“A GOAL without A PLAN is just A WISH”
THE HINDU EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

Down to earth on the ASAT test

The court is not above the Constitution

A half-written promise

Talking with a different Modi

Line of caution

The anatomy of beauty
Revoke (verb) = Officially cancel (a decree, decision, or promise) (रद्द करना)
Conception (noun) = The forming or devising of a plan or idea (धारणा)
Fraught (adj) = Causing or affected by anxiety or stress (भरा हुआ)
Stringently (adv) = In a way that is strict, severe, or limiting (कठोरतापूर्वक)
Commence (verb) = Begin, start (प्रारंभ करना)
Obstruction (noun) = A thing that impedes or prevents passage or progress; an obstacle or blockage (बाधा)
Relentlessly (adv) = In an unceasingly intense or harsh way
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<td>Shriv (adj)</td>
<td>(of a voice or sound) high-pitched and piercing (कोलाहलमय)</td>
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<td>Forefront (noun)</td>
<td>The leading or most important position or place (सबसे आगे)</td>
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<td>Hotly (adv)</td>
<td>In a passionate, intense, or angry way</td>
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<td>Manifesto (noun)</td>
<td>A public declaration of policy and aims, especially one issued before an election by a political party or candidate (घोषणापत्र)</td>
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<td>Foeticide (noun)</td>
<td>Destruction or abortion of a fetus</td>
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<td>Contraceptive (noun)</td>
<td>A device or drug serving to prevent pregnancy (गभवनिरोधक)</td>
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<td>Formidable (adj)</td>
<td>Inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable (विकट)</td>
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Adolescent (adj) = (of a young person) in the process of developing from a child into an adult (किशोर)
Sterilization (noun) = Surgery to make a person or animal unable to produce offspring (जीवाणू-नाशन)
Stigma (noun) = A mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person (कलंक)
Clandestine (adj) = Kept secret or done secretively, especially because illicit (अवैध)
Adultery (noun) = Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not their spouse
Intersection (noun) = A point at which two or more things intersect, especially a road junction
Title: Line of caution
(The suspension of cross-LoC trade will cause hardship — it must be revoked)

Context: The Central government’s decision to suspend trade across the Line of Control between Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir is bad in conception, and comes at a particularly fraught time.
On April 18, the Ministry of Home Affairs announced the suspension from midnight of trade at the two designated points at Salamabad and Chakan-da-Bagh, citing concerns about “illegal weapons, narcotics and fake currency” being transported into India. It is also being argued that the zero-tariff barter arrangement is being violated through under-invoicing and the exchange of third party items such as U.S.-origin California almonds.

The government’s concerns may be well-founded, but the solution to violations of a trade agreement is to enforce the rules stringently, not stop exchange of goods and put at risk the livelihood of countless people on both sides of the LoC.
The volume of trade over the decade has crossed ₹6,000 crore. It must be kept in mind that the trade is mostly of local goods, and those employed, including in the transportation, are from border communities. The government has sent unsettling signals by closing the National Highway between Udhampur and Baramulla to civilian traffic for two days a week to secure the movement of troop convoys.

Final Words

To now summarily suspend LoC trade is to invite suspicion that the step has been taken without careful consideration of the consequences and also for political reasons. The suspension must be urgently revoked.
Q. Do you really think that the move to suspend LOC trade is good for our nation, How? Explain

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Quiz Game

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Title: A half-written promise
(Political parties must steer public debate to crucial issues relating to women’s health and reproductive rights)

Context: The 2019 general election has brought to the forefront hotly contested political issues and promises. While all major parties make some piecemeal promises to women, the recognition of sexual and reproductive rights is almost negligible.
For example, the Congress manifesto says the party will pass suitable legislation to make registration of marriages compulsory and to enforce the law prohibiting child marriages.

The Bharatiya Janata Party’s manifesto interestingly focusses on women’s menstruation and says it will ensure that all reproductive and menstrual health services are easily available to all women across India. Further, with the expansion of the Suvidha scheme, sanitary pads at a cost of ₹1 will be provided to all women and girls.

The CPI(M) has promised to make marital rape an offence and to ensure strict implementation of the Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act (PCPNDT) Act, which prohibits sex determination tests and female foeticide.
Data on India

India has among the highest number of maternal deaths worldwide (which UNICEF India and World Bank data put at an estimated 45,000 maternal deaths every year, or an average of one maternal death every 12 minutes). Unsafe abortions are the third leading cause of maternal deaths in India.

Lack of access to safe abortion clinics, particularly public hospitals, and stigma and attitudes toward women, especially young, unmarried women seeking abortion, contribute to this.

The right of women and girls to safe abortion is an important facet of their right to bodily integrity, right to life and equality and needs to be protected.
Final Words

- The right to safe abortion is an important political issue that must be addressed and widely debated, particularly if parties and leaders are committed to women’s human rights.

- Access to legal and safe abortion is an integral dimension of sexual and reproductive equality, a public health issue, and must be seen as a crucial element in the contemporary debates on democracy.
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Phrasal verbs

1) Stand to  = Be ready, be in a position
2) Move ahead = to make progress
3) Descend on  = come in force
4) Step in    = intervene, become involved
5) Step down  = to resign
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