on or after July 1, 1987, is a citizen if at least one parent was an Indian citizen at the time of birth.**
- For those born on or after December 3, 2004, citizenship is granted only if both parents are Indian citizens, or one parent is an Indian citizen and the other is not an illegal migrant.**

What the rules state

Centre has implemented CAA, 4yrs after the law was passed, as it notified rules ahead of expected announcement of LS polls

THE 39-PAGE NOTIFICATION... of the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024

...STATES THAT AN APPLICANT WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT

- Form VIII, with affidavits verifying statements and character of applicant
- Declaration that they have adequate knowledge of a language specified in 8th schedule of Constitution
- Supporting papers like a passport, or identity document to show someone in lineage was a citizen of one of the three countries

APPLICANT MUST ALSO PROVE

- 1 They entered India before December 31, 2014
- 2 The applicant or either of his parents was a citizen of Independent India

WHAT IS THE 2019 ACT?

CAA made people from Hindu, Sikh, Jain Buddhist, Christian and Parsi faiths who entered India from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan eligible for citizenship

The Legal Perspective

Evidence Law & Identity Proofs

Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023

- **Forms of Evidence** [Section 2(1)(e)]
- **Subjectivity of "Proved"** [Section 2(1)(j)]
"subjective state of mind of the presiding judge" 🧠
- **High Bar of "Conclusive Proof"** [Section 2(1)(b)]: court shall not allow evidence to disprove it
 - Passports, Voter ID cards, or unique identity cards?

? **The Critical Institutional Anomalies**

Author's Recommendations

- "Law of Estoppel"
- Demarcation of **Target Demographics**
 - Illegal migrants
 - External passports
 - Born outside
- Restoring the **Presumption of Innocence/Status**

1. **Arbitrarily excluding identity cards**
2. **Police Verification vs. Final Status**
3. **"Citizen of the Republic of India"**



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About the UN Commission of Inquiry

UN News

Israel continues to commit genocide, atrocity crimes by deliberately targeting Palestinian children, UN independent commission finds

Israeli authorities and security forces have deliberately targeted Palestinian children, resulting in genocide and atrocity crimes in the...

3 days ago

Current Chair : Justice S Muralidhar

Documented Actions & Evidence of Intent

A. Targeting of Children & Infrastructure

- Sniper, Drone Fire
- Institutional Destruction
- Detention Violations

B. "Yellow Line" Violations

- **October 2025 ceasefire**

Official Name: UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel.



- Formed in May 2021
- **United Nations Human Rights Council** resolution
- **Mandate:** Investigations, annual reports

Why Genocide?

2 two pillars of int'l criminal law

1. **Article II of the UN Genocide Convention**
2. **Article 6 of the Rome Statute**

"Genocide is defined as specific acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group", as such:

1. **Killing** members of the targeted group. 
2. Causing **serious bodily or mental harm** to group members.
3. Deliberately inflicting **conditions of life** calculated to bring about the group's physical destruction in whole or in part. 
4. Imposing measures intended to **prevent births** within the group.
5. **Forcibly transferring children** of the group to another group.



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Gaza's Yellow Line: Where Genocide is Internationally Acceptable



The western part (around 42% of the Strip):

where over two million people are allowed to live. Even here, Palestinians face death from near-daily Israeli attacks, starvation, and disease, stripped of all necessities for survival.

It's deliberately vague and ever-shifting:

The Yellow Line changes daily; even Israel's maps do not match the concrete barriers on the ground. Yet it functions with deadly precision: Palestinians deemed to "cross" this invisible, moving line are killed, then blamed for breaking the ceasefire.

The ICJ confirmed:

"security" cannot justify acquiring territory by force or denying Palestinians their right to self-determination.

Why is it misleading?

Because Israel's "temporary" lines are never temporary. From the 1948 armistice Green Line, post-1967 "security border" plans, Camp David "autonomy" maps, Oslo "interim" accords, and the Clinton Parameters, to the West Bank "security fence," every line that began as provisional has ended in permanent dispossession.



Inside this area, responsibility for killing shifts to the victim, punished for returning to their own neighbourhood

The Yellow Line has already advanced 940 m beyond all published maps.

The eastern part (around 58% of the Strip):

a military blackout zone. To establish it, entire towns and neighbourhoods were destroyed and the population was forcibly displaced. Palestinians are prevented from returning, attempts to return are met with lethal force.

The dangerous reality: Inside the Yellow Line, killings, demolitions, expulsions, and permanent dispossession are treated not as crimes, but as part of the "implementation of the peace plan".

In 2024, the ICJ rejected Israel's "security" justification. It ruled that Israel's policies in the OPT are designed for indefinite control, creating irreversible facts on the ground that amount to annexation, and declared Israel's continued presence unlawful.



What 'makes' a genocide?

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Legal Implications for International Courts

"documentary and corroborating evidence"

- A. Impact on the ICJ**
"Palestinians have plausible rights"
 - **Legal experts** on "mental intent" proof
- B. Impact on the ICC**
 - Chain of Command

Differences between the ICJ and the ICC

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Criminal Court (ICC) are two courts with different functions within the international legal system.

	 ICJ International Court of Justice	 ICC International Criminal Court
Established	1945	2002
UN-relationship	Highest court of the UN	Not part of the UN
Location	The Hague, the Netherlands	The Hague, the Netherlands
Jurisdiction	UN member-states	Individuals
Types of cases	Legal disputes between states and requests for advisory opinions on legal questions	Prosecutes individuals for the most serious crimes as per the Rome Statute
Appeals	No	Yes
Enforcement power	None - relies on the UN Security Council to uphold judgements, with permanent members having veto power	None - relies on cooperation from member states to enforce its decisions

WION
 'Financial death penalty': ICC judges sue Trump over sanctions linked to Netanyahu warrant
 Three International Criminal Court judges have sued Donald Trump and his administration, arguing that sanctions imposed against them...
 2 days ago

Source: International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court | January 10, 2024 @AJLabs ALJAZEERA



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About National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization

NOTTO 

Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues (Amendment) Act, 2011

- **Directorate General of Health Services u/Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**
- **HQ @Safdarjung Hospital**

Two Operational Divisions

1. **National Human Organ and Tissue Removal and Storage Network**
2. **National Biomaterial Centre (National Tissue Bank)**

NOTTO (Apex National Level) → ROTTO (Regional Level — 5 centers across India managing 5-7 states each) → SOTTO (State Level Nodal Agencies). Organ India

Every Donation Counts

One donor can give 8 life-saving organs as well as tissue and corneas that can heal 75 lives with the potential of helping 125 patients.

ORGANS

Heart



Lungs



Liver



Pancreas



Intestines



Kidneys



TISSUE

Eyes/corneas

Restore sight and aid research

Ribs and costal cartilage

Facial reconstruction (jaw, nose, ears) often related to trauma

Heart valves

Repair congenital and acquired heart valve defects

Long bones

Limb salvage in cases of bone cancer (to avoid amputation) and repair of traumatic injuries

Veins

For bypass surgery and kidney dialysis shunts

Other bones

Create pins and screws to promote healing and eliminate the need to remove hardware; also used for spinal fusion spacers, joint replacement and bone regeneration

Tendons

Arthroscopic tendon and ligament repairs, especially in sports injuries

Skin

For burn victims; abdominal wall repair after hernia surgery; breast reconstruction after mastectomy; bladder and uterine suspension

Nerves

Can protect a recipient's damaged nerve during healing, repair severed nerves and restore injured nerves



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New Website Disclosure Mandate

A. What Hospitals Must Publish

Transplant centers (private and government) must publicly display standardized outcome ledgers for **Kidney, Lung, and Heart** surgeries tracking:

1. **Patient Survival Metrics** (6m, 1 yr, 3 yrs, and 5 yrs)
2. **Graft Failures Metrics**
3. **Lost-to-Follow-up Data**
4. **Homepage Rule**
5. **Section 13D of THOTA (1994)** (48 hours)
6. **Informed Consent Overhaul**

OVER 58,000 TRANSPLANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS

Year	Total transplants	Living donor transplants	Deceased donor transplants
2018	10,340	78.19%	21.81%
2019	12,666	83.72%	16.28%
2020	7,443	86.75%	13.25%
2021	12,259	86.78%	13.22%
2022	16,041	83.15%	16.85%



Highest number of living donor transplants*

Delhi	3,422
Tamil Nadu	1,690
Kerala	1,423
Maharashtra	1,222
West Bengal	1,059

Source: NOTTO

Highest number of deceased donor transplants*

Tamil Nadu	555
Telangana	524
Karnataka	478
Gujarat	398
Maharashtra	303

*In 2022

India's organ donation rate*

2012	0.16
2013	0.65
2018	0.65
2019	0.52

*per million population (PMP)

Countries that fare better

USA	Spain
41.6	40.8
Portugal	France
29.6	24.7
	UK
	19.8

About 3.17 lakh patients are waiting for a kidney, liver, heart, lung or pancreas transplant in India.

3.25% are likely to receive organ transplants.

Every 10 minutes, one person is added to the transplant waiting list.

20 people die each day waiting for an organ transplant.

290 deaths occur every day due to kidney failure.



Q1. Which of the following countries are part of the "Golden Crescent"?

1. Afghanistan
2. Myanmar
3. Pakistan
4. Laos
5. Iran

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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

Answer: d

Q2. With reference to the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, consider the following statements:

1. The Act legally entitled up to 75% of the rural population and 50% of the urban population to receive subsidised foodgrains.
2. The eldest woman of a household, who is 18 years of age or above, is designated as the head of the household for the purpose of issuing ration cards.
3. Under the Act, every eligible household is entitled to 35 kg of foodgrains per month, irrespective of its category.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

Answer: a

Q3. Consider the following statements with reference to Citizenship:

1. At present, no country in the world follows the jus soli citizenship system.
2. Currently, Indian nationality law follows the jus sanguinis system of citizenship instead of the jus soli system.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: b

Q4. The "Yellow Line", recently seen in the news, refers to:

- a) A new maritime boundary between Israel and Lebanon.
- b) The armistice line separating Israel from the West Bank.
- c) A demilitarised buffer zone separating Israel and Syria in the Golan Heights.
- d) A ceasefire zone marking Israeli troop withdrawal in Gaza.

Answer: d

Q5. With reference to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Criminal Court (ICC), consider the following statements:

1. The International Court of Justice adjudicates disputes between sovereign States, whereas the International Criminal Court prosecutes individuals for specified international crimes.
2. Both the ICJ and the ICC are principal organs of the United Nations.
3. Both the ICJ and the ICC are headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands.

How many of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Only One
- b) Only Two
- c) All Three
- d) None

Answer: b





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