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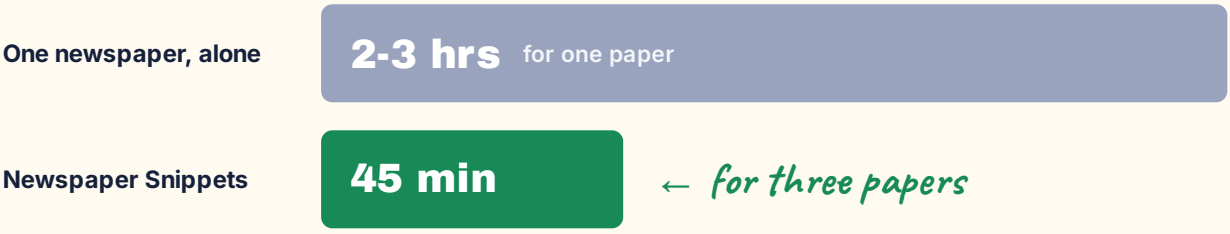


45 min	19+	22	3 free
A DAY	PRELIMS 2026 HITS	MAINS QUESTIONS	DAYS TO TRY

THE GUILTY PILE IN EVERY ASPIRANT'S ROOM

Two hours a day is 700 hours a year. Most of it goes in searching.

Every senior, every topper talk, every strategy video says the same thing: **read the newspaper**. Nobody tells you how, in the middle of a day already full of optional, tests and a revision plan that is slipping. So most aspirants live in one of **two failure modes**: two hours daily on one paper with **nothing retained**, or a pile of newspapers, folded once and **never opened**.



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The real work is finding

Most of the time goes into finding the **eight articles that matter** among the **eighty that do not**. That is not laziness. It is **arithmetic**.

Done

We do the finding

We read **The Hindu, Indian Express and PIB**, cut out what UPSC can ask, and **highlight it down to the line**. You start where your thinking begins.

Original

Not a summary

You read the **real article**, not someone's rewriting of it. The language, the data and the argument stay **exactly as printed**.

> *The rankers did not read more than you. They read less, and better.*
>
> They spent the hour they won on the fifty words that go into the answer. What does not count is the folded paper on the chair.

THE REAL ARTICLE, NOT A SUMMARY

Two colours, two jobs.

Yellow: Prelims fact. If it cannot become an MCQ option, it does not get yellow.

Green: Mains material. The causal sentence you carry into an answer.

Blue underline: a definition worth memorising.

1 THE HINDU · PAGE 1 GS3 · ENVIRONMENT

Delhi announces vehicle curbs, construction bans, 50% WFH to tackle winter pollution

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

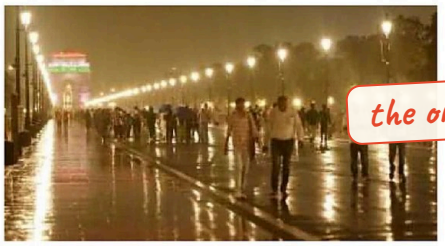
With the southwest monsoon on the wane and the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) bracing for a spike in winter pollution, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav chaired a meeting on Monday to formalise a permanent institutional "action plan" approach to addressing the issue.

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa, and senior officials of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas attended the meeting.

Officials announced that Delhi will restrict the entry of vehicles registered outside the national capital that do not meet BS-VI emission standards from November 1 while government and private offices will be required to have 50% of their staff work from home during the winter season.

The 'No PUCC (Pollution Under Control Certificate), No Fuel' campaign - where vehicles without a pollution certificate will be denied fuel - will cover all 500 fuel stations equipped with authorised number plate registration.

The restrictions will remain in force from November 1 to January 31.



Clean-air rules: The restrictions will remain in force in the national capital from November 1 to January 31. PTI

Staggered timings

Parking charges at authorised parking sites will be doubled, except at facilities owned and managed by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, while office timings will be staggered. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi's offices will operate from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., according to the press briefing.

The plan provides for a ban on construction and demolition activity from December 10 to January 20. Dust-generating demolition and outdoor civil construction will be banned from November 1 to January 31. Cement-concrete works are targeted for completion by October 31 and bitumen works by November 15. Industrial enforcement will be strengthened through an AI-enabled command-and-control centre, it stated.

(With inputs from Nikhil M. Babu)

the original Hindu cutting

take-aways under every cutting

WHY IT MATTERS

- The measures, in one list: **BS-VI entry restriction** on outside-registered vehicles, **50% work from home** in government and private offices, **'No PUCC, No Fuel'** at all **500** fuel stations, **parking charges doubled** (except Delhi Metro facilities) and **staggered office timings**.
- The construction calendar is the part answers miss: a **blanket ban from 10 December to 20 January**, dust-generating demolition and outdoor civil work banned **1 November to 31 January**, cement-concrete work to finish by **31 October** and bitumen work by **15 November**.

MAINS ANGLE

Delhi's winter air management has moved from emergency response to a standing calendar. Examine whether that is a governance advance or an admission of failure.

SYLLABUS

GS3 · Environment

STATIC TO ATTACH

- CAQM Act, 2021 and the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas; GRAP; National Clean Air Programme; BS-VI norms; PUCC under the Motor Vehicles Act.

Likely trap. This is a **permanent institutional action plan**, not GRAP. GRAP is triggered by AQI thresholds; these curbs run on **fixed dates** regardless of the reading.

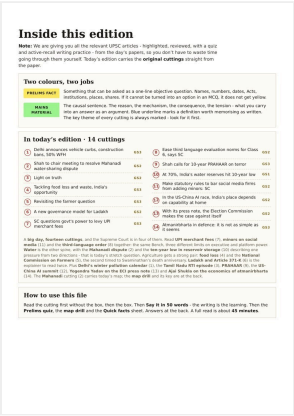
the trap, flagged

Every cutting carries its take-aways: **why it matters**, the **Mains angle**, the **syllabus tag**, the **static to attach** and the **likely trap**. This one is from **page 1 of The Hindu**.

READ, THEN RECALL, THEN WRITE

Everything in one day's file.

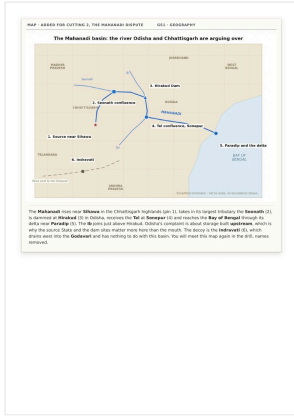
These are pages from an **actual edition**: that day, **14 cuttings** in one file, finishable in about **45 minutes**. Reading alone does not stay, so the file ends with the **recall** and the **writing**.



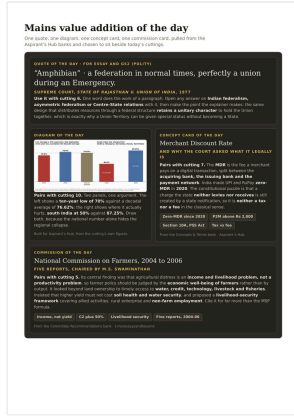
1 Inside this edition
Every cutting listed, with its GS paper.



2 The cuttings
Original, highlighted, with take-aways.



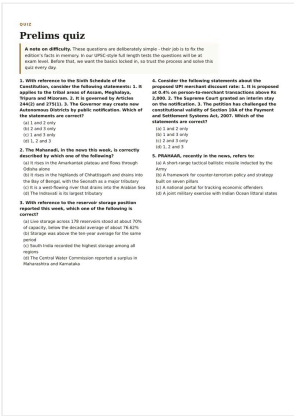
3 Maps
The place behind the news, marked.



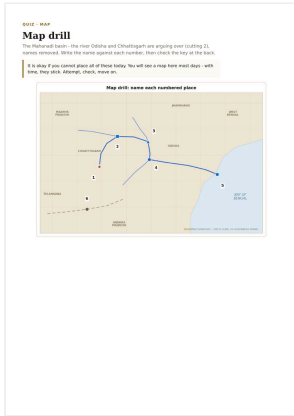
4 Mains value addition
A quote, a diagram, a concept card, a commission.



5 Say it in 50 words
Active-recall writing, with model answers.



6 Prelims quiz
The day's facts, locked in.



7 Map drill
Names removed. Place them yourself.



8 Quick facts
Everything worth carrying forward.

No fixed count

Some days 5 cuttings, some days 20. **Every relevant article**, with extra weight on **editorials** that teach you to think.

45 to 60 min

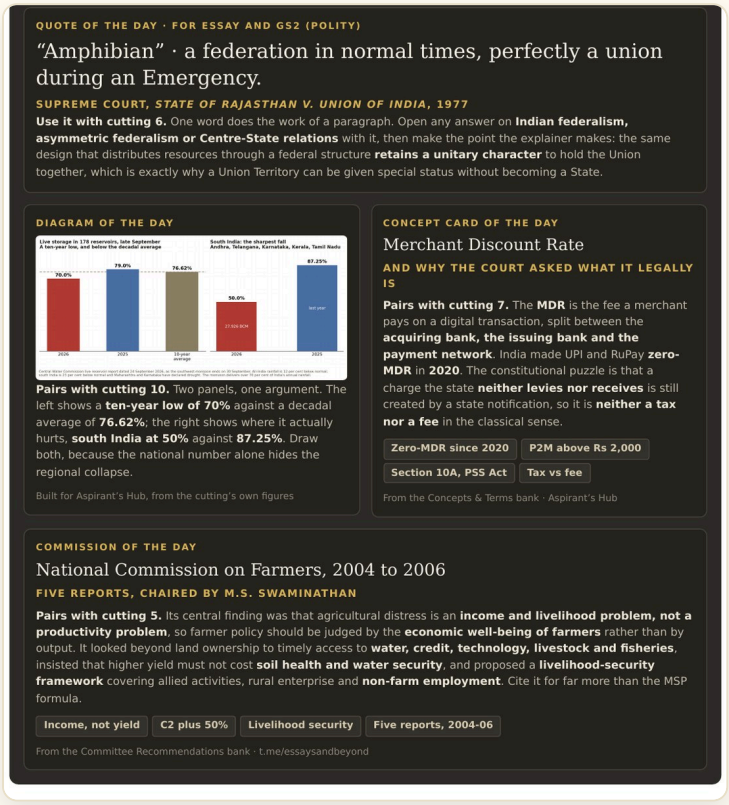
Built to be **finished in one sitting**. On heavy days we trim the extras, **never the articles**.

Hindi & English

The Hindi edition is **fully translated**, with the same highlights and key English terms kept in brackets.

EVERY DAY, AFTER THE CUTTINGS

Read it. Then make it yours.



MAINS

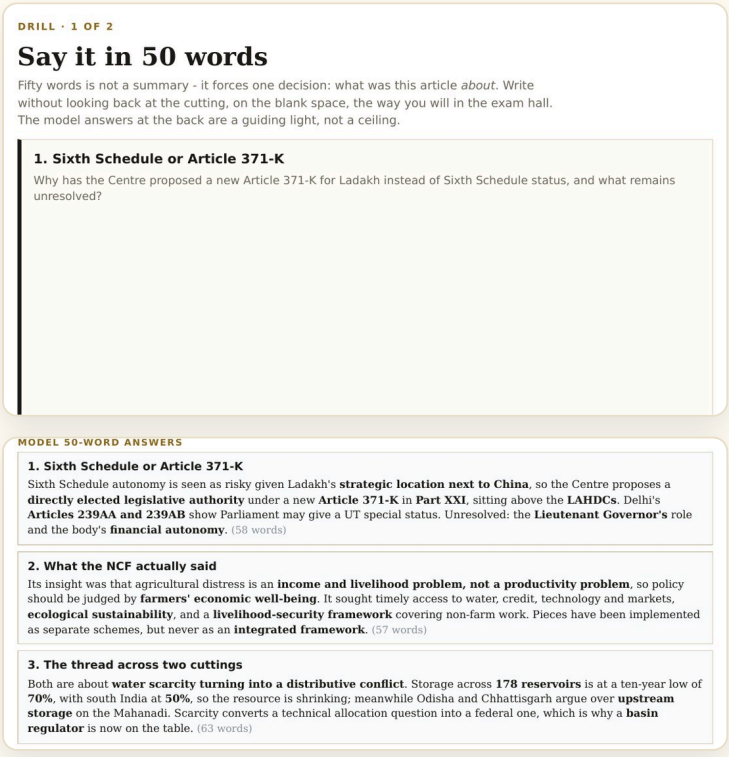
Mains value addition of the day

Four ready-to-use pieces, each **paired with a cutting** so you know exactly where it goes:

- **Quote** of the day, for Essay and GS
- **Diagram** of the day, built from the cutting's own data
- **Concept card**, the term explained properly
- **Commission / committee** of the day

WHY IT MATTERS

The examiner reads two hundred answers on the same topic. **One fresh quote, one diagram, one committee** is what makes yours the one that stands out.



WRITING

Say it in 50 words

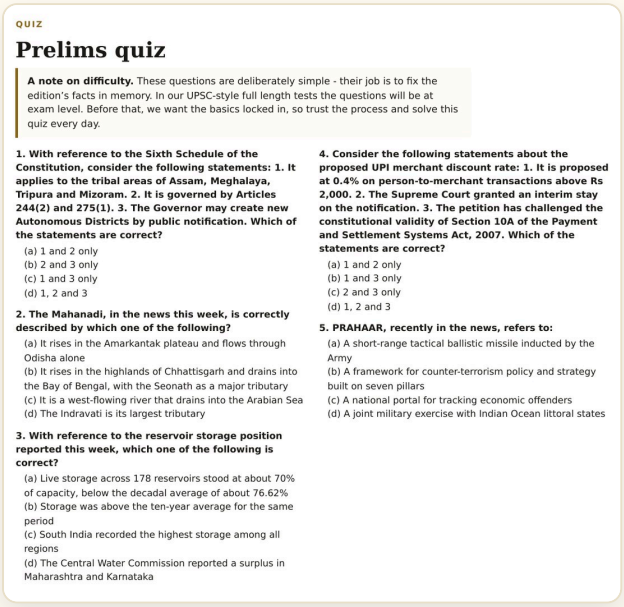
Two-part questions in **plain UPSC phrasing**, plus a **stretch question** that makes you hold two cuttings together. **Model answers** are at the back of the file.

WHY IT MATTERS

Fifty words is not a summary; it forces **one decision**: what was this article about? Reading feels like learning. **Writing proves it.** The model answers are a guiding light, not a ceiling.

RECALL, PLACE, REVISE

Then lock it in.



QUIZ

Prelims quiz

A note on difficulty. These questions are deliberately simple - their job is to fix the edition's facts in memory. In our UPSC-style full length tests the questions will be at exam level. Before that, we want the basics locked in, so trust the process and solve this quiz every day.

1. With reference to the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, consider the following statements: 1. It applies to the tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram. 2. It is governed by Articles 244(2) and 275(1). 3. The Governor may create new Autonomous Districts by public notification. Which of the statements are correct?

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

2. The Mahanadi, in the news this week, is correctly described by which one of the following?

(a) It rises in the Amarkantak plateau and flows through Odisha alone
(b) It rises in the highlands of Chhattisgarh and drains into the Bay of Bengal, with the Seonath as a major tributary
(c) It is a west-flowing river that drains into the Arabian Sea
(d) The Indravati is its largest tributary

3. With reference to the reservoir storage position reported this week, which one of the following is correct?

(a) Live storage across 178 reservoirs stood at about 70% of capacity, below the decadal average of about 76.62%
(b) Storage was above the ten-year average for the same period
(c) South India recorded the highest storage among all regions
(d) The Central Water Commission reported a surplus in Maharashtra and Karnataka

4. Consider the following statements about the proposed UPI merchant discount rate: 1. It is proposed at 0.4% on person-to-merchant transactions above Rs 2,000. 2. The Supreme Court granted an interim stay on the notification. 3. The petition has challenged the constitutional validity of Section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007. Which of the statements are correct?

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

5. PRAHAAR, recently in the news, refers to:

(a) A short-range tactical ballistic missile inducted by the Army
(b) A framework for counter-terrorism policy and strategy built on seven pillars
(c) A national portal for tracking economic offenders
(d) A joint military exercise with Indian Ocean littoral states

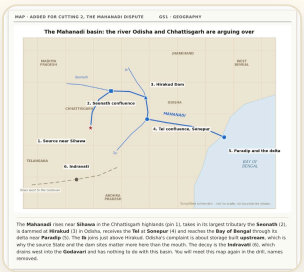
PRELIMS

Prelims quiz

5 questions on the day's most important facts, with **answers and explanations** at the back. Every quiz fact is **highlighted in its cutting**, so you can check where it came from.

WHY IT MATTERS

A fact you **answered once** stays longer than a fact you read twice. The quiz is deliberately simple: first the **basics locked in**, then exam-level difficulty.



The Mahanadi basin: the river Odisha and Chhattisgarh are arguing over



Map drill

Map drill: name each numbered place

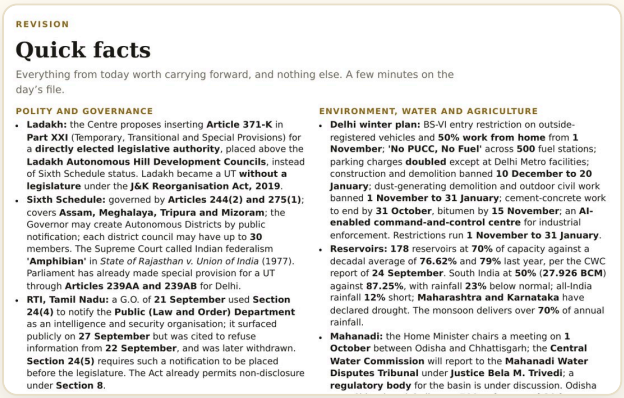
MAPS

Maps and map drill

The place behind the news, **marked and explained** beside the cutting. Later in the file, the **same map returns with the names removed**, and you place them yourself.

WHY IT MATTERS

UPSC asks **places every year**, and a place you located yourself is one you remember. It is okay not to place all of them yet; **with daily exposure they stick**.



REVISION

Quick facts

Everything from today worth carrying forward, and nothing else. A few minutes on the day's file.

POLITY AND GOVERNANCE

- **Ladakh:** the Centre proposes inserting **Article 371-K** in **Part XXI** (Temporary, Transitional and Special Provisions) for a **directly elected legislative authority**, placed above the **Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils**, instead of Sixth Schedule status. Ladakh became a UT **without a legislature** under the **J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019**.
- **Sixth Schedule:** governed by **Articles 244(2) and 275(1)**; covers **Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram**; the Governor may create Autonomous Districts by public notification; each district council may have up to **30** members. The Supreme Court called Indian federalism '**Amphibian**' in *State of Rajasthan v. Union of India* (1977). Parliament has already made special provision for a UT through **Articles 239AA and 239AB** for Delhi.
- **RTI, Tamil Nadu:** a G.O. of **21 September** used **Section 24(4)** to notify the **Public (Law and Order) Department** as an intelligence and security organisation; it surfaced publicly on **27 September** but was cited to refuse information from **22 September**, and was later withdrawn. **Section 24(5)** requires such a notification to be placed before the legislature. The Act already permits non-disclosure under **Section 8**.

ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND AGRICULTURE

- **Delhi winter plan:** BS-VI entry restriction on outside-registered vehicles and **50% work from home** from **1 November**; '**No PUCC, No Fuel**' across **500** fuel stations; parking charges **doubled** except at Delhi Metro facilities; construction and demolition banned **10 December to 20 January**; dust-generating demolition and outdoor civil work banned **1 November to 31 January**; cement-concrete work to end by **31 October**, bitumen by **15 November**; an **AI-enabled command-and-control centre** for industrial enforcement. Restrictions run **1 November to 31 January**.
- **Reservoirs: 178** reservoirs at **70%** of capacity against a decadal average of **76.62%** and **79%** last year, per the CWC report of **24 September**. South India at **50%** (**27.926 BCM**) against **87.25%**, with rainfall **23%** below normal; all-India rainfall **12%** short; **Maharashtra and Karnataka** have declared drought. The monsoon delivers over **70%** of annual rainfall.
- **Mahanadi:** the Home Minister chairs a meeting on **1 October** between Odisha and Chhattisgarh; the **Central Water Commission** will report to the **Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal** under **Justice Bela M. Trivedi**; a **regulatory body** for the basin is under discussion. Odisha

REVISION

Quick facts

Everything from the day **worth carrying forward**, and nothing else, sorted by **GS area**. Every line traces back to a **highlight in the paper**.

WHY IT MATTERS

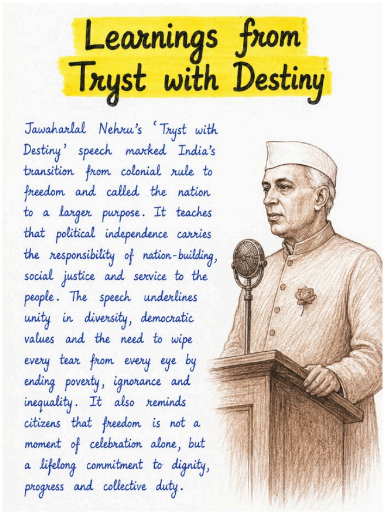
Your **revision sheet is already written**. A few minutes on it before the next day's file, and the week never piles up.

MONTHLY FLASHCARDS

The month, in cards you revise in 60 seconds.

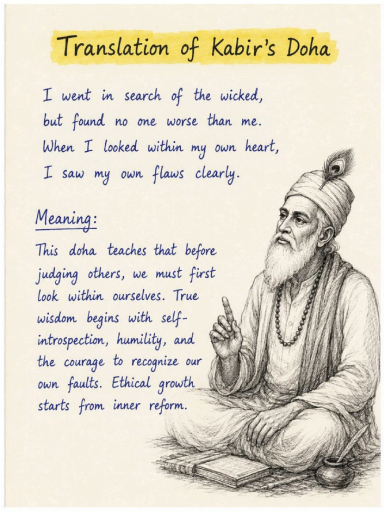
When every answer in the hall uses the same coaching examples, the examiner reads the same answer two hundred times. **A fresh example is a memorable answer.** Every month the newspapers become **flashcards**, each mapped to the **GS syllabus**, with speeches, thinkers, schemes and first-of-its-kind initiatives. These are cards from an **actual monthly set**.

GREAT SPEECHES OF ALL TIMES



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DWEEPTI YOJANA

Syllabus Mapping: GS 1 — Role of Women and Women's Organizations

Chhattisgarh became the first state to adopt a women-led distributed renewable-energy policy through DWEEPTI. It enables women-led SHGs to install, manage and promote rooftop solar systems, creating clean-energy entrepreneurship, sustainable livelihoods and rural energy self-reliance.

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TOWER OF JUSTICE

Syllabus Mapping: GS 2 — Structure, Organization and Functioning of the Judiciary

Gurugram's Tower of Justice is a new judicial complex containing 56 courtrooms and digital infrastructure. It replaces nearly five-decade-old district court infrastructure and is expected to enhance judicial capacity and justice delivery.

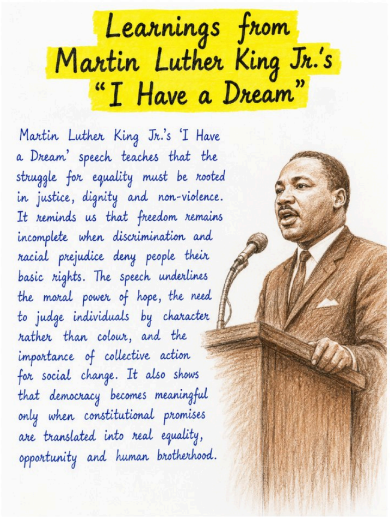
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OPERATION VAJRA

Syllabus Mapping: GS 3 — Linkages of Organized Crime with Terrorism

Under Operation Vajra, the Central Bureau of Narcotics stopped the diversion of 12 crore high-strength Tramadol Hydrochloride tablets of 250 mg each. Conducted across Bengaluru, Delhi and Kochi during 10-20 July 2026, it targeted the "fighter drug" abused in conflict zones to suppress pain, fatigue and fear.

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WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS ALREADY DID

The paper asked. We had already cut it out.

19+

questions in **Prelims 2026** came from the themes in these snippets.

22

questions in **Mains** came from the same themes.

20+

rankers used Newspaper Snippets this year. **13 toppers** used it the year before.

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Five toppers explain, in their own words and with their ranks, **how they used the snippets**. Watch before you decide.

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One of the most topper-trusted ways to follow the newspaper.

Recommended and used by **AIR 18, AIR 47, AIR 104** and many more. The list keeps growing, and it grows the same way every year: aspirants who stopped searching and started revising.

BEFORE YOU DECIDE

What does not count is the folded paper on the chair.

Every aspirant I have met has the same guilty pile somewhere in the room: **newspapers, folded once, never opened**. It is not laziness, it is arithmetic: **two hours a day is 700 hours a year**, most of it spent finding the eight articles that matter among the eighty that do not.

The rankers did not read more than you. **They read less, and better**, and spent the hour they won on the fifty words. This file reads first, so that **your thinking can begin**.

Now the honest part. **45 minutes a day** sounds easy, and that is exactly why most people will not do it. The file will arrive every morning. **Opening it is the part I cannot do for you.**

Fix the process, result may follow.

Shubham Ajmera

How to use each day's file

1. Read the **cutting** first, without the box.
2. Then the **take-aways**: the angle, the static, the trap.
3. **Say it in 50 words.** The writing is the learning.
4. Close with the **quiz**, the **map drill** and **quick facts**.

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