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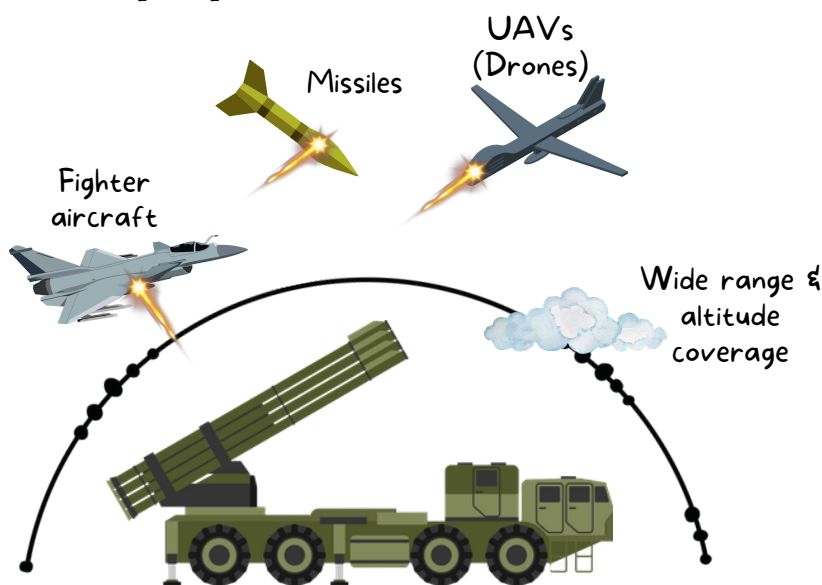
AKAL TAKHT

PROJECT KUSHA

Why in News?

- ✓ First flight test conducted (July 2026)
- 📍 APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha
- 🎯 Successfully intercepted a simulated high-speed, high-altitude aerial threat

WHAT CAN IT ENGAGE?



MISSION SUDARSHAN CHAKRA

- 📢 Announced during the 2025 Independence Day address
- 🛡️ Envisions a nationwide **multi-layered defence shield**
- 🪖 Led by **DRDO, Armed Forces & defence industry**

Integrates **radars, satellites, missiles, Directed Energy Weapons & anti-drone technologies**



WHAT IS PROJECT KUSHA?

- Indigenous Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LR-SAM)
- Developed by **DRDO**
- Surface-launched missile that destroys airborne threats
- Long-range SAMs generally have **>200 km** range
- Exact operational range **not disclosed**

KEY COMPONENTS

Missile



Intercepts aerial threats

Radar



Detects & tracks targets

Command Centre



Coordinates engagement

DRDO + Industry



Develops & integrates components

UPSC PRELIMS TRAP

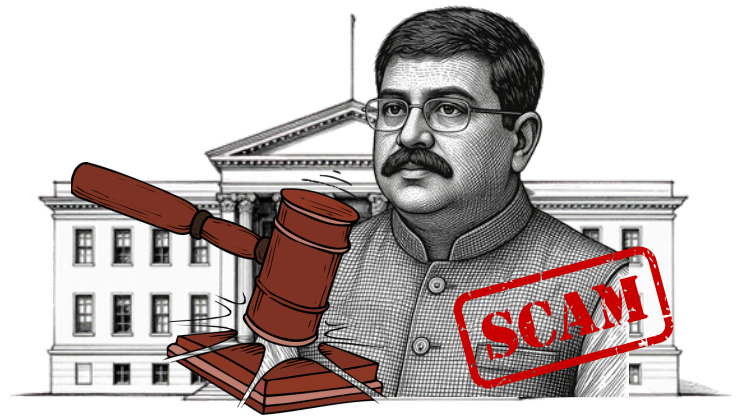
- ✗ Not surface-to-surface.
- ✓ Kusha is surface-to-air

FAST TRACK COURTS (FTCS)

WHY IN NEWS?

Proposed for **Paper Leak Cases**

This revived focus on courts created for speedy trial of priority cases



14TH FINANCE COMMISSION

 **2015 - 2020**

Recommended establishment of 1,800 Fast Track Courts.



Government can establish FTCs whenever needed. There isn't one law saying how every FTC must work.

WHAT ARE FTCS?

-  Speedy trial of priority cases
-  Handle selected important cases
-  No single Central legislation
-  Created by Govt. & Judiciary
-  They function within the existing judicial system, not as a separate judiciary.



Prioritised Cases



Heinous crimes

Murder
Kidnapping
Extortion



Long property disputes

Pending for **over 5 years**



Vulnerable people

Includes women, children, senior citizens & PwDs



TRIAL TIMELINES

Litigants have no automatic statutory right to fixed trial deadlines.

2 YEARS

BNSS envisages trials ideally completing within two years.

2 MONTHS

Sexual-offence trials are envisaged within two months.

165 FILES

Each FTSC targets at least 165 case disposals annually.

FAST TRACK SPECIAL COURTS

-  Separate from FTCs
-  Launched in 2019
-  Centrally Sponsored Scheme
-  Established following criminal-law amendments and a Supreme Court directive.



-  Partly funded by Nirbhaya Fund

INS MALVAN

WHY IN NEWS?

Commissioned: July 2026

2nd Mahe-class ASW-SWC

Ship Crest: Features the Bagh Nakha (Tiger Claw) motif



ASW-SWC =
Anti-Submarine Warfare
Shallow Water Craft



MAHE-CLASS VESSELS



Total planned: 8 vessels



INS Mahe is the first vessel of the class.



INS Malvan is the second of eight Mahe-class vessels.



They primarily operate in shallow coastal waters.

WHAT IS INS MALVAN



Mahe-class warship



Role
Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW)



Designed for
Shallow Coastal Waters



Built by Cochin Shipyard Ltd. (CSL), Kochi



80%+
Indigenous Components



Named after
Malvan
(Maharashtra)

KEY FEATURES



Low draught allows operations in shallow waters.



Uses diesel engine-waterjet propulsion.



Waterjet propulsion reduces underwater noise.



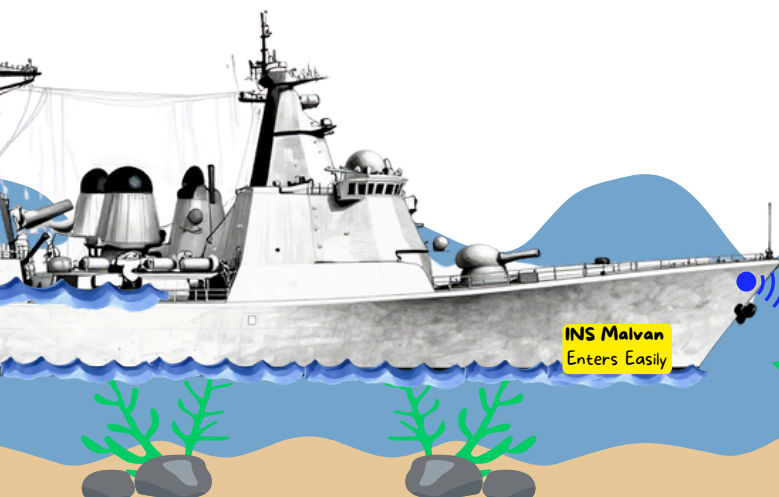
LITTORAL WATERS

Littoral zone:

Shallow coastal waters near the shoreline

Mahe-class vessels are specialised for littoral operations.

Larger warships can therefore focus on blue-water operations.



Detects Submarine

Enemy Submarine

FDI IN E-COMMERCE



WHY IN NEWS?

DPIIT permits FDI in inventory-based e-commerce for exports

- Applies to goods manufactured & produced in India
- Aim: Boost Indian sellers' access to global markets

DPIIT: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

WHAT IS FDI IN E-COMMERCE?



FDI = Foreign Direct Investment

E-commerce FDI rules distinguish:

- Marketplace Model**
- Inventory-Based Model**

DPIIT regulates the FDI policy framework for e-commerce.

DPIIT functions under the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry.**

MARKETPLACE MODEL



- Provides a digital/electronic platform
- Platform acts as a facilitator between buyer and seller.
- Does not operate as the inventory-owning seller
- 100% FDI is permitted under the automatic route.

INVENTORY MODEL



- Entity owns the inventory
- Goods/services sold directly to consumers
- Earlier:** FDI not permitted
- New relaxation:** ONLY for exports
- Eligible goods must be **manufactured & produced in India**

Global Markets
Increase e-commerce exports from India

MSME Relief
Reduce individual compliance burden on MSMEs

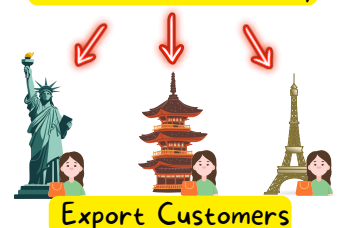


WHY THE RELAXATION



Markets Access
Easier access to global markets for Indian sellers

Exprt Support
Large e-commerce entities can handle export documentation



BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP



WHY IN NEWS?

Trump v. Barbara | June 30, 2026 | US Supreme Court



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MAJORITY



Court invalidated restrictions imposed through **Executive Order No. 14160**.

Children of unlawfully or temporarily present parents remain **US citizens at birth**.

The uploaded source brought the **Fourteenth Amendment's Citizenship Clause** into focus.



WHAT IS BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP?

Citizenship is acquired automatically at the moment of birth.



Jus soli

Citizenship based on the place of birth.



Jus sanguinis

Citizenship based on parentage or descent.



Countries may follow either principle or combine both.



CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS IN THE UNITED STATES



Fourteenth Amendment

Ratified in 1868

(after the American Civil War)



Citizenship Clause

Covers persons born or naturalised in the US



They must also be "subject to the jurisdiction" of the US.



The clause reversed the exclusionary approach of **Dred Scott v. Sandford**.



Parental immigration status ordinarily does **NOT** defeat citizenship.

KEY CASES



Dred Scott v. Sandford.

Exclusionary approach



United States v. Wong Kim Ark (1898)

Affirmed broad jus soli citizenship



TRADITIONAL EXCEPTIONS



Foreign Diplomats

Children of foreign diplomats are generally excluded.

Reason: Diplomats remain under their home country's allegiance.



Hostile Foreign Occupation

Children born during hostile foreign occupation may be excluded.



These are **jurisdiction-based** exceptions, **NOT immigration-status** exceptions.



POSITION IN INDIA

ARTICLE 5

Governs citizenship only at the commencement of the Constitution.

SECTION 3 CITIZENSHIP ACT, 1955

Present citizenship by birth



It required Indian domicile plus specified birth, parentage or residence conditions.

CITIZENSHIP BY BIRTH IN INDIA – TIMELINE Section 3, Citizenship Act, 1955

26 JAN 1950
to
30 JUN 1987

1



Birth in India
generally sufficient

1 JUL 1987
to
2 DEC 2004

2



Atleast one parent
must be Indian

FROM
3 DEC 2004

3



✓ Either both parents
must be Indian

OR

✓ One parent Indian +
other parent not an
illegal migrant.

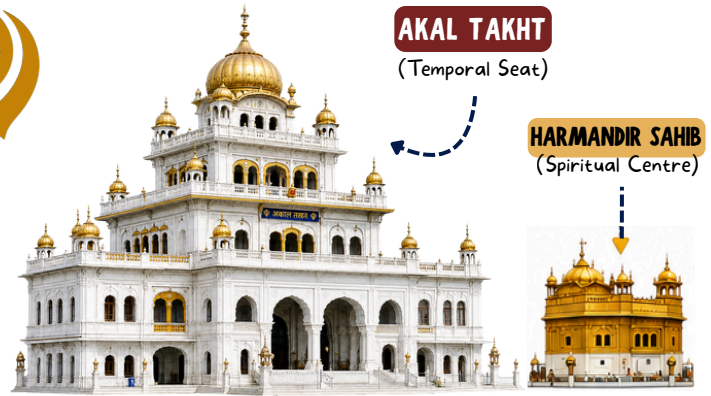


KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Countries decide citizenship rules, US follows broad jus soli with exceptions. India follows Jus sanguinis with evolving conditions.

AKAL TAKHT

"Throne of the Timeless One"



WHY IN NEWS?



Akal Takht summoned
78 Sikh MLAs and 9 ministers.



Punjab government was asked to
amend its anti-sacrilege law.



Concern: Expanded definition of
sacrilege included "hurt sentiments."

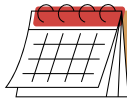
WHAT IS THE AKAL TAKHT?

Sikhism's highest
temporal seat

Deals with worldly,
political & community
affairs

Both are within
the Golden
Temple complex

Stands opposite
Harmandir Sahib



ESTABLISHMENT



Established by
Guru Hargobind,
the Sixth Sikh Guru



1606

It was
established in 1606



It followed
Guru Arjan Dev's
execution by the Mughals



A platform for
governance &
worldly affairs

MIRI – PIRI

Guru Hargobind carried TWO swords



Miri sword
slightly
shorter

This indicated
spirituality's
primacy over
temporal power

Akal Takht embodied resistance to
Mughal political authority.



HISTORICAL ROLE



Akal Takht
platform

12 FT



Jahangir's
imperial throne

11 FT

The structure symbolised
defiance of Mughal supremacy.



It gained importance
after Banda Singh
Bahadur's execution on
1716



Persecuted Sikhs
gathered here for
collective decisions.



AUTHORITY



The head of Akal Takht is
called the **JATHEDAR**

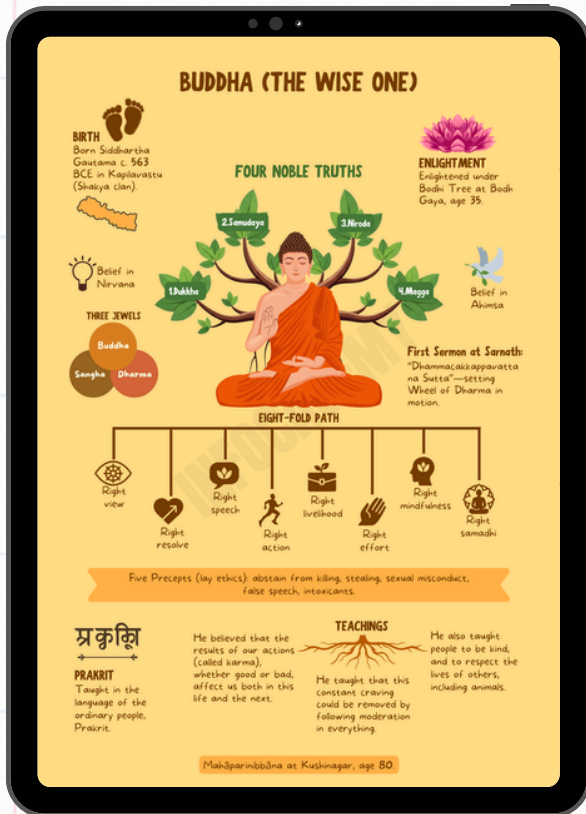


Jathedar is
appointed by
the **SGPC**.

SGPC

Shiromani Gurudwara
Parbandhak Committee

INFO-NOTES



90% of the Static portion is covered.



History, Polity, Economy, Geography and Environment.



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