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## Not a crime

- Supreme Court struck down **colonial-era law adultery**.
- **Section 497 of the IPC**: a man can file complain if his wife was cheating, but a women cant if the husband was cheating.
- **Adultery** can be a ground for divorce.

- It is only in a progressive legal landscape that **individual rights flourish**.
- **Rights-based social relations**, instead of a **state-imposed moral order**.
- Parliament should behave more **proactively**, rather than Courts dusting law books.
- **Shocking message:** Parliament failed in its legislative responsibility to address them.

# A fraught timeline

- **Bone of contention:** Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in the 1994 judgment in the **Ismail Faruqui** case.
- It had stated that “a mosque is not an essential part of the practice of the religion of Islam and namaz (prayer) by Muslims can be offered anywhere, even in open”.
- A three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court in a majority opinion **declined to refer the question to a 7-judge Bench.**



- What is essential or not in a religion can be **decided only after** studying tenets, beliefs, and doctrines.
- **The majority view:** ordered that the hearing in the main Ayodhya title suit appeals should **resume** in the week commencing from **October 29**.
- **Justice Abdul Nazeer:** Faruqui influenced the **2010 Allahabad high court** verdict portioning the land three ways.



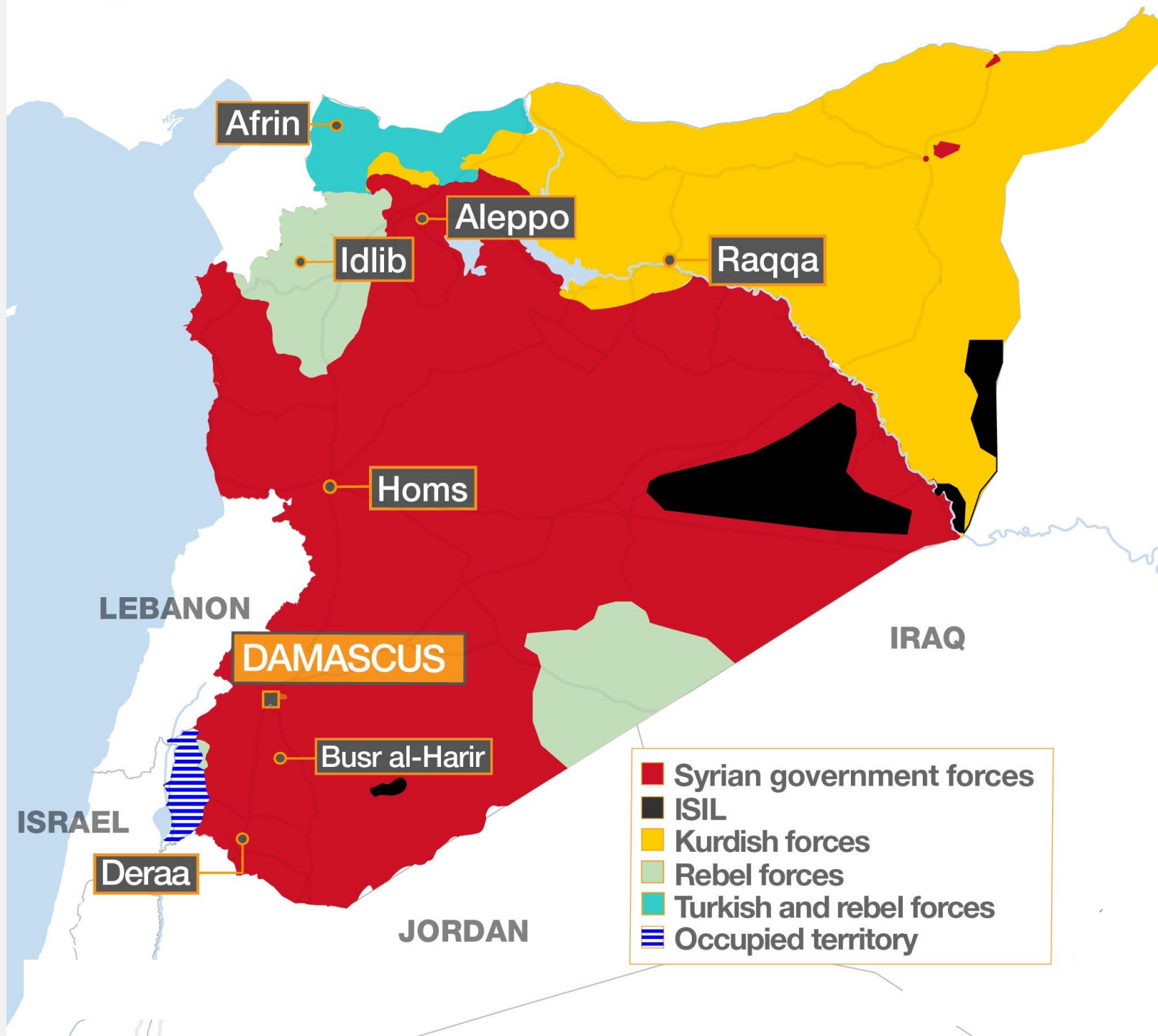
- **Article 15:** fundamental right against discrimination.
- **Articles 25 and 26:** protection guaranteed to practice, profess and propagate religion.
- **Muslim appellants** had pressed that the **place of a mosque** in Islam



# Idlib, the final frontier

- **Idlib:** out of govt control since last 3 years.
- **September 17: Putin + Erdogan** agreed to **prevent** an all out attack on Idlib.
- **Agreement:** Establish a **demilitarised zone** along the line of contact between Idlib's militants and regime forces, has **averted** an imminent **humanitarian crisis**.





- Russia and Turkey getting **closer**.
- Turkey, which already has **3.5 million** of Syrian refugees.
- **Russia**: supports **Assad** but don't want to spoil with Turkey.
- For not things are alright, but not a permanent solution for the crisis.
- Syrian govt. wants to follow **Aleppo model** in Idlib.



- **HTS** militants are battle-hard ideologically charged jihadists who were in the forefront of the conflict at least since 2013.
- **UN**: 15k HTS in Idlib.
- To pacify HTS, by **Turkey**, is going to be **tough**.
- The **Putin-Erdogan** deal may have **postponed a battle**, but the **war is far from over**.

# Finding an equilibrium

- Although conceived and executively implemented during the UPA-2 regime, the project got coercive statutory backing only during the NDA regime, in 2016.
- The court examined only whether the entire scheme was **constitutionally valid** under the **nine-judge Bench** enunciation of the **right to privacy**.
- Decision of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha to pass the Aadhaar Act as a **Money Bill**

- **Article 110(3)** of the Constitution deals with the definition of money bills.
- The custody of the **Consolidated Fund of India** or the contingency fund of India, the payment of moneys **into** or the **withdrawal** of money from any such fund
- **Decision of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha is final.** i.e courts, President, or either house cant challenge it.

- Their Lordships also felt that **some loss of privacy is constitutionally permissible** to achieve the **public good** to the “**marginalised sections of society**” and there was a collective right to privacy which may override the individual right.
- The **majority decision** offers a harmonious construction, but the **dissenting opinion** shows why this is not the only or necessarily the best way.



# LATEST NEWS

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- **Telangana comes under poll code after EC order**
  - Model code of conduct came into force following an Election Commission directive.
  - The TRS government in Telangana had prematurely dissolved the Assembly earlier this month.
  - The restrictions came into force only after the announcement of the election schedule by the Commission.
- **Sabarimala temple entry verdict today**
  - The Bench has already remarked during the court hearings that a ban on entry of women at the Sabarimala temple is steeped in patriarchy and chauvinism.
- **Uzbek President to invite India to join Afghan rail project**



- **Railways to roll out smart coaches**
  - ‘Make in India’ smart coaches with new features like black box and artificial intelligence (AI)-powered CCTVs, matching international standards.

### Embracing technology

Some of the future-ready features available on the 100 smart trains in the pilot project

- Black Box in trains on the lines of those in aircrafts
- Artificial Intelligence-powered CCTVs
- Internet of Things' based system for wheel, coach and track monitoring
- Emergency talk-back system
- Wi-Fi hotspot information system

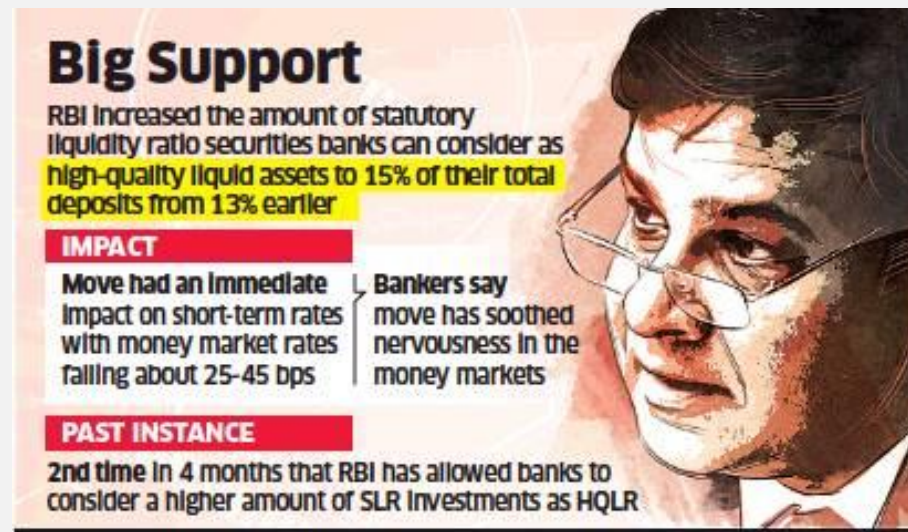
- Water level Indicator technology
- Emergency Intercom for Passengers
- Digital destination boards
- Train Reservation Display

- CCTV with remote monitoring, upgradable with smart video analytics
- WiFi-based infotainment and FM radio
- Coach diagnostics system





- **Short-term rates fall as RBI eases SLR norms**
  - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed banks to consider a further 2% of their treasury holdings as high-quality liquid assets (HQLAs) under the Basel-III calculations, potentially releasing up to ₹2 lakh crore and soothing a market jittery about credit freeze.
  - In an early morning notification on Thursday, RBI increased the amount of statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) securities banks can consider as HQLAs to 15% of their total deposits from 13% earlier, potentially freeing up liquidity in the short-term. Banks have to mandatorily invest 19.5% of their total deposits in government securities.





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# Map based answer



# Map based quiz



## 1. Consider the following statements

1. Methane a greenhouse gas (GHG) is more harmful than carbon dioxide
2. Under Kyoto Protocol, Methane has been included in the list of six GHGs.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct ?

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

## 2. Consider the below given diseases and identify those that are eradicated from India?

1. Polio
2. Leprosy
3. Small pox

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 1 and 3 only
- C) 2 and 3 only
- D) 1, 2 and 3



Uzbekistan



# Questions-

1. Which among the following are regulated by SEBI

1. Brokers
2. Mutual funds
3. Bombay Stock Exchange

Select the right code

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 and 3
- C) 1 and 2 only
- D) All of them

2. Writ jurisdiction by High Courts is

1. Discretionary
- 2 .Applicable to both fundamental and legal rights

Select the right code

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both
- D) None



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