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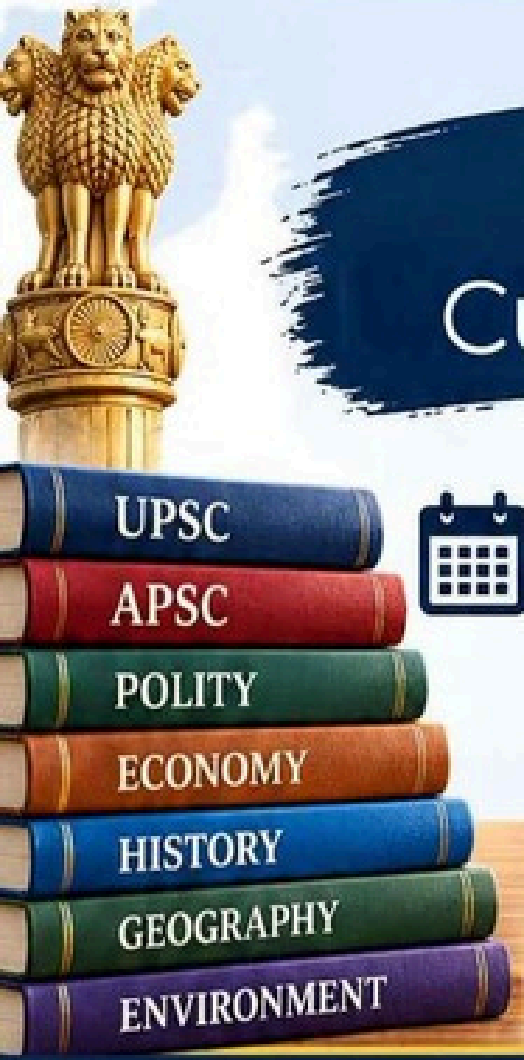
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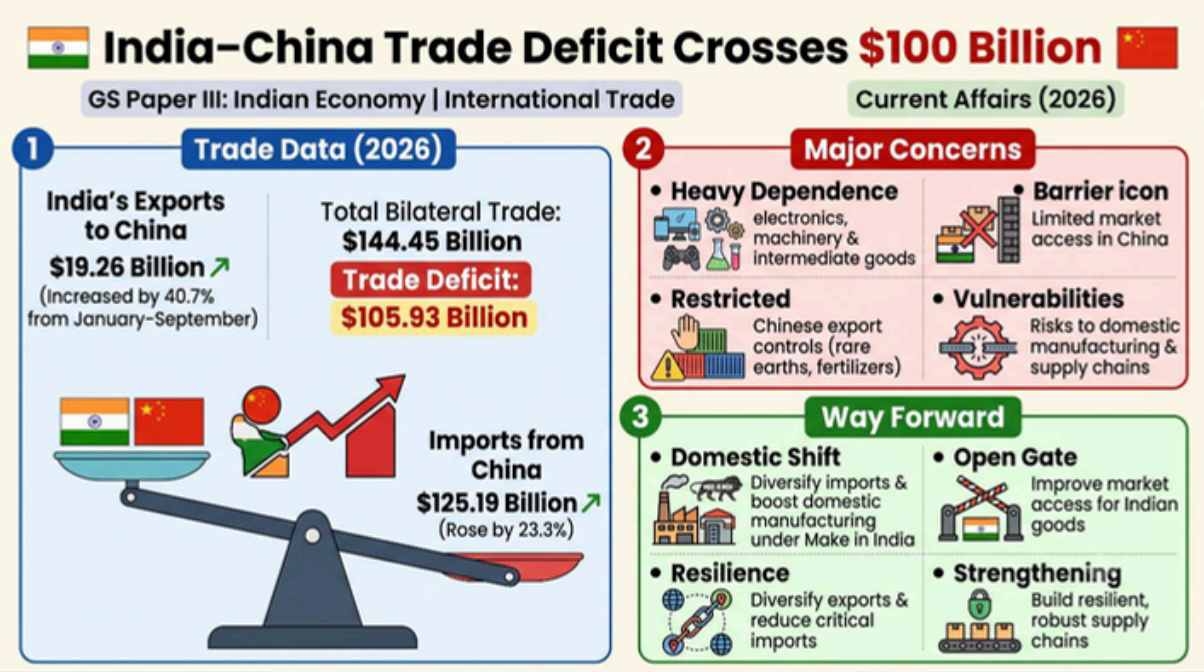


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GS Paper III: Indian Economy

India–China Trade Deficit Crosses 100 Billion



- **India's exports to China: Increased by 40.7% to 19.26 billion (January–September 2026).**
- **Imports from China: Rose by 23.3% to 125.19 billion.**
- **Total bilateral trade: Reached 144.45 billion.**
- **Trade deficit: Reached 105.93 billion, raising concerns about the growing trade imbalance.**

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Major Concerns:

- **Heavy dependence on Chinese electronics, machinery and intermediate goods.**
- **Limited market access for Indian businesses in China.**
- **Chinese export controls on critical materials, including rare earths and fertilisers.**
- **Risks to India's manufacturing sector and supply chains.**

Way Forward:

- **Diversify import sources and strengthen domestic manufacturing under Make in India.**
- **Improve market access for Indian goods in China.**
- **Promote export diversification and reduce dependence on critical imports.**
- **Strengthen resilient supply chains.**

Prelims Questions

Which of the following is a major concern associated with India's trade deficit with China?

A. Excessive Indian exports to China

B. Heavy dependence on Chinese imports

C. Complete absence of bilateral trade

D. Declining imports from China

Answer: B. Heavy dependence on Chinese imports

Mains Question (GS Paper III):

India's growing trade deficit with China highlights structural weaknesses in its external trade. Discuss the challenges and suggest measures to address them. (150 words)

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