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**CONTEXT:** During his ongoing visit to Seychelles, PM Modi met with the PM of Mauritius in Mahe.

## India-Mauritius Relations

### Why is Mauritius Important for India?

- **Strategic Location**
  - Close to major Sea Lines of Communication
  - Eg, Maritime traffic connecting Asia, Africa and Europe passes close to Mauritius.
  - It helps India tackle piracy, terrorism, trafficking, and illegal fishing.
- **Maritime Security**
  - Mauritius strengthens India's role as a Net Security Provider in the Indian Ocean.
  - Eg, India assists Mauritius through:
    - Coastal surveillance radar systems
    - Patrol vessels, Maritime aircraft
  - India has developed infrastructure on Mauritius' Agaléga island, set up coastal radar stations, and provided access to its naval Information Fusion Centre.

### INDIAN OCEAN & MAJOR ISLANDS







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- **Historical & Cultural Ties**
  - Nearly 70% of Mauritian citizens trace their ancestry to India.
  - Celebration of: Diwali, Holi, etc.
- **Gateway to Africa**
  - Mauritius serves as a bridge for Indian investments into Africa.
  - Eg, Many Indian companies use Mauritius as an investment and financial hub.
- **Indian Diaspora**
  - Indian-origin community occupies important positions in:
    - Politics, Administration
    - Business
  - This strengthens people-to-people diplomacy.
- **Countering Chinese Presence**
  - As China expands influence in the Indian Ocean through ports and infrastructure.
  - Mauritius remains one of India's most trusted maritime partners.



## PILLARS OF INDIA-MAURITIUS RELATIONS

<b>A</b> POLITICAL RELATIONS 		<b>EXAMPLE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Frequent high-level visits.</li> <li> Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.</li> </ul>
<b>B</b> ECONOMIC COOPERATION 	<b>AREAS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Trade</li> <li> Investment</li> <li> Financial services</li> </ul> 	<b>EXAMPLE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> India and Mauritius signed the <b>Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA)</b>—India's first trade agreement with an African nation.</li> </ul>
<b>C</b> DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP 	<b>India has funded:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Metro Express Project</li> <li> Supreme Court Building</li> <li> ENT Hospital</li> <li> Social Housing Projects</li> </ul> 	<b>EXAMPLE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> These showcase India's development-oriented diplomacy.</li> </ul>
<b>D</b> DEFENCE & SECURITY COOPERATION 	<b>India has supplied:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Patrol vessels</li> <li> Dornier aircraft</li> <li> Fast interceptor boats</li> </ul> 	<b>EXAMPLE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Joint exercises strengthen maritime security.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>E</b> DIGITAL COOPERATION</p>	<p><b>India supports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital Public Infrastructure</li> <li>Capacity building</li> <li>FinTech cooperation</li> </ul>	<p><b>EXAMPLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening digital transformation and financial inclusion in Mauritius.</li> </ul>
<p><b>F</b> SPACE COOPERATION</p>	<p><b>India assists Mauritius in:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satellite applications</li> <li>Remote sensing</li> <li>Disaster management</li> </ul>	<p><b>EXAMPLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancing national capabilities through space technology applications.</li> </ul>
<p><b>G</b> SAGAR VISION</p>	<p><b>India's Vision Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) focuses on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maritime cooperation</li> <li>Capacity building</li> <li>Disaster response</li> </ul>	<p><b>EXAMPLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mauritius is a major beneficiary.</li> </ul>
<p><b>H</b> BLUE ECONOMY</p>	<p><b>Cooperation in:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable fisheries</li> <li>Marine resources</li> <li>Ocean research</li> </ul>	<p><b>EXAMPLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting sustainable use of ocean resources for shared prosperity.</li> </ul>

## Challenges in Bilateral Relations

- Chinese Strategic Presence**
  - Growing Chinese investments in the Indian Ocean region.
- Tax Treaty Changes**
  - Revision of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) reduced Mauritius' importance as an investment route.
- Limited Bilateral Trade**
  - Trade volume remains below potential despite strong political ties.
- Competition in Indian Ocean**
  - Increasing geopolitical rivalry among:
    - India
    - China
    - Western powers



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## Government Initiatives to Strengthen Relations

- **CECPA**
  - India's first trade agreement with an African country.
- **SAGAR & MAHASAGAR**
  - (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions)
  - Regional maritime cooperation.
- **Mission Sagar**
  - Humanitarian assistance during disasters.
  - Since 2020.
- **ITEC Programme**
  - Training and capacity building.
- India also reaffirmed support for Mauritius's sovereignty over the **Chagos Archipelago**.
- **New Parliament Building**
  - India will construct a new Parliament building for Mauritius, which India described as a gift from the "Mother of Democracy".

## Way Forward

- **Expand Blue Economy Partnership**
  - Joint research on marine biodiversity and sustainable fisheries.
- **Deepen Maritime Cooperation**
  - Increase:
    - Naval exercises
    - Maritime domain awareness
    - Coastal surveillance
- **Strengthen Trade & Investment**
  - Promote startups and digital economy partnerships.
- **Enhance People-to-People Relations**
  - Expand educational exchanges and cultural diplomacy.



# India-Mauritius Relations



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- **Collaborate in Emerging Technologies**

- AI
- FinTech
- Digital Public Infrastructure
- Renewable energy

- The partnership reinforces India's **Neighbourhood First** and **Vision Mahasagar**, while advancing its role as a key maritime power in the Indo-Pacific.

## MAINS PRACTISE QUESTION

**Ques.** Mauritius occupies a pivotal place in India's maritime and Indo-Pacific strategy. Discuss.

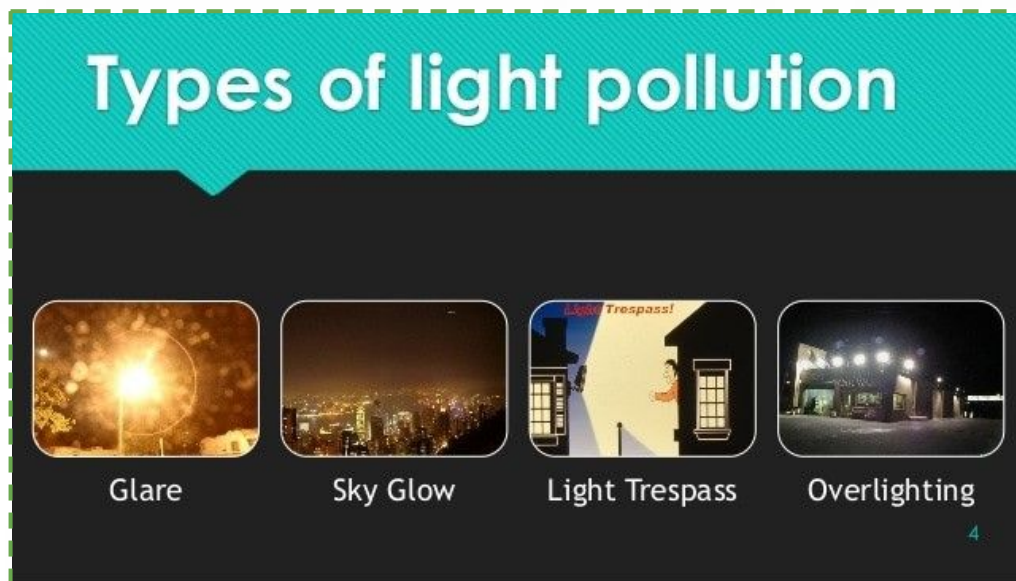
**(10 marks, 150 words)**



**CONTEXT:** A recent Indian Express editorial highlighted Hanle Dark Sky Reserve as a model for combating light pollution.

## What is Light Pollution:

- **Light Pollution refers to:**
  - Excessive, unnecessary, or poorly directed artificial light that alters the natural darkness of the night environment.



## Causes of Light Pollution

- **Rapid Urbanisation**
  - Expansion of metropolitan cities with continuous street lighting.
- **Decorative Lighting**
  - Excessive illumination during festivals, weddings, and commercial events.
- **Commercial Advertisements**
  - LED billboards operating throughout the night.
- **Smart City Infrastructure**
  - High-density street lighting without adaptive controls.
- **Poor Urban Planning**
  - Unshielded streetlights emitting light upwards instead of downward.



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## IMPACTS OF LIGHT POLLUTION

Excessive or unnecessary artificial lighting harms nature, human health, the environment and our resources.

- ### 1 IMPACT ON BIODIVERSITY

**EXAMPLES**

  - Sea turtle hatchlings become disoriented by artificial lights instead of moving toward the moonlit sea.
  - Migratory birds collide with illuminated buildings.
  - Artificial lighting disrupts pollination by nocturnal insects.
- ### 2 HUMAN HEALTH

**EXPLANATION**  
Artificial light suppresses melatonin production.

**EXAMPLES**  
Increased risk of:

  - Sleep disorders
  - Circadian rhythm disruption
  - Stress
- ### 3 ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH

**EXAMPLE**  
Bright skies reduce visibility for astronomical observatories.


- ### 4 ENERGY WASTAGE

**EXAMPLE**  
Excessive street lighting increases electricity consumption and carbon emissions.


- ### 5 CLIMATE CHANGE

**EXAMPLE**  
Unnecessary lighting increases electricity demand, leading to higher greenhouse gas emissions where fossil fuels remain part of the energy mix.


- ### 6 ECONOMIC COSTS

**EXAMPLE**  
Municipalities spend large amounts on lighting that is often unnecessary or inefficient.



 **BETTER LIGHTING TODAY FOR A BRIGHTER, HEALTHIER TOMORROW.**



**CONTEXT:** A recent Indian Express editorial highlighted Hanle Dark Sky Reserve as a model for combating light pollution.

## Government Initiatives to combat Light Pollution

- **Dark Sky Reserve Initiative**
  - Hanle Dark Sky Reserve (India's first Dark Sky Reserve).
  - Importance:
  - Astronomy, Astro-tourism
  - Biodiversity conservation
- **Smart Cities Mission**
  - Promote:
  - Energy-efficient lighting
  - Smart sensors
  - Adaptive streetlights
- **Energy Efficiency Measures**
  - LED streetlights under energy efficiency programmes can reduce energy use when combined with smart controls.
  - The UJALA (Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All) scheme.

## Best Practices & International Examples

- **France**
  - Shops required to switch off lights after business hours.
- **United States**
  - Dark Sky Parks certified by the International Dark-Sky Association.
- **Hanle (Ladakh)**
  - Protected dark skies promote astronomy while preserving ecological balance.



**1 INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY ASSOCIATION (IDA)**  
Promotes responsible outdoor lighting and certifies Dark Sky Parks and Reserves to protect natural night skies.

**2 GLOBE AT NIGHT CAMPAIGN**  
A global citizen-science initiative where people report visible stars to measure and monitor light pollution.

**3 WORLD ATLAS OF ARTIFICIAL NIGHT SKY BRIGHTNESS**  
Maps global night-sky brightness caused by artificial lighting, helping researchers assess light pollution.

**4 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF LIGHT (2015)**  
A UN initiative that promoted the importance of light in science and daily life and encouraged sustainable lighting practices.

**5 DARK SKY SCOTLAND PROJECT**  
Encourages better lighting practices while promoting dark-sky conservation and astro-tourism in Scotland.

**PROTECT THE NIGHT. PRESERVE OUR STARS. ✦**

## Global Initiatives to Reduce Light Pollution



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## Challenges for Light Pollution

- **Lack of Public Awareness**
  - Most people do not recognize excessive lighting as pollution.
- **Weak Urban Lighting Standards**
  - Limited regulation on brightness and direction of lighting.
- **Commercial Interests**
  - Advertising industries prefer brighter displays.
- **Balancing Safety and Sustainability**
  - Reducing excessive lighting without compromising road safety.

## Way Forward

- **Smart Lighting Systems**
  - Motion-sensor street lights.
- **Shielded Lighting**
  - Lights directed downward to minimize skyglow.
- **National Light Pollution Guidelines**
  - Establish standards for outdoor lighting.
- **Promote Dark Sky Reserves**
  - Develop similar reserves in:
    - Spiti
    - Thar Desert
    - Northeast Himalayas

- **Public Awareness**
  - Campaigns encouraging responsible lighting during festivals and events.
- **Integrate with Urban Planning**
  - Include light pollution assessments in Smart City and urban development projects.

## MAINS PRACTISE QUESTION

**Ques.** Light pollution has emerged as an overlooked environmental challenge in rapidly urbanising societies. Discuss its ecological, social, and economic impacts.

**(10 Marks, 150 words)**



Newspaper : The Hindu Page No : 07

## *How schools can tackle adolescent malnutrition*

### NFHS-6: (2023-24)

- **Obesity**
  - **Among Women** (15-49 yrs) risen from 24% to 31%
  - And among **Men** from 23% to 27%
- **High Blood Sugar Level**
  - **Among men (>15 yr) jumped from 16% to 21%.**
  - **And among women from 14% to 18%.**
- Schools must recognise that malnutrition is no longer only about thinness.
  - India is witnessing the '**thin-fat**' phenotype –children who appear lean yet carry dangerous metabolic risk.
  - 35% of children under five are stunted yet carry adult-level triglycerides, which is a metabolic time bomb associated with adult-onset diabetes and cardiovascular disease.
- A **2025 Lancet study** projected that 21.8 crore men and 23.1 crore women in India will be **overweight** by 2050.



**SYLLABUS : Prelims : Security**

**Newspaper : The Indian Express Page No : 01**

## Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs)

- Self-contained, agile and mission-oriented **combat formations** of the Indian Army.
- Objective:
  - Enable **rapid mobilization** and swift offensive/defensive operations.
- Developed By:
  - **Indian Army**
- Concept:
  - Reorganizes existing divisions into smaller, integrated combat units.
- **Composition:**
  - Infantry, Armoured units (tanks)
  - Artillery, Engineers
  - Air Defence, Signals
  - Logistics & Medical support

## What are Integrated Battle Groups?

▪ IBGs are brigade – sized, agile, self-sufficient combat formations

▪ Each of them is tailor-made based on Threat, Terrain & Task. Resources will be allotted based on the three T's

▪ They will be able to

mobilise within 12 – 48 hrs based on the location

▪ Concept of IBG pilot-tested by 9 Corps. They are reorganising based on the feedback and will be restructured by August end

▪ Army will approach Centre for sanction after that



**SYLLABUS : Prelims : Security**

**Newspaper : The Indian Express Page No : 01**

## Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs)

- **Key Features:**
  - High mobility, reduces mobilization time
  - Integrated command structure
  - Tailored for specific terrain and missions
  - Greater operational flexibility
- **Types:**
  - **Offensive IBGs** – Designed for quick offensive operations.
  - **Defensive IBGs** – Designed to hold ground and counter enemy attacks.
- **Deployment:**
  - Planned for both Western (Pakistan) and Northern (China) fronts.
- **Not a New Regiment:**
  - IBGs are organizational restructuring, not a separate arm or regiment of the Army.

## First IBG next month

23 Division — by September. However, this is now learnt to have been advanced to July 1.

The Indian Express had first reported in January this year that the long-drawn plans to create IBGs had gathered pace and may be implemented soon.

According to the existing plans, four IBGs and a fire support group will be created under the XVII MSC. Each of the five will be commanded by a Major General rank officer. Each IBG will comprise over 5,000 troops, with 12-13 units, and may have a Brigadier-rank officer as the Chief Operations Officer.

While the four IBGs will be created from the two divisions of the XVII MSC, the fire support group comprising artillery platoons will likely operate directly under the corps headquarters. The newly created Divyastra batteries of the Army could be placed under this group.

Each IBG will have battalions of infantry, artillery regiments, as well as elements of the Corps of Electronics and Mech-

anical Engineers (EME), Combat Engineers, Army Service Corps, and a field hospital or others.

The creation of the IBGs is part of a larger restructuring plan of the Army, which includes the creation of Bhairav battalions, Rudra brigades, Divyastra batteries and Shaktibaan units. The Rudra brigades, commanded by a Brigadier, will also have multiple elements, but will be dependent on the division for more support. IBGs will be larger in size and more self-contained and independent in nature.

These will be the first IBGs of the Army -- a move proposed in one of the four studies initiated by then Army Chief General Bipin Rawat on the restructuring of the Army. The plans to establish IBGs have been under discussion for about seven years now. These plans of capability development are premised on capacity, and not a threat-based model.

The IBGs would be capable of carrying out both offensive

and defensive roles against an adversary's attack.

The concept was test-bedded at the IX Corps on the western border with Pakistan around 2019, but remains to be implemented. The IBG concept was also experimented with multiple exercises conducted in the eastern theatre, including Exercise HimVijay in 2019.

The IBGs can be rapidly deployed in the mountainous areas, thus reducing the time for an entire corps to mobilise. A corps comprises up to a lakh troops and takes a longer time to get deployed.

Sources had earlier indicated that the strength of an IBG lies in its swift application and flexible nature, and its creation would ensure better cohesiveness for various combined arms operations. Once established, they can also be deployed under specific theatre commands.

Over the last decade, China, too, has transitioned from older divisions to smaller, more versatile Combined Arms Brigades (CABs), integrated with tanks, artillery, air defence and support units, designed for joint operations.

## Exam Traps

- IBGs are part of the Indian Air Force → WRONG
- IBGs replace the Corps system completely → WRONG
- IBGs consist only of infantry units → WRONG
- IBGs are a new paramilitary force → WRONG
- IBGs are raised only for UN Peacekeeping Missions → WRONG



**SYLLABUS : Prelims : History**

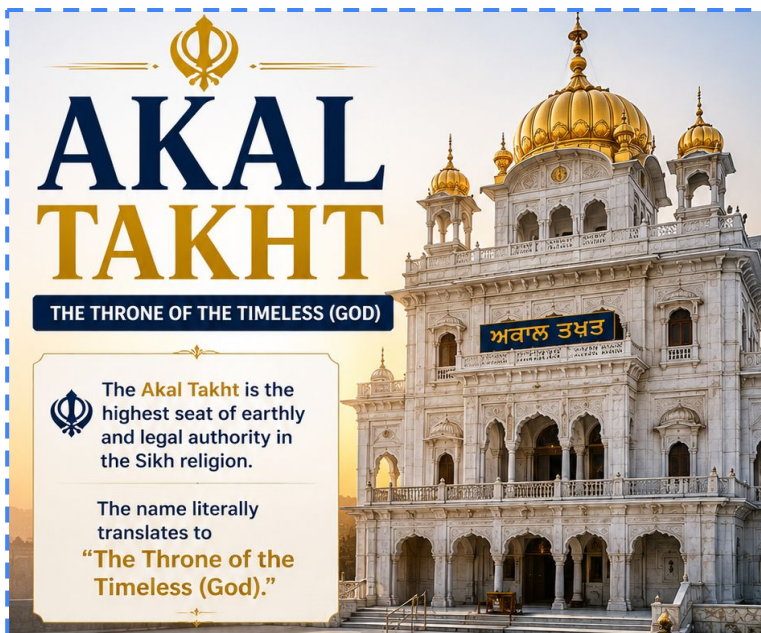
**Newspaper : The Indian Express Page No : 8**

## Akal Takht

- "Throne of the Timeless One (God)"; **highest temporal (worldly) seat of Sikhs.**
- Location:
  - Inside the Golden Temple complex, Amritsar, facing the Harmandir Sahib.
- Established By:
  - **Guru Hargobind in 1606** (6th guru)
  - In response to the execution of his father, Guru Arjan Dev (5th Guru of the Sikhs)
  - Its altitude surpasses that of the Mughal throne balcony in Delhi's Red Fort, symbolizing defiance against Mughal rule and asserting Sikh sovereignty.
- **Functions:**
  - Issues Hukamnamas (religious edicts)
  - Decides matters concerning the Sikh community (Panth)

## Akal Takht

- **Concept:**
  - Symbolizes the Sikh doctrine of **Miri-Piri** (temporal and spiritual authority).
  - Miri = Temporal (Political/Justice)
  - Piri = Spiritual (Religion/Prayer)
- **Five Takhts of Sikhism:**
  - Akal Takht (Punjab)
  - Takht Sri Keshgarh Sahib (Punjab)
  - Takht Sri Damdama Sahib (Punjab)
  - Takht Sri Patna Sahib (Bihar)
  - Takht Sri Hazur Sahib (Maharashtra)
- Important Distinction:
  - **Golden Temple (Harmandir Sahib)** → Spiritual authority.
  - **Akal Takht** → Temporal authority.



### WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?



#### 1. JUSTICE

It serves as a court where community issues and religious disputes are settled.



#### 2. GUIDANCE

Leaders issue orders, called **Hukamnamas**, to guide Sikhs worldwide on moral and social issues.



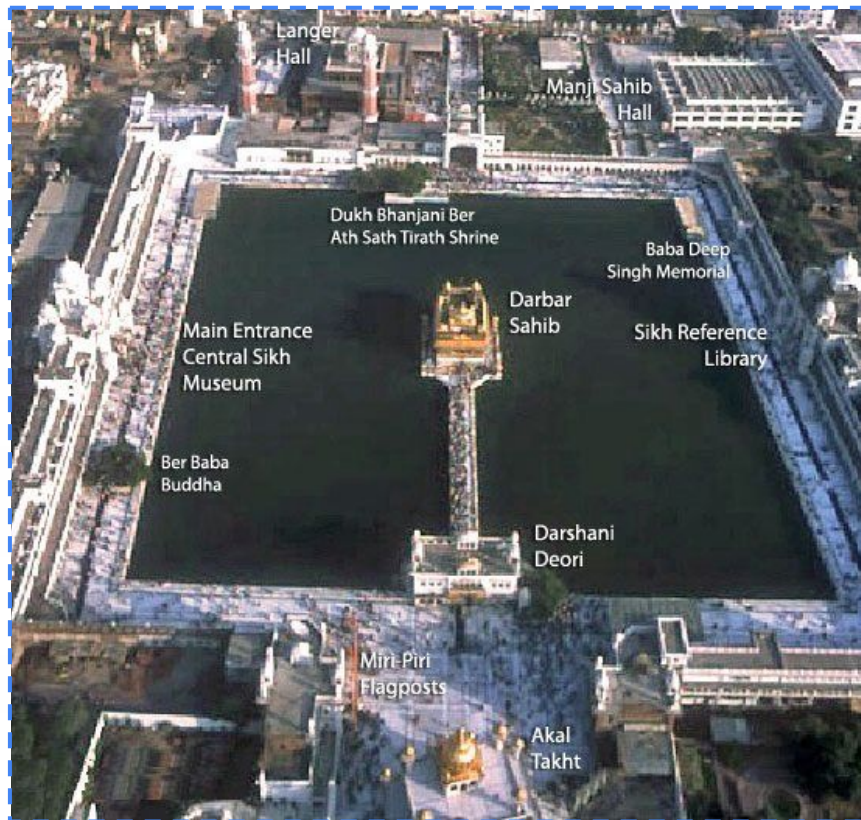
#### 3. SOVEREIGNTY

It symbolises that the Sikh community is spiritually and politically independent.



**SYLLABUS : Prelims : History**

**Newspaper : The Indian Express Page No : 8**



## Exam Traps

- Akal Takht was established by Guru Nanak → WRONG
- Akal Takht is located in Anandpur Sahib → WRONG
- Akal Takht represents only spiritual authority → WRONG
- Hukamnamas are issued from the Golden Temple sanctum → WRONG
- There are six Takhts in Sikhism → WRONG



**SYLLABUS : Prelims : Health**

**Newspaper : The Hindu Page No : 12**

## Anemia Mukh Bharat (AMB) Abhiyaan

- Launch Year: **2018**
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Launched Under:
  - POSHAN Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mis.)
- Target & Objective:
  - Reduce anaemia prevalence by **3% points per year**, across all age groups through a life-cycle approach.
- Target Beneficiaries (6 Groups):
  - Children (6–59 months)
  - Children (5–9 years)
  - Adolescents (10–19 years)
  - Women of Reproductive Age (15–49 years)
  - Pregnant Women
  - Lactating Mothers

## Anaemia

Common **blood disorder** characterised by a **reduction in number of red blood cells (RBCs)** or **decrease in the amount of haemoglobin in the blood.**

### Causes



**Iron** (essential for RBC production) **Deficiency**



**Lack of vitamin B12**



**Chronic diseases** affecting RBC production



Excessive blood loss



**Inherited RBC disorders**

### Impact

Fatigue, poor focus, irritability; severe cases may cause heart issues, organ damage, or death



**SYLLABUS : Prelims : Health**


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## **Anemia Mukh Bharat (AMB) Abhiyaan:**

- **Strategy:**
  - Based on the 6×6×6 Strategy (6 interventions, 6 target beneficiaries, 6 institutional mechanisms).
- **Key Interventions:**
  - Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation
  - Deworming
  - Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)
  - Testing and treatment of anaemia
  - Food fortification
  - Addressing non-nutritional causes (e.g., malaria, haemoglobinopathies)
- **Latest Data (NFHS-5):**
  - Anaemia remains highly prevalent among children, women and pregnant women, highlighting the need for continued interventions.

The Anemia Mukh Bharat (AMB) Abhiyaan was originally launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) . The updated and expanded **Anemia Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan** operational guidelines were officially released on **June 29, 2026**

 National Health Mission +2

The program transitioned from its initial strategy into a more comprehensive, people-centric, and technology-enabled initiative . Key details include:  PIB

- **New Framework:** The guidelines expand the older 6x6x6 strategy into a **7x7x7 framework**, introducing a seventh beneficiary group, a seventh intervention, and a seventh institutional mechanism .
- **New Approach:** The Abhiyaan transitions from the T3 approach (*Test, Treat, Talk*) to the **T4 approach** (*Test, Treat, Talk and Track*) .
- **Dietary Focus:** The "Eating Right" approach was introduced as the seventh intervention to promote iron-rich, diversified diets .  PIB +2

## **Exam Traps**

- Launched in 2015 → WRONG
- Implemented by Ministry of Women & Child Development alone → WRONG
- Targets only pregnant women → WRONG
- Aims to eliminate anaemia in one year → WRONG
- Includes only iron supplementation → WRONG



**SYLLABUS : Prelims :** Places in News  
**Newspaper :** The Hindu **Page No :** 12

## Kailash Mansarovar Yatra:

- Sacred pilgrimage to **Mount Kailash** and **Lake Mansarovar in Tibet**.
- Organised by:
  - Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)
- **Religious Significance:**
  - Hindus: Abode of Lord Shiva
  - Buddhists: Associated with Mount Meru and Buddha Demchok
  - Jains: Place where the first Tirthankara, Rishabhadeva, attained Nirvana
  - Bon: Sacred mountain in Bon tradition
- Official Routes (India):
  - **Lipulekh Pass (Uttarakhand)**
  - **Nathu La Pass (Sikkim)**
- Selection Process:
  - Computer-generated draw of lots (lottery) by MEA.



## Kailash Mansarovar Yatra (KMY)

- Recent Development:
  - **Resumed in 2025** after a five-year suspension due to COVID-19 and India-China border tensions.
- Geographical Importance:
  - Mount Kailash is near the sources of the Indus, Sutlej, Brahmaputra (Yarlung Tsangpo) and Karnali (Ghaghara) river systems.
- **Altitude:**
  - Mount Kailash: 6,638 m
  - Lake Mansarovar: ~4,590 m
- Nature of Yatra:
  - High-altitude pilgrimage requiring acclimatization and medical clearance.



# Kailash mansarovar yatra



**SYLLABUS : Prelims :** Places in News  
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## Exam Traps

- Kailash Mansarovar lies in Nepal → WRONG
- Yatra is organized by the Ministry of Tourism → WRONG
- Official Indian route is only through Lipulekh Pass → WRONG
- Mount Kailash is climbed by pilgrims → WRONG (Climbing is prohibited.)
- The pilgrimage is sacred only to Hindus → WRONG



**Q1. With reference to Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs), consider the following statements:**

1. IBGs are part of the Indian Air Force.
2. IBGs are designed as self-contained, agile fighting formations.
3. IBGs are intended to enable faster mobilization during military operations.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

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

**Answer: a**

**Q2. With reference to the Akal Takht, consider the following statements:**

1. It was established by the sixth Sikh Guru, Guru Hargobind.
2. It is located within the Golden Temple complex at Amritsar.
3. It represents only the spiritual authority of the Sikh community.

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

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

**Answer: b**

**Q3. With reference to the Anemia Mukht Bharat (AMB) Abhiyaan, consider the following statements:**

1. It was launched in 2018 to reduce the prevalence of anaemia across different age groups.
2. It is implemented solely by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

3. The strategy of the programme is based on the 6×6×6 framework, comprising six interventions, six target beneficiaries, and six institutional mechanisms.

**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: c**

**Q4. With reference to the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, consider the following statements:**

1. The Yatra is organized by the Ministry of External Affairs.
2. The official Indian route for the Yatra is only through the Lipulekh Pass.

**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: a**

**Q5. Consider the following island countries in the Indian Ocean:**

1. Maldives
2. Mauritius
3. Seychelles

**What is the correct order of the above countries from north to south?**

- a) 1 – 2 – 3
- b) 3 – 1 – 2
- c) 1 – 3 – 2
- d) 2 – 3 – 1

**Answer: c**





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