

ASEAN 2025

WHAT MATTERS FOR UPSC

1 THE EVENT



22nd ASEAN-India Summit

Kuala Lumpur

26 Oct 2025

2 CORE PRINCIPLE

ASEAN Centrality

Supports ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific

India backs ASEAN-led regional architecture



3 THE INDIA ANGLE



- ASEAN is the cornerstone of India's Act East Policy
- Strategic and economic partnership remains strong
- India supports ASEAN central role in the Indo-Pacific

4 THE RCEP FACTOR



- RCEP = Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
- India exited in 2019
- India remains outside RCEP
- Exit did not end the broader ASEAN partnership

5 STATIC FACTS TO REMEMBER



- Members: 10 countries
- India is NOT a member of ASEAN
- India is a dialogue partner / strategic partner
- ASEAN matters for Act East and Indo-Pacific diplomacy

6 TRAPS TO AVOID



- Don't mark India as an ASEAN member
- Don't assume India rejoined RCEP
- Don't forget ASEAN Centrality
- Don't mix ASEAN with RCEP membership

7 UPSC VERDICT

- High-yield: Centrality + Act East + RCEP exit
- Revise: Kuala Lumpur, 26 Oct 2025, 10 members, non-member India

WANT TO REMEMBER ALL THIS IN 10 SECONDS?

See the linking story below!

REMEMBER ASEAN WITH A CRAZY STORY!

THE LINKING METHOD

1 THE SETUP



Ten martial artists jump from an airplane and double-dropkick the Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur.

10 members + Kuala Lumpur

2 CENTRALITY



WE ARE THE CENTER!

The Twin Towers spin into a giant tornado in the exact center of the city. Everyone shouts: "We are the CENTER!"

+ ASEAN Centrality

3 INDIA ANGLE



An Indian movie director points toward the rising sun in the East and screams: "ACT like you mean it!"

Act East Policy

4 THE RCEP TRAP



A shady salesman offers a glowing supermarket receipt. The director punches it, rips it apart, and moonwalks out the exit.

Receipt = RCEP

India exit

WHAT EACH IMAGE REPRESENTS

- 10 martial artists = 10 ASEAN members
- Petronas Towers = Kuala Lumpur summit
- Giant tornado = ASEAN Centrality
- Director shouting East = Act East Policy
- Receipt = RCEP
- Moonwalk exit = India remains outside RCEP

WHY THIS METHOD WORKS

- Turns dry facts into a visual chain
- Makes Centrality + Act East easy to recall
- Helps quick revision before Prelims

QUICK RECALL MANTRA:

TEN FIGHTERS → PETRONAS → CENTER TORNADO → ACT EAST → RECEIPT RIPPED → EXIT



BIMSTEC 2025

WHAT MATTERS FOR UPSC



Bay of Bengal Cooperation for a Better Tomorrow!

THE EVENT



6th BIMSTEC Summit held in **Bangkok, Thailand**



MAJOR OUTCOMES

1 Adopted the **BIMSTEC Bangkok Vision 2030** (First-ever official vision document)



2 Signed the **BIMSTEC Maritime Transport Agreement**



AGREEMENT – KEY POINTS



National treatment for vessels / crew



Mutual recognition of documents



Joint Shipping Coordination Committee for dispute settlement

THE INDIA ANGLE

- Anchors India's **Act East Policy** and **Neighbourhood First Policy**.
- Strengthens regional cooperation in the **Bay of Bengal**.
- Serves as the primary regional engine to bypass the paralyzed SAARC.



WHO ARE BIMSTEC MEMBERS?



Bangladesh



India



Myanmar



Sri Lanka



Thailand



Nepal



Bhutan

STATIC FACTS TO REMEMBER

- Full Form: Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
- HQ: **Dhaka**, Bangladesh
- Established: 1997
- Focus: Trade, Connectivity, Security, People-to-People Contact, Sustainable Development

⚠️ TRAPS TO AVOID

- ❌ Don't mix up BIMSTEC with SAARC.
- ❌ BIMSTEC has Thailand & Myanmar; SAARC includes Pakistan.
- ❌ Don't forget HQ is **Dhaka**, not Bangkok.
- ❌ It's more than trade – focus on maritime connectivity and Bay of Bengal cooperation.



WANT TO REMEMBER ALL THIS IN 10 SECONDS?

Turn the page for a crazy linking story that will lock it in your memory! ➡️

★ REMEMBER BIMSTEC WITH A CRAZY STORY! ★

THE LINKING METHOD

1 THE SETUP (BIMSTEC IN BANGKOK)



A blinding laser **BEAM** (BIMSTEC) from space blasts the roof off a grand temple in **Bangkok**.

2 THE DOCUMENT (BANGKOK VISION 2030)



My eyes are perfect! I have **20/30 Vision!**

Out of the crater hovers a futuristic cyborg. He taps his glowing eyes and screams, "**20/30 Vision!**" (**Bangkok Vision 2030**).

3 THE AGREEMENT (MARITIME TRANSPORT & DETAILS)



You all get **National Treatment!**

The cyborg shoots a beam and forges a massive iron **Ship** (**Maritime Transport Agreement**). Captain gives identical passports to all & makes them wear matching **coordination hats** (**Joint Shipping Coordination Committee**).

4 THE GEOPOLITICS (ACT EAST & BAY OF BENGAL)



Act like it!

The ship drops a giant anchor on the head of a roaring **Bengal Tiger** (**Bay of Bengal**). Captain points his sword to the **East** and yells, "**Act like it!**" (**Act East**).

WHAT EACH IMAGE REPRESENTS

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 Laser & Bangkok temple | → | BIMSTEC in Bangkok (6th Summit) |
| 2 Cyborg with 20/30 Vision | → | BIMSTEC Bangkok Vision 2030 |
| 3 Iron Ship + Passports + Hats | → | Maritime Transport Agreement (Fair treatment + Documents + Joint Committee) |
| 4 Anchor on Tiger + Sword East | → | Bay of Bengal + Act East Policy |

WHY THIS METHOD WORKS

- ✓ Turns boring facts into a movie-like sequence.
- ✓ Every image is exaggerated and ridiculous → easy to recall.
- ✓ Follows a logical flow → story stays in memory longer.
- ✓ Helps in both Prelims recall and Mains explanation.



QUICK RECALL MANTRA:

"**BEAM → 20/30 VISION → SHIP FOR ALL → ANCHOR THE TIGER EAST!**"



BRICS 2025-26



WHAT MATTERS FOR UPSC

1 THE EVENT

17th BRICS Summit

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

6-7 July 2025

2 THE 2026 CHAIRSHIP

India takes the chair in 2026.

B.R.I.C.S. Theme
Building for **R**esilience, **I**nnovation, **C**ooperation and **S**ustainability

Hidden cheat code: the theme spells BRICS!

3 INDIA'S CORE AGENDA

- Voice of the Global South
- Global governance reform
- AI
- Critical minerals
- Climate finance

4 KEY INSTITUTION

NDB

New Development Bank
BRICS development bank

5 BRICS+ ANGLE

- Expanded grouping
- Broader Global South platform
- More weight in a multipolar world

6 STATIC FACTS TO REMEMBER

- ★ Original BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa
- ★ Focus: multipolarity, development, reform
- ★ Not a military alliance
- ★ NDB ≠ World Bank / IMF

7 TRAPS TO AVOID

- ✗ Don't call BRICS an anti-West military bloc
- ✗ Don't confuse NDB with World Bank or IMF
- ✗ Don't miss the 2026 India theme acronym
- ✗ BRICS+ means expansion, not just the old 5

8 UPSC VERDICT

High-yield: summit + India chairship + theme + NDB

Revise: Rio, 2026 theme, Global South, NDB, multipolarity

WANT TO REMEMBER ALL THIS IN 10 SECONDS? ★ ★ ★

→ See the linking story below! ←

★ REMEMBER BRICS WITH A CRAZY STORY! ★

THE LINKING METHOD

1) THE SETUP (BRICS IN RIO)

A meteor made of glowing **BRICKS** crashes onto Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro.

2) THE EXPANSION (BRICS+)

The brick meteor mutates and shoots giant '+' signs everywhere, building new rooms.

3) THE 2026 THEME

Build for **R-I-C-S**

An Indian architect builds the roof with 4 pillars: rubber pillar (**R**esilience), lightbulb pillar (**I**nnovation), handshake pillar (**C**ooperation), green vine pillar (**S**ustainability).

4) THE BANK + THE VOICE

Under the pillars appears a New Bank vault. A giant globe with a megaphone on its bottom half shouts for the Global South.

WHAT EACH IMAGE REPRESENTS

- Brick meteor = BRICS
- Rio beach = 17th Summit in Brazil
- '+' signs = BRICS+ expansion
- Architect = India chair 2026
- Rubber pillar = Resilience

- Lightbulb pillar = Innovation
- Handshake pillar = Cooperation
- Green vine pillar = Sustainability
- Vault = New Development Bank
- Globe + south megaphone = Global South voice

WHY THIS METHOD WORKS

- ✓ Turns dry facts into a visual chain
- ✓ Locks the 2026 theme in memory
- ✓ Helps fast recall in Prelims



QUICK RECALL MANTRA:

★ **BRICK METEOR** → **PLUS SIGNS** → **INDIA BUILDS R-I-C-S PILLARS** → **NEW BANK VAULT** → **SOUTH GLOBE MEGAPHONE** ★



COP30 2025 – WHAT MATTERS FOR UPSC

UNFCCC / Climate negotiations

Know the facts.
Remember forever.
Score in UPSC!

1 THE EVENT



- ✓ COP30 held in Belém, Brazil
- ✓ November 2025

2 THE CORE TARGET



Keep the 1.5°C global warming limit alive

3 MAJOR OUTPUTS



Belém Adaptation Indicators



Triple adaptation finance by 2035



Roadmaps for transitioning away from fossil fuels



Halt / reverse deforestation by 2030

4 THE INDIA ANGLE



India champions CBDR-RC

Global South should not bear unfair burden for historical emissions of the West

5 TRAPS TO AVOID

⚠ Don't confuse COP30 (Belém, Brazil, 2025) with COP29 Baku or COP28 Dubai

⚠ Say "transitioning away" / "phase down", not "immediate phase-out of all fossil fuels"

⚠ It was adaptation finance specifically that was to be tripled



STATIC TERMS TO REVISE

- UNFCCC
- Paris Agreement
- CBDR-RC
- Adaptation vs Mitigation
- Climate finance

REMEMBER COP30 WITH A CRAZY STORY!

THE LINKING METHOD

1 THE SETUP (COP30 IN BELÉM)



A cyborg COP lands in Brazil and wears a giant **BELL** = COP30 in Belém, Brazil.

2 THE TARGET & METRICS



He shouts about **1.5°C** and measures plants = 1.5°C target + Belém **Adaptation Indicators**.

3 THE ACTION



3 cash clones + oil dragon + revived forest = triple adaptation finance, fossil-fuel transition, and reverse deforestation by 2030.

A QUICK FACT MAPPING (1-GLANCE)

- 1 COP + BELL = COP30 in Belém
- 2 Thermometer 1.5 = global warming target
- 3 Tape measure = Adaptation Indicators
- 4 Three cash clones = triple adaptation finance
- 5 Oil dragon blasted away = fossil-fuel transition roadmap
- 6 Revived forest = halt/reverse deforestation by 2030
- 7 Justice/globe = CBDR-RC and Global South fairness

WHY THIS WORKS

- ★ Turns dry climate facts into a movie scene
- ★ Easy to revise fast before Prelims
- ★ Helps recall both facts and traps

C SUPER QUICK RECALL MANTRA

COP + BELL + 1.5 + MEASURE + 3 CASH + OIL DRAGON OUT + FOREST BACK



FACTS KNOWLEDGE. STORIES MEMORY. UPSC SUCCESS.



G7 2025

Know the facts. Remember the story.



WHAT MATTERS FOR UPSC

Advanced economies ★ Guest diplomacy ★ Tech & energy

1 THE EVENT

- 2025 G7 Leaders' Summit
- Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada
- 15-17 June 2025

2 INDIA'S STATUS

- India joined as an Outreach Partner
- PM Modi participated as guest
- India is **NOT** a G7 member

3 KEY DISCUSSIONS

- Energy security
- Technology and innovation
- AI-energy nexus
- Quantum-related issues

4 MAJOR OUTCOMES

- Kananaskis Wildfire Charter
- G7 Critical Minerals Action Plan

5 TRAPS TO AVOID

- ✗ India is a guest, not a member
- ✗ Do not confuse G7 with G20
- ✗ G7 = advanced industrialized economies



6 STATIC TERMS:

G7 ♥ Outreach Partner ♥ Critical Minerals ♥ AI-energy nexus ♥ G7 vs G20

1 REMEMBER G7 WITH A CRAZY STORY!

1 THE SETUP



7 billionaires in Canada + giant CAN = G7 summit in Kananaskis, Canada.

2 THE DISASTER & THE GUEST



Wildfire scroll = Kananaskis Wildfire Charter. Indian hero = India as Outreach Partner.

3 THE TECH SOLUTIONS



Purple minerals = Critical Minerals Action Plan. Robot power = AI-energy nexus + quantum.

4 QUICK FACT MAPPING

- 7 rich men = G7
- Canada canyon + giant CAN = Kananaskis, Canada
- Indian biker guest = Outreach Partner
- Fire scroll = Wildfire Charter
- Purple minerals = Critical Minerals Action Plan
- Robot power = AI-energy nexus + quantum

5 WHY THIS WORKS



- ✓ Turns dry facts into movie scenes
- ✓ Fast to revise before Prelims
- ✓ Helps recall both facts and traps

6 SUPER QUICK RECALL MANTRA

7 RICH MEN + **CANADA CAN** + **INDIAN GUEST** + **FIRE SCROLL** + **PURPLE MINERALS** + **ROBOT POWER**



FACTS ★ KNOWLEDGE ★ STORIES ★ MEMORY ★ UPSC SUCCESS!

G20 2025

WHAT MATTERS FOR UPSC

AFRICA RISING!

AU STRONGER TOGETHER!

1 THE EVENT

- 📅 20th G20 Leaders' Summit
- 📅 Nov 21-23, 2025
- 📍 Johannesburg, South Africa



2 HISTORICAL FIRST

First-ever G20 Summit hosted on African soil



3 THE THEME

"Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability"



SOLIDARITY



EQUALITY



SUSTAINABILITY



IBSA SQUAD!

4 THE MILESTONE

African Union (AU) joined as a full, permanent member for the first time at a summit



5 THE INDIA ANGLE

- Anchored India's Global South legacy
- 4th consecutive summit hosted by a Global South nation
- 🇮🇩 Indonesia '22 → 🇮🇳 India '23 → 🇧🇷 Brazil '24 → 🇿🇦 South Africa '25
- PM Modi also held an IBSA meeting on the sidelines



6 STATIC FACTS TO REMEMBER

- G20 has no permanent secretariat or HQ
- Works through the Troika system
- 2025 Troika: Brazil, South Africa, USA
- India was not in the Troika in 2025



7 TRAPS TO AVOID

- ⚠️ AU was inducted in 2023, but 2025 was its first summit participation as a permanent member



- ⚠️ No G20 secretariat in Geneva or New York



- ⚠️ Don't place India in the 2025 Troika



★ WANT TO REMEMBER ALL THIS IN 10 SECONDS? See the linking story below! ♥

1) THE SETUP



20 gorillas land in Johann's sandbox, hold hands, divide pizza equally, and grow a jungle.



2) GLOBAL SOUTH + AU



Globe rolling south = Global South

Lion on throne = AU permanent member

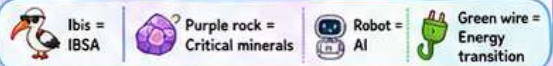
A giant globe rolls south and hits a golden AU lion, who glues itself to a throne forever.



3) IBSA + TECH



An IBSA ibis opens a briefcase: purple minerals power AI, and a green wire replaces coal.



WANT EACH IMAGE REPRESENTS

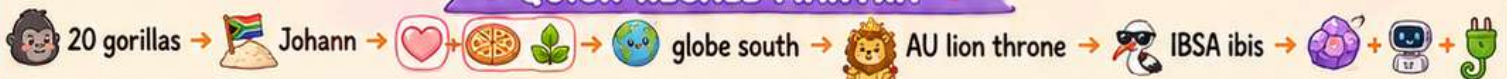
- 20 gorillas = G20
- Johann's sandbox = Johannesburg, South Africa
- Holding hands = Solidarity
- Equal pizza = Equality
- Jungle growth = Sustainability
- Globe rolling south = Global South
- Golden lion on throne = African Union permanent member at summit
- Ibis bird = IBSA meeting
- Purple rock = Critical minerals
- Robot = AI
- Green wire replacing coal = Just energy transition

WHY THIS METHOD WORKS

- ♥ Turns facts into a visual chain
- ♥ Helps fast recall before Prelims
- ♥ Makes dry current affairs memorable



QUICK RECALL MANTRA





IORA 2025-2027

★ WHAT MATTERS FOR UPSC ★

📍 COLOMBO, SRI LANKA



1 THE EVENT



24th IORA Council of Ministers
May 2025
Major outcome:
Colombo Communiqué

2 THE CHAIRSHIP



India chairs IORA
Term: 2025-2027
India in leadership role
in the Indian Ocean region

3 CORE AGENDA



- Blue economy
- Maritime security
- Disaster cooperation
- Managing chokepoints

4 THE INDIA ANGLE



- Platform for SAGAR
- Linked to MAHASAGAR vision
- Supports India's role as a net security provider
- Strengthens Indian Ocean regional diplomacy

5 STATIC FACTS TO REMEMBER



- Full form: Indian Ocean Rim Association
- A broad Indian Ocean regional grouping
- India is Chair for 2025-2027
- Focus: cooperation across the Indian Ocean region

6 TRAPS TO AVOID



- Don't confuse IORA with the Quad
- Don't confuse it with the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)
- IORA is a broad regional grouping, not a 4-country minilateral
- Remember: Colombo Communiqué + India chairship

7 UPSC VERDICT



- High-yield: chairship + Colombo Communiqué + SAGAR link
- Revise: event, agenda, Indian Ocean role, and traps

WANT TO REMEMBER ALL THIS IN 10 SECONDS?

★ ➤ See the linking story below! ⚡

★ REMEMBER IORA WITH A CRAZY STORY! ★

THE LINKING METHOD

1) THE SETUP



A giant glowing **EYEBALL** wearing a pirate hat crashes into a neon-blue ocean.

I-ORA + Blue Economy

2) COMMUNIQUE + CHAIRSHIP



Inspector Columbo sits on top of the eyeball, wrapped in the Indian flag and glued to a golden throne, shouting: "I'm the boss till 2027!"

Colombo Communiqué **India Chair 2025-2027**

3) SAGAR + SECURITY



Columbo lights a giant cigar marked **SAGAR** and blows huge smoke rings that rescue ships and guard the sea.

SAGAR **Net security provider**

4) DISASTER + CHOKEPOINTS




The smoke rings race through a narrow chokepoint and pull damaged ships safely to shore.

Maritime security **Disaster cooperation** **Chokepoints**

WHAT EACH IMAGE REPRESENTS

- 👁️ Eyeball = IORA
- 🌊 Blue ocean = Blue economy / Indian Ocean
- 👮 Inspector Columbo = Colombo Communiqué
- 👑 Golden throne = India's chairship
- 🗣️ 2027 shout = 2025-2027 term
- 🚬 Giant cigar = SAGAR
- 🌫️ Smoke rings rescuing ships = maritime security + disaster cooperation
- 🌉 Narrow sea gate = chokepoints

WHY THIS METHOD WORKS

- ✅ Turns dry facts into a visual chain
 - ✅ Makes chairship + Communiqué easy to recall
 - ✅ Helps quick revision before Prelims
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QUICK RECALL MANTRA:

EYEBALL → **BLUE OCEAN** → **COLUMBO** → **THRONE** → **2027** → **SAGAR CIGAR** → **SMOKE RINGS** → **CHOKEPOINT**





QUAD 2025

INDO-PACIFIC



★ WHAT MATTERS FOR UPSC ★

1 THE EVENT



Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting
 Washington DC
 1 July 2025

2 CORE VISION

Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)



Open seas • Rules-based order
 • Maritime security

3 KEY INITIATIVES



- IPMDA
- Ports of the Future
- Critical Minerals Initiative
- Undersea cable resilience
- HADR

4 WHAT IPMDA MEANS



- Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness
- Tracks dark shipping
- Helps against illegal fishing

5 STATIC FACTS TO REMEMBER



- Members: India, US, Japan, Australia
- Quad = Quadrilateral Security Dialogue
- Minilateral grouping
- Focus: Indo-Pacific, maritime cooperation, tech, resilience

6 TRAPS TO AVOID

- ! Not a formal military alliance
- ! Not a mutual defence treaty
- ! Don't call it 'Asian NATO' in UPSC language
- ! Not only military – also cables, ports, HADR, minerals

UPSC VERDICT

- High-yield: FOIP + IPMDA + members + key initiatives
- Revise: Washington DC, 1 July 2025, FOIP, HADR, cables, minerals



WANT TO REMEMBER ALL THIS IN 10 SECONDS?

See the linking story below! →

REMEMBER QUAD WITH A CRAZY STORY!

THE LINKING METHOD

1) THE SETUP (QUAD IN DC)



Four armored action stars ride a giant QUAD bike and smash through the White House gates in Washington DC.

2) THE CORE VISION (FOIP)



They jump the Quad bike into the ocean, shouting: 'This water is **FREE** and **OPEN!**'

3) THE TECH + RESCUE



The Quad lands on a glowing radar dish. It launches flying ambulances to rescue sailors.
 Radar = IPMDA
 Ambulances = HADR

4) THE INFRASTRUCTURE



Neon undersea cables wrap around a robotic port, which fires glowing purple minerals.
 Cables
 Ports of the Future
 Critical Minerals

WHAT EACH IMAGE REPRESENTS

- Quad bike = QUAD
- White House = Washington DC meeting
- Free ocean = FOIP
- Radar dish = IPMDA
- Flying ambulances = HADR
- Undersea cables = cable resilience
- Robotic port = Ports of the Future
- Purple minerals = Critical Minerals Initiative

WHY THIS METHOD WORKS

- Turns dry facts into a visual chain
- Makes FOIP + IPMDA easy to recall
- Helps fast revision before Prelims

QUICK RECALL MANTRA:

QUAD BIKE → WHITE HOUSE → FREE OCEAN → RADAR DISH → FLYING AMBULANCES → CABLES → ROBOTIC PORT → PURPLE MINERALS





SAARC 2025

WHAT MATTERS FOR UPSC



Stronger South Asia,
Stronger Tomorrow!

1 THE CONTEXT

SAARC is effectively paralyzed due to India-Pakistan tensions.



2 THE TRIGGER



Pahalgam terror attack



3 THE ACTION

India cancelled the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) for Pakistani nationals.

Earlier SVES visas were invalidated too.



4 KEY AGREEMENT TO SPOT

SAFTA

South Asian Free Trade Area



5 THE BIG PICTURE

- SAARC remains dormant
- Regional cooperation shifted toward BIMSTEC
- BIMSTEC became the practical alternative



6 WHO ARE SAARC MEMBERS?



7 STATIC FACTS TO REMEMBER

- HQ: Kathmandu, Nepal
- Members: 8
- Key agreement: SAFTA
- Visa scheme: SVES



8 TRAPS TO AVOID



- ✗ Don't say SAARC was revived
- ✗ Don't confuse SAFTA with SVES
- ✗ Don't forget HQ: Kathmandu
- ✗ BIMSTEC is the practical alternative



WANT TO REMEMBER ALL THIS IN 10 SECONDS?

See the linking story below! →

REMEMBER SAARC WITH A CRAZY STORY!

THE LINKING METHOD

1) THE SETUP



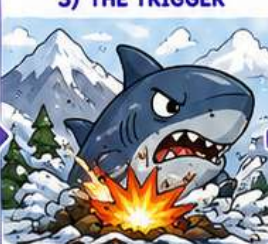
A giant SHARK (SAARC) with 8 glowing eyes crashes through a temple in Kathmandu.

2) THE AGREEMENT



The Shark tries to squeeze into a sparkly TAFFETA dress (SAFTA) and rips it apart.

3) THE TRIGGER



The angry Shark flops into snowy PAHALGAM and a big blast goes off beneath it.

4) THE CONSEQUENCE



A golden VISA card flies out. An Indian soldier stamps "NO SVES" on it and cancels it.

5) THE GEOPOLITICS



The Shark falls into a coma. Other animals ignore it and zoom away on a speedboat toward the Bay of Bengal.

WHAT EACH IMAGE REPRESENTS

- Shark = SAARC
- 8 eyes = 8 members
- Kathmandu temple = HQ
- Taffeta dress = SAFTA
- Snowy Pahalgam + blast = trigger
- Visa card = SVES cancellation
- Coma Shark = SAARC dormancy
- Speedboat to Bay = BIMSTEC alternative

WHY THIS METHOD WORKS



- ✓ Turns dry facts into a movie-like sequence
- ✓ Helps fast recall in Prelims
- ✓ Makes static + current affairs stick together



QUICK RECALL MANTRA:

SHARK → 8 EYES → KATHMANDU → TAFFETA → PAHALGAM BLAST → NO SVES → COMA → BAY SPEEDBOAT





10. UNSC / G4 - WHAT MATTERS FOR UPSC

Know the facts, Remember forever, Score in UPSC!

1 THE PLAYERS: G4

The G4 (informal group):
India, Japan, Germany, Brazil

They mutually support each other's bids for permanent seats on the UN Security Council.



2 THE EVENT



Joint Statement released on Sept 25, 2025 demanding structural reform of the UNSC.



3 THE CORE DEMAND



Expansion of the UNSC in **BOTH** permanent and non-permanent categories.

4 THE MISSING VOICES

They pushed for better representation for underrepresented regions:



5 WHY IT MATTERS (BIG PICTURE)

- Multipolar World needs democratic global institutions.
- Current UNSC structure reflects the realities of 1945, not 21st century.
- Reform is essential for legitimacy, effectiveness & credibility.
- G4 voices the aspirations of the Global South.



6 TRAPS TO AVOID

- ✗ "India already has a permanent seat on UNSC." → **WRONG!**
- ✗ UNSC is **NOT** reformed yet. India is campaigning for it.
- ✗ Confusing G4 with P5.
G4 = Aspirants for Permanent Seats.
P5 = Current Permanent Members (US, UK, France, Russia, China).

7 WHO OPPOSES THE REFORM?

Key Members:



Pakistan (Opposes India)



Italy (Opposes Germany)



South Korea (Opposes Japan)

and others...



A rival group that wants more non-permanent seats but **STRICTLY OPPOSES** giving anyone new veto power.



They block G4 by demanding only non-permanent expansion.

REMEMBER UNSC / G4 WITH A CRAZY STORY!

1 THE G4 & THE PROBLEM



Four Gorillas (G4) crash into UN. They see a tiny table with only 5 gold, locked chairs (P5 with Veto).

2 THE EXPANSION DEMAND



They smash the 5 gold chairs into dust and build a massive, stadium-sized table for everyone!

3 THE MISSING VOICES



They bring Lions (Africa), Tigers (Asia), Jaguars (Latin America) & Parrot (Caribbean) to sit on the new chairs. Equal Voice for All!

QUICK FACT MAPPING (1-GLANCE)

- 1 G4** India, Japan, Germany, Brazil
- 2 EVENT** Joint Statement - Sept 25, 2025
- 3 DEMAND** Expand UNSC (Permanent & Non-Permanent)
- 4 VOICES** Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Caribbean
- 5 OPPOSERS** *Uniting for Consensus (Coffee Club):* Pakistan, Italy, South Korea & others

TRAPS TO AVOID (RED FLAGS)

- ✗ "India has permanent seat now." → **FALSE!** India is campaigning, not a member.
- ✗ G4 is blocked by 'Uniting for Consensus' (Coffee Club).
- ✗ They oppose giving new veto power, not more non-permanent seats.

SUPER QUICK RECALL MANTRA

Gorillas (G4) broke 5 chairs,
Built a Bigger table,
Brought Lions, Tigers, Jaguars, Parrot,
Gave Everyone their share!
UNSC will be Fair!



G4 UNITED. REFORM NEEDED. VOICE FOR ALL. GLOBAL JUSTICE FOR ALL!



WTO 2026



WHAT MATTERS FOR UPSC

★ FACT ZONE (7 MUST-KNOWS) ★

1 THE EVENT



- 14th Ministerial Conference (MC14)
- Yaoundé, Cameroon
- 26–30 March 2026

2 INDIA'S CORE BATTLES



- Agriculture: permanent solution for public stockholding / MSP
- Fisheries subsidies: protect small-scale fishers

3 OTHER KEY ISSUES



- E-commerce moratorium
- Appellate Body crisis
- WTO reform

4 CORE PRINCIPLE



- MFN = Most Favoured Nation
- Treat WTO members equally under agreements

5 STATIC FACTS TO REMEMBER



- WTO = World Trade Organization
- Ministerial Conference = top decision-making body
- Appellate Body has been paralyzed since 2019

6 TRAPS TO AVOID



- India opposes making the e-commerce moratorium permanent
- Peace Clause is only a temporary shield, not a permanent MSP solution
- The Appellate Body crisis is linked to US blocking judge appointments

7 UPSC VERDICT



- High-yield: MC14 + MSP/public stockholding + fisheries subsidies + e-commerce + Appellate Body
- Revise facts, India's stand, and core WTO principles



WANT TO REMEMBER ALL THIS IN 10 SECONDS?

See the linking story below!



★ REMEMBER WTO WITH A CRAZY STORY! ★

THE LINKING METHOD

1 THE SETUP



A giant Webbed Toe (WTO) stomps on a huge camera (Cameroon) at MC14.

Webbed Toe = WTO

Camera = Cameroon / MC14

2 THE CORE BATTLES



A giant fish slaps the toe with money (fisheries subsidies). An Indian farmer dumps wheat to protect food stocks (public stockholding / MSP).

Fish + cash = Fisheries subsidies

Wheat mountain = MSP / public stockholding

3 DIGITAL FIGHT



A shopping robot tries to buy the wheat online, but a huge STOP sign crashes down (India opposes a permanent e-commerce moratorium).

Stop sign = End the e-commerce moratorium

4 THE CRISIS



Everyone runs to the trade court, but the judge's chair is blown up — Appellate Body crisis.

Broken judge chair = Appellate Body paralysis

WHAT EACH IMAGE REPRESENTS

	Webbed Toe = WTO
	Camera = Cameroon / MC14
	Fish + money = fisheries subsidies
	Wheat mountain = public stockholding / MSP
	Shopping robot + stop sign = e-commerce moratorium dispute
	Broken judge chair = Appellate Body crisis

WHY THIS METHOD WORKS

- Turns dry trade facts into a visual chain
- Makes India's stand easy to recall
- Helps quick Prelims revision



★ QUICK RECALL MANTRA ★

TOE → CAMERA → FISH CASH → WHEAT MOUNTAIN → STOP ONLINE SHOPPING → BROKEN JUDGE CHAIR