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Why in news: The Union government, via the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), revised the flood plain definition to allow regulated construction in moderate/rare flood zones along the Ganga.

REMEMBER

- NMCG: National Mission for Clean Ganga is the nodal agency for river rejuvenation.
- The revision allows construction in areas subject to moderate or rare flooding.
- Construction remains strictly prohibited within the 'active flood plain'.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges of balancing urban development with ecological preservation in the floodplains of major Indian rivers like the Ganga.

USE: Ecological integrity Sustainable development

Regulatory framework Floodplain management

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/101631

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Why in news: Reports of Chinese troops crossing the LAC in Arunachal Pradesh sparked diplomatic friction, highlighting the ongoing tensions in the India-China border management.

REMEMBER

- Upper Subansiri is a district in the state of Arunachal Pradesh.
- LAC (Line of Actual Control) is the de facto border between India and China.
- Randhir Jaiswal serves as the Spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges of managing the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and its implications on India's bilateral relations with China.

USE: sovereignty bilateral ties de-escalation

border management

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Vande Mataram gets legal shield: Sing disruption now jail for up to 3 years

Why in news: President Droupadi Murmu approved a Bill criminalising the disruption of 'Vande Mataram', granting it legal protection similar to the national anthem.

REMEMBER

- Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act: Law protecting national symbols from desecration.
- Punishment for disrupting Vande Mataram: Up to 3 years of imprisonment or fine.
- Vande Mataram will be sung at Red Fort's Independence Day function for the first time.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of protecting national symbols and how such legislation balances the preservation of national integrity with the right to freedom of expression.

USE: National Integrity Freedom of Expression

Legislative Protection Constitutional Morality

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REMEMBER

- Skyroot Aerospace: A private Indian space-tech company.
- Vikram-1: The maiden orbital launch vehicle of Skyroot Aerospace.
- Telemetry: The automated-transmission of data from a spacecraft to a ground station.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the role of private sector participation in India's space program and the challenges associated with commercial satellite deployment.

USE: Space Economy Private Participation Telemetry

Orbital Mechanics

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NASA Invites India to Join Moon Base Program Near South Pole

Why in news: NASA invited ISRO to join its Moon Base program near the lunar South Pole during the 9th India-US Civil Space Joint Working Group meeting.

REMEMBER

- NASA's Moon Base program targets the lunar South Pole for exploration.
- Artemis Accords: A series of international agreements for lunar exploration and cooperation.
- TRUST Initiative: A framework for US-India cooperation in space technology and data sharing.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how bilateral space cooperation between India and the USA, particularly through the Artemis Accords, enhances India's position in the global space economy.

USE: bilateral cooperation lunar exploration
space diplomacy technological advancement

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Renewable surge: India hits 300.50 GW, solar leads at 164.59 GW

Why in news: India reached a milestone of 300.50 GW non-fossil electricity capacity as of July 2026, driven largely by a massive expansion in solar power.

REMEMBER

- India's non-fossil electricity capacity reached 300.50 GW as of July 31, 2026.
- Solar power accounts for 164.59 GW of the non-fossil capacity.
- Renewable energy generation rose from 190.96 billion units (2014-15) to 477.79 billion units (2025-26).

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of India's rapid transition towards non-fossil energy sources in achieving energy security and meeting its climate commitments.

USE: Energy Security Decarbonization
Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)
Renewable Energy Transition

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Supreme Court urges Union government to create emergency mechanism against online threats

Why in news: The Supreme Court urged the Union Government to establish an emergency mechanism to counter rapid-spread online threats like deepfakes and doxxing.

REMEMBER

- The Supreme Court of India has the power of judicial review to examine the adequacy of government mechanisms against cyber threats.
- The petition specifically identifies doxxing and deepfake impersonation as critical online threats requiring immediate intervention.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is the primary nodal ministry for India's cyber security and digital infrastructure.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges in addressing rapid-onset cyber crimes like deepfakes and doxxing within the existing legal framework. Suggest measures for a time-bound emergency response system.

USE: cybersecurity judicial oversight digital harm
time-bound response

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/101336

NFHS-6 shows early breastfeeding rise but drop in exclusive feeding for under-six-months-olds

Why in news: NFHS-6 data reveals a significant decline in exclusive breastfeeding for infants under six months despite an increase in early initiation.

REMEMBER

- NFHS-6: Breastfeeding within one hour of birth increased to 50.1%.
- NFHS-6: Exclusive breastfeeding for infants under six months dropped to 55.8%.
- NFHS: A large-scale, multi-round survey conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the socio-economic and systemic challenges that hinder the continuation of exclusive breastfeeding in India despite early initiation. Suggest measures to improve maternal and child health outcomes.

USE: maternal health infant mortality
exclusive breastfeeding public health intervention

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/101324

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Young Revolutionary Khudiram Bose Executed at 18 for Failed Assassination Attempt

Justice Ramesh directs Tamil Nadu government to remove caste names from streets

Supreme Court Questions Ministries on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Repatriation Petition

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Pakistan, Turkey, Saudi Arabia Sign Defence Pact, Raising India Concerns

The Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) in Delhi endorsed the Cauvery Water

India Adds 11 New E-Visa Entry Points, Total Reaches 88

Bangladesh PM Tarique Rahman raises Hasina extradition with Indian envoy

Karnataka High Court Quashes Police Demands for Hospital Equipment Without FIR

Google Withholds YouTube Video Over Religious Defamation in India

Kerala Asks Union Ministry to Extend Engineering Admissions Deadline

Centre Rejects Saudi Arabia's Request for Point of Call Status at Thiruvananthapuram Airport

Bombay High Court Justice recuses himself from hearing petitions challenging controversial MSPSA

At the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on September 12–13, 2026

The Supreme Court of India, headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant

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India's unemployment rate rises to 5.4% in April–June 2026

Four HLCDC members visit Jammu, meet Rohingyas in detention center

Andhra Pradesh Grows 10.7% Despite El Niño, Naidu Aims for 15% Growth

Newborn in Madhya Pradesh faces Rs 55,323 debt due to state borrowing

AI use could boost global energy emissions by 1.2 to 4.8 percent: Alpine study

AI Models Show Similarities and Vulnerabilities, Researchers Find

Tamil Nadu launches ₹264 crore 'Anti-Narcotics Task Force' with 65 units across state

New Study Unveils 766 Genes Linked to Schizophrenia, Including 641 Previously Unknown

Andhra Pradesh OKs High-Rise Slum Redevelopment, Starting with 177 Units in Velampeta

AI Giant Anthropic Embeds Invisible Watermarks in Claude's Creations

Write one answer today

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USE :

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Sustainable development

Regulatory framework

Floodplain management

NMCG



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