

Current Affairs 2025 — Exam Prep Digest (Till Aug 15, 2025)

Coverage: January 1, 2025 to August 15, 2025 (IST).

1) Economy & Union Budget 2025–26

- 1 Finance Minister presented Union Budget 2025–26 on Feb 1, 2025. Focus areas: growth, jobs, MSMEs, capex, agriculture value chains, and middle-class consumption.
- 2 Estimated Total Expenditure: ~₹50.65 lakh crore (per PRS analysis); continued emphasis on infrastructure and logistics corridors.
- 3 Announcements included push for labour-intensive sectors (e.g., footwear, leather, toys), food processing clusters, and measures to boost exports and skilling.
- 4 Social focus summarized as Garib (poor), Yuva (youth), Annadata (farmers), Nari (women).
- 5 Multiple cabinet approvals in July–Aug 2025 backed these priorities (e.g., MERITE scheme support for technical education; targeted LPG subsidy continuation).

2) Prices & Inflation

- 1 MoSPI released CPI prints monthly; June 2025 CPI press note published on July 15, 2025.
- 2 Food inflation volatility remained a key watchpoint; headline CPI hovered near RBI's tolerance band during mid-2025.

3) Policy & Governance

- 1 National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025 approved by Union Cabinet on Jul 1, 2025; framed as 'Khelo Bharat Niti 2025' to build a nationwide sports ecosystem from schools to elite level.
- 2 Sports governance reforms progressed via the National Sports Governance Bill (Lok Sabha passed on Aug 11, 2025).
- 3 Cabinet decisions in Aug 2025 included continued Ujjwala targeted subsidy for 2025–26; compensation to OMCs for domestic LPG losses; additional support for MERITE scheme; new SDPs for NE states.

4) Science & Technology (ISRO & Space)

- 1 ISRO–NASA NISAR mission launched by GSLV-F16 in July 2025 to deliver global, all-weather L & S-band SAR data for applications from disasters to agriculture.
- 2 ISRO highlighted SPADEX docking (Jan 16, 2025) as a key tech demo; ongoing updates across launchers and engines; ISSAR 2024 (released May 29, 2025) flagged rising congestion in LEO.

5) Sports Highlights (India)

- 1 Policy thrust via NSP 2025; Khelo India centres expansion; infra and athlete support scaled up in 2025 factsheets.
- 2 Paris 2024 legacy continued into 2025 with sustained investments; federations aligning selection/coach norms (MoYAS instructions dated Mar 5, 2025).

6) Environment & Disaster Readiness

- 1 Budget focus on climate■resilient infrastructure and sustainability themes continued across ministries.
- 2 Space■based Earth observation (e.g., NISAR) expected to aid precision agriculture, water resources, coastline monitoring, and disaster response.

7) International & Geopolitics (India Focus)

- 1 Strategic tech collaboration deepened with the U.S. (NISAR) and partners; India emphasized resilient supply chains and critical technologies in 2025 dialogues.
- 2 Trade and investment diplomacy continued alongside domestic manufacturing and logistics pushes.

How to Use This Digest

- 1 Revise section■wise; pair each bullet with the official source (see chat message citations).
- 2 Make short notes/flashcards per theme (Budget, Policy, Science, Sports).
- 3 Practice MCQs based on dates, schemes, and definitions (e.g., NSP 2025 aims, Budget figures, ISRO mission facts).