Sena stocksCong., NCP in...and his brother-in-law Meghanathan in a case filed against them for causing the death of techie R. Subhasi. On September 12, she came under the wheels of a water tanker after a flex board erected by them.

In fast-paced political developments in Maharashtra, Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari on Monday evening invited the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) to form the government after the Shiv Sena failed to provide the letters of support from the Congress-NCP alliance. Though the Shiv Sena had asked for three more days to produce the letters, Mr. Koshyari turned down the request and invited the NCP.

Maharashtra witnessed fast-paced political developments since Saturday: 

**NOL 9**
Governor invites BJP to form govt.

**NOL 10**
6 p.m., BJP decides not to stake claim to form government

7.30 p.m., Governor invites Shiv Sena to form government; gives 24 hours

**NOL 11**
2.20 p.m., NCP president Sharad Pawar meets Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray

6.45 p.m., Sena leaders call on Governor, seek more time. Governor refuses.

Musical chairs

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A pujari is merely an appointee of a shebait: SC

‘Offering worship doesn’t elevate his role’

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A pujari who conducts worship at a temple is not merely, by offering worship to the idol, elevated to the status of a shebait (manager of the temple), the Ayodhya judgment of the Supreme Court has held.

“A pujari is a servant or appointee of a shebait and gains no independent right as a shebait despite having conducted the ceremonies for a long period of time. Thus, the mere presence of pujaris does not vest in them any right to be shebaits,” the Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi drew the line for pujaris in temples.

A pujari is appointed by the Shebait as the ‘purohit’ to conduct the worship. But that does not transfer the

SUPREME COURT

members of the family so appointed and will not entitle them as of right to be continued in office as priest,” the Supreme Court said.

They can be removed
A ‘shebait’ is vested with the authority to manage the properties of the deity and ensure the fulfillment of the purpose for which the property was dedicated. As a necessary adjunct of this
Shebait:
- Vested with authority to manage the properties of the deity
- ensures fulfillment of the purpose for which the property was dedicated
- may hire Pujaris for performing worship

Nirmohi Akhara:
- a Hindu religious sect
- claimed managerial role and shebaitship in Ramjanmabhoomi and disputed site at Ayodhya
- Allahabad HC - 2010 - gave 1/3rd of disputed land to them

Supreme Court - Nov 2019
- dismissed the suit filed by Nirmohi Akhara
- ‘may’ be given appropriate representation in the ‘trust’, under Sections 6 and 7 of the Acquisition of Certain Area at Ayodhya Act, 1993, as the Central Government deems fit

* Why Supreme Court’s statements made in a judgement are important?
- Article 141 - The law declared by the Supreme Court shall be binding on all courts within the territory of India
**Supreme Court's statements:**
- One cannot be shebait just by offering worship and/or receiving offerings for the deity.
- A pujari is a servant or appointee of a shebait (manager).
- Pujari has no independent right as shebait though he/she performed ceremonies for a long period of time.
- Pujari - liable to be removed - cannot claim right to continue.

**Why Nirmohi Akhara's suit got rejected / dismissed?**
- Law of limitation - claim by Nirmohi Akhara was not made within the timeframe mentioned in Limitation Laws.
  - "The Limitation Act, 1908"
Plastics exports fall 17% in Sept.

Raw materials see year-on-year decline of 33%: Plexconcil

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

India's plastic exports for September 2019 declined by
16.8% to $649 million from
$780 million in September
2018, as per data with the
Plastics Export Promotion
Council (Plexconcil).

The cumulative value of
plastics export from India
during April 2019 to Septem-
ber 2019 saw a negative
growth of 5.9% to $4,324
million as against $4,394
million during the same
period last year.

In September 2019, plas-
tics raw materials witnessed
year-on-year decline of
33.0%; followed by optical
items (49.2%); stationery/off-
ce/school supply (9.7%);
and moulded and extruded
goods (8.2%). Product
categories that reported positive

In September 2019 due to
lower sales to Vietnam, Italy
and Nepal. Even exports of
Polyethylene having a specific
gravity of 0.94 or more
was down 37.6% y-o-y to
$29.8 million in September
2019 due to lower sales to
China. Among value-added
plastics products, export of
optical items from India was
lower due to a decline in ex-

Part A—Preliminary Examination

Paper I - (200 marks)
Duration: Two hours

- Current events of national and international importance.
- Economic and Social Development—Sustainable
  Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social
  Sector Initiatives, etc.

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

General Studies—III: Technology, Economic Development, Bio
diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management

- Indian Economy and issues relating to planning,
  mobilization, of resources, growth, development and
  employment.
Plastic export in September 2019:
- declined 16.8% compared to Sep 2018

Important Plastic exports
- Plastic raw materials,
- Optical items
- Moulded goods
- Packaging materials, etc

Reasons:
- Low sales in China, Indonesia, Vietnam and European countries
  * global slowdown

Top export destinations:
- Europe: Italy, Germany, UK
- Africa: Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya
- South Asia: Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka
- ASEAN: Vietnam, Indonesia
- US, China

Plastic Export Promotion Council (PLEXCONCIL):
- Registered under Companies Act, 1956
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- To project India's image as a reliable supplier
- The apex body of plastic industry in India
IIP shrinks by 4.3% to lowest in 8 years

All 3 major sectors saw contraction

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI
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The contraction in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in September is compared with the contraction of 1.1% in August. The Index had grown 4.3% in September of the previous year.

“This is the first time after November 2012 that all three broad-based sectors have contracted and the lowest monthly growth in the 2011-12 base year series,” Devendra Kumar Pant, Chief Economist and Senior Director, Public Finance, India Ratings & Research, said. “In the old (2004-05) base, IIP in October 2011 contracted by 5%.”

Within the Index, the capital goods sector saw a contraction of 20.7%, compared with shrinkage of 21% in August. The mining sector contracted by 8.5%, compared with an anaemic growth of 0.1% in August. The manufacturing sector contracted 3.9% in September, compared with a contraction of 1.2% in the previous month. The electricity sector, too, saw a continued contraction, shrinking 2.6%, compared with a contraction of 0.9% in August.

The consumer durables sector continued to shrink in September, by 9.9%, compared with a contraction of 9.1% in August.

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- **IIP for Sep 2019** - declined by 4.3%
  - In Sep 2018 - growth of 4.3%
  - Largest decline since October 2011 (5%)
  - Slowdown in all 3 major sectors

**Index of Industrial Production (IIP):**

- Shows performance of different Industrial sectors
  - Published by Central Statistics Organization, under Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation

- Measures short term changes in volume of production of a basket of Industrial goods
  - Base year: 2011-12

**Present basket - 407 items**

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<td>Manufacturing</td>
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<td>Electricity</td>
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**8 core industries of IIP - 40.27% weightage in IIP**

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<td>Refinery Products</td>
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<td>Cement</td>
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★ Contraction (-ve)

Mining sector  8.5%  
Manufacturing   3.9%  
Electricity    2.6%  

Deeper plunge
Industrial output contracted 4.3% in September - the worst fall in 90 months - adding to a series of weak indicators released recently suggesting a deep-rooted economic slowdown. Graph shows the year-on-year change in Index of Industrial Production (IIP) between April 2012 and September 2019.

★ Steep Decline in IIP

A structural slowdown:

Stagnated agricultural growth  
Rising rural unemployment  
Low income for rural households  
Low savings  
Low rural demand  
Decrease in overall production
‘Suranga Bawadi’ enters World Monument Watch list

Firoz Rozindar
Vijayapura

Suranga Bawadi, an integral part of the ancient Karez system of supplying water through subterranean tunnels built during Adil Shahi era in Karnataka's Vijayapura, is now set to get funds for restoration. A New York-based NGO has included it in the World Monument Watch list for 2020 along with 24 other monuments from across the world.

The monument has been selected under the “Ancient Water-System of the Deccan Plateau” by the World Monuments Fund (the NGO), which monitors restoration of ancient monuments across the globe.

Mehriz Khatib, functionary of the NGO here, said: “Karez is believed to the one of the best systems in the world. But owing to lack of maintenance, it is in bad condition.”

Though the Karez underground system was built in the 16th century by Ali Adil Shah-I, his successor, Ibrahim Adil Shah-II, added more structures to strengthen it.

Part A—Preliminary Examination

Paper I - (200 marks) Duration: Two hours
• Current events of national and international importance.
• History of India and Indian National Movement.

Part B—Main Examination

PAPER-II

General Studies-I: Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society.
• Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

PAPER-III

General Studies-II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.
• Important International institutions, agencies and for-their structure, mandate.
News:
* Suranga Bawadi enters World Monument Watch list.

Suranga Bawadi:
* Located in Vijayapura, Karnataka
  Part of ancient Karez System
  "Historic water systems of the Deccan plateau"

Karez System:
* Asia & North Africa → Underground channels to harness ground water
  Karez / Qanat / Falaj

* Gently sloping underground tunnels
* Flow of underground water into a Single outlet
* A well at the origin + narrow vertical shafts for ventilation & maintenance
**Historical Perspective:**

- Deccan region ruled by Bahmani Sultanate from 14th to 16th Century
  - Ruled majority of the present day Karnataka, parts of Maharashtra and Telangana

- Later, kingdom split into 5 groups, collectively called ‘Deccan Sultanate.’
  - Ahmednagar
  - Berar • Bijapur • Sultanates
  - Bidar • Golconda

- Sultanate of Bijapur:
  - Founder: Yusuf Adil Shah
    (Adil Shahi Dynasty)

- Kareez of Bijapur
  - Created in 16th century
  - Built by Ali Adil Shah - I
  - More structures added by Ibrahim Adil Shah - II

**World Monuments Fund:**

- New York based NGO found in 1965
- Objective:
  - Save and restore ancient monuments across the world
- World Monuments Watch - Since 1995
- Financial & technical support

**Another monument from India in 2020 list**
- Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium, Ahmedabad
Anaemia among men a major public health issue

At least 23.2% men affected, finds study

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

Anaemia among men in India is an important public health problem with State-level prevalence in men varying from 9.2% (average of 7.7%-10.9%) in Manipur to 32.9% (average of 31%-34.7%) in Bihar, revealed a study titled ‘Anaemia among men in India: A nationally representative cross-sectional study’ published in Lancet Global Health recently.

The report noted that while studies on anaemia in India have mostly focused on women and children, men have received far less attention.

The study is aimed to determine the national prevalence of anaemia among men in India; variation in prevalence of anaemia across States by socio-demographic characteristics; whether these geographical

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Part B—Main Examination

PAPER-III

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

- Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.

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News:

- Anaemia in men
  - Bihar - 32.9%
  - Manipur - 9.2%

Table 1  Demographic characteristics of analysable survey participants

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<td>Any anaemia</td>
<td>342 677 (46.3%)</td>
<td>23 981 (22.5%)</td>
<td>318 696 (50.3%)</td>
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<td>Moderate or severe anaemia</td>
<td>173 913 (23.5%)</td>
<td>5066 (4.8%)</td>
<td>168 847 (26.7%)</td>
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<td>Severe anaemia</td>
<td>14 180 (1.9%)</td>
<td>513 (0.5%)</td>
<td>13 667 (2.2%)</td>
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Source: The Lancet Global Health

- Among anaemic women - 26.7% have moderate (or) severe anaemia
- Among anaemic men - 4.8% have moderate or severe anaemia
- Age group of 15-29 years
  - Male - 45% anaemic
  - Female - 49% anaemic
Anaemia

* Condition where
  - insufficient number of Red Blood Cells
  - oxygen-carrying capacity of RBCs is insufficient to meet physiologic needs

* Haemoglobin
  - a protein in RBCs that takes oxygen from lungs to the tissues in the human body
Will challenge cancellation of OCI status: Aatish Taseer

"No govt. has questioned my possession of card in 20 years"

CARDS ARE TP

Revoking citizenship

The Aatish Taseer case brings to focus an outdated provision in the Citizenship (Amendment) Act

KALLOK BHATTACHARJEE

The BJP said in its 2014 manifesto that "NRIs,PIOs and professionals settled abroad (need to be harnessed) for strengthening Rural India". However, by revoking the Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card of writer Aatish Taseer, the BJP-led government has shown that the promise was not serious. Mr. Taseer's case is one of the many instances where the OCI card was revoked. The government does not have any legal basis to revoke the OCI card. The OCI card is, in fact, a passport substitute and should not be revoked hastily. The decision taken by the government is not only discriminatory but alsogetContent by: Shankar IAS Academy

Part B—Main Examination
PAPER-III

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

- Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.
- 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.

PAPER-V

General Studies- IV: Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

- Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government; Right to Information; Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen’s Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.
Government’s reason for revocation of OCI registration
  ▸ Concealment of material facts
  ▸ False representation

Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)
  ★ Constitution of India does not allow “dual citizenship”
  ★ Registering PIOs of certain category as OCI cardholder
    ▸ OCI scheme introduced by amending the Citizenship Act, 1955 in 2005
    ▸ Section 7A of Citizenship Act

Important facts
  ★ Does not confer dual citizenship
  ★ Does not confer political rights
  ★ Registered OCI shall not be entitled to rights conferred under Article 16 of Indian Constitution.
  ★ No voting rights
  ★ Cannot hold constitutional posts
* Eligibility:
  - Foreign nationals of following category
    - who was a citizen or who was eligible to become a citizen, at the time of or after commencement of Constitution
    - belonged to territory that became part of India after 15-08-1947
    - minor child / child / grandchild / great grandchild of above persons
    - Spouse (foreign origin) of Indian citizen or OCI cardholder

  ➔ Exception ➔ nationals of Pakistan or Bangladesh & their descendants

* Cancellation of Registration:
  - Section 7D (a) of the Citizenship Act, 1955
  - by Central Government
  - OCI obtained by
    - fraud
    - false representation
    - concealment of any material fact
Author's View:

* Criticism:
  - Against Govt’s manifesto → NRIs, PIO for strengthening Brand India
  - Maternal links not examined
    * Changes made in process of issue of passport
    * Can provide name of father / mother / legal guardian in online passport application → Single parent can apply

* Benefits of OCI cardholders:
  - Multiple entry, multi-purpose, life-long visa for visiting India
  - Exempted from registration with FRRO or FRO for any length of Stay in India
  - Treated on par with NRIs
    - Facilities available in economic, financial and educational fields

Consequences:

⇒ possibility of similar treatment to orphan children, adopted children & children born to single mother
PRACTICE QUESTIONS DISCUSSION
Practice Question – Prelims

Q1. Consider the following statements.

1. A ‘shebait’ is vested with the authority to manage the properties of the deity.
2. A ‘pujari’ can attain the status of ‘shebait’ by performing religious worship, ceremonies and receiving offerings for the deity, for a long period of time.
3. The law declared by the Supreme Court is binding only on high courts under article 141 of Indian Constitution.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Practice Question – Prelims

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

1. IIP measures the short-term changes in the prices of a basket of industrial products during a given period with respect to that in a chosen base period.
2. Within IIP the manufacturing sector has the maximum weightage.
3. IIP is released on a monthly basis by the Central Statistical Organisation.

Select the correct answers from the following codes.

a) All the statements
b) All the statements except 1
c) All the statements except 2
d) All the statements except 1 and 2
Q3. Consider the following statements.

1. The Karez system are the subterranean tunnels used to harness underground water.
2. The Karez of Bijapur was promoted by the Adil Shahi dynasty during the 16th century.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

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

Q4. Consider the following statements.

1. Anaemia is a condition where the Red Blood Cells have insufficient oxygen carrying capacity to meet the physiologic needs.
2. In India, the prevalence of anaemia is more among women than among men.

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

a) 1 only 
b) 2 only 
c) Both 1 and 2 
d) Neither 1 and 2
Practice Question – Mains
GS - II

Q. “The Overseas Citizenship of India card strengthens the bond that the holder feels for India”. What are the benefits the Overseas Citizenship of India cardholders entitled to? Also discuss the recent developments with respect to OCI cardholders and its consequences. (15 marks, 250 words)