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# TOPICS TO REVISE

1. Anti-Defection Law
2. Whip
3. Disqualification vs Resignation
4. Anti-Defection, Judicial Review and Article 212
5. Malabar Rebellion or Moplah Riots of 1921
6. Bhima-Koregaon battle of 1818
7. Hagia Sophia
8. Operation Twist
9. LTRO-TLTRO
10. Banks Board Bureau (BBB)
11. FATF's Money Laundering and the Illegal Wildlife Trade report
12. QUAD
13. MALABAR Exercise
14. Places in news - Golan Heights, West Bank, and Gaza Strip
15. Oslo Accords – Israel Issue – Abraham Accords



# Topic 1: Anti-Defection

## Key points:

1. 10<sup>th</sup> Schedule
2. 1985 - 52<sup>nd</sup> Amendment
3. Deciding authority - presiding officer
4. 1993 Kihoto Hollohan case
5. Functions as a Tribunal (subject to Judicial Review)



## Topic 2: Whip

### Key points:

1. Written order
2. All parties can issue Whip
3. Senior member is appointed as Whip
4. Office of Whip - based on the conventions of the parliamentary government
5. Functions - assistant floor leader; attendance; securing support; regulates and monitors behaviour
6. Disciplinary action



## Topic 3: Disqualification vs Resignation

Sl. No.	Disqualification	Resignation
	Disqualified member cannot become a Minister without getting elected again	Resigned member can be inducted into an alternative Cabinet without being a member.
	Accepting a resignation – simple and voluntary function	Disqualification is decided on evidence and inquiry
	Article 164 (1B)	Article 190 (3)(b)



## Topic 4: Anti-Defection, Judicial Review and Article 212

### Key points:

1. Article 212
2. Kihoto Hollohan case



# Topic 5: Malabar Rebellion or Moplah Riots of 1921

## Key points:

1. Muslim peasants (known as Moplahs) rose against their landlords, the Namboodris and Nairs.
2. Resistance against feudal system (later ended in communal violence)
3. Extended version of the Khilafat Movement

The main leaders of this rebellion were:

1. Variyankunnath Kunjahammed Haji
2. Sithi Koya Thangal
3. Ali Musliyar





## Topic 6: Bhima-Koregaon battle of 1818

### Key points:

1. 202nd Anniversary
2. Fought between EIC and Peshwa faction of the Maratha Confederacy
3. Mahar soldiers of the EIC defeated Peshwa Army led by Peshwa Bajirao II
4. Vijay Sthamb (victory pillar)



# Topic 7: Hagia Sophia

## Key points:

1. Turkey converts Hagia Sophia from a museum into a mosque
2. 1,500 year-old and UNESCO World Heritage site
3. Byzantine empire; Sultan Mehmet II; Mustafa Kemal Ataturk





# Topic 8: Operation Twist

## Key points:

1. RBI's monetary policy tool
2. RBI to conduct purchase and sale of government securities
3. RBI influences market interest rate



# Topic 9: Long Term Repo Operations (LTROs)

## Key points:

1. RBI's monetary policy tool
2. RBI provides one-year to three-year money to banks
3. Difference between LTRO and (LAF or MSF)
4. Difference between TLTROs and LTROs



# Topic 10: Banks Board Bureau (BBB)

## Key points:

1. Autonomous recommendatory body
2. Recommends appointment of directors and non-executive chairpersons
3. P. J. Nayak committee
4. Final decision by Ministry of Finance (with PMO's consultation)
5. It is a public authority defined in RTI Act



# Topic 11: FATF's Money Laundering and the Illegal Wildlife Trade report

## Key points:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> report on Illegal Wildlife Trade
2. About FATF
3. India and FATF
4. FATF keeps Pakistan in 'greylist'



# Topic 12: QUAD

## Key points:

1. Quadrilateral Security Dialogue
2. Grouping of four democracies –India, Australia, the US, and Japan
3. Objective



# Topic 13: MALABAR Exercise

## Key points:

1. Military exercise by US, Japan and India
2. Indian and Pacific Oceans
3. Started in 1992; Japan was included in 2015
4. Inclusion of Australia?





# Topic 14: Places in news: Golan Heights; West Bank





# Topic 15: Oslo Accords; two-state solution and Abraham Accord

## Key points:

1. Israel and the Palestinians peace agreement
2. Two-state solution - To resolve the conflict
3. UAE-Israel peace agreement



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