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History & Culture

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MODERN INDIA & FREEDOM STRUGGLE

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11 Aug · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/101548**Young Revolutionary Khudiram Bose Executed at 18 for Failed Assassination Attempt**

WHY IN NEWS The martyrdom of revolutionary Khudiram Bose was commemorated, highlighting his role in the early 20th-century armed resistance against British rule.

- POST** | Khudiram Bose: A prominent revolutionary of the Indian independence movement.
- PLACE** | Muzaffarpur: Location of the execution of Khudiram Bose in 1908.
- FACT** | Anushilan Samiti: A revolutionary organization active in Bengal during the early 20th century.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of revolutionary movements and secret societies like Anushilan Samiti in shaping the trajectory of India's freedom struggle.

USE: revolutionary movement Anushilan Samiti armed resistance nationalist sentiment martyrdom

MODERN INDIA & FREEDOM STRUGGLE

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11 Aug · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/101330**Supreme Court Questions Ministries on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Repatriation Petition**

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court of India sought responses from the Union Ministries of External Affairs and Home regarding a petition for the repatriation of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's remains from Japan.

- POST** | Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose: Leader of the Indian National Army (INA) and key figure in the Indian independence movement.
- PLACE** | Renkō-Ji Temple: Located in Tokyo, Japan, where Netaji's remains are currently held.
- BODY** | Ministry of External Affairs (MEA): Responsible for India's foreign relations and diplomatic negotiations with Japan.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Indian freedom struggle and the diplomatic complexities involved in the repatriation of historical remains.

USE: repatriation diplomatic relations historical legacy judicial oversight

MODERN INDIA & FREEDOM STRUGGLE

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11 Aug · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/101118**On August 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead Independence Day celebrations**

WHY IN NEWS The government announced that 'Vande Mataram' will be sung for the first time at the Red Fort during Independence Day celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the song.

- PLACE** | Red Fort, Delhi: The traditional venue for the Prime Minister's Independence Day address.
- FACT** | 2026 marks the 150th anniversary of the national song 'Vande Mataram'.
- FACT** | Viksit Bharat 2047: The government's goal to make India a developed nation by 2047.
- BODY** | Table of Precedence: The official order of precedence for government officials and dignitaries during state functions.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of cultural symbols like 'Vande Mataram' in fostering national identity and the role of youth in achieving the 'Viksit Bharat' vision by 2047.

USE: National Identity Demographic Dividend Viksit Bharat Cultural Heritage Youth Empowerment

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

WHY IN NEWS The Madras High Court directed the Tamil Nadu government to remove caste-based names from streets to prevent social discrimination and uphold dignity.

PLACE	Madras High Court: Located in Chennai, Tamil Nadu
FACT	Government Orders regarding street naming in Tamil Nadu date back to 1978
POST	Justice N. Ramesh: Judge of the Madras High Court

MAINS Q Discuss how the persistence of caste-based identifiers in public infrastructure impacts social cohesion and the dignity of marginalized communities in India.

USE: [social stratification](#) [constitutional morality](#) [identity politics](#) [administrative oversight](#) [social justice](#)

Polity & Constitution

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CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENTS & BASIC STRUCTURE

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11 Aug · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/101619

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.

ACT / BILL | Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act: Law protecting national symbols from desecration.

FACT | Punishment for disrupting Vande Mataram: Up to 3 years of imprisonment or fine.

FACT | Vande Mataram will be sung at Red Fort's Independence Day function for the first time.

MAINS Q 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

JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS

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11 Aug · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/101663

Karnataka High Court Quashes Police Demands for Hospital Equipment Without FIR

WHY IN NEWS The Karnataka High Court quashed police demands for hospital equipment without an FIR, emphasizing that investigative procedures should not paralyze essential healthcare services.

BODY | Karnataka High Court: State High Court for the state of Karnataka.

FACT | UDR: Unnatural Death Report is a preliminary report filed by police when a death occurs under suspicious circumstances.

POST | Justice M. Nagaprasanna: Presiding judge of the Karnataka High Court.

MAINS Q Discuss the balance between the state's power to investigate crimes and the necessity of ensuring the uninterrupted functioning of essential public services like healthcare.

USE: Judicial Review Police Accountability Right to Health Administrative Overreach

JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS

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11 Aug · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/101666

Google Withholds YouTube Video Over Religious Defamation in India

WHY IN NEWS Google informed the Delhi High Court regarding the withholding of a YouTube video due to religious defamation, highlighting the enforcement of the IT Rules and the role of the Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC).

BODY | Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC): A body established under the IT Rules to handle complaints regarding content moderation.

ACT / BILL | Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021: Governs content moderation and liability of social media intermediaries.

FACT | The Delhi High Court scheduled further hearings for September 3, 2026, regarding the timeline of content removal.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in balancing freedom of speech with the regulation of digital content under the Information Technology Rules, 2021.

USE: Intermediary liability Content moderation Freedom of speech Digital governance

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

WHY IN NEWS Justice Gautam Ankhad of the Bombay High Court recused himself from hearing petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Maharashtra Special Public Security Act (MSPSA), 2025.

CONSTITUTION | Article 14: Right to Equality

CONSTITUTION | Article 19: Freedom of speech, assembly, and association

CONSTITUTION | Article 21: Protection of life and personal liberty

CONSTITUTION | Article 300A: Right to property

BODY | Bombay High Court: One of the oldest High Courts in India

MAINS Q *Examine the tension between state security measures and the protection of fundamental rights under the Indian Constitution.*

USE: Judicial Review Fundamental Rights Public Order Constitutional Validity Recusal

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

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court directed the Election Commission of India to expedite the disposal of appeals regarding voters excluded from West Bengal's electoral roll during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process.

BODY | Election Commission of India (ECI) is the constitutional body responsible for preparing and revising electoral rolls.

FACT | The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process involves updating voter lists to ensure inclusivity.

POST | The Supreme Court of India is the highest judicial body in the country.

MAINS Q *Discuss the importance of an inclusive and updated electoral roll in ensuring the democratic right to vote and access to social welfare schemes.*

USE: Right to Franchise Electoral Roll Judicial Activism Inclusivity Administrative Efficiency

Supreme Court asks ministries to respond to probe demand against Cockroach Janta Party

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court sought responses from Central Ministries regarding a petition seeking a CBI probe into the Cockroach Janta Party and the commercial exploitation of judicial proceedings.

BODY | CBI: Central Bureau of Investigation is the premier investigating agency of India.

POST | Supreme Court: The highest judicial body in India, established under the Constitution.

FACT | The petition was filed on August 11, 2026.

MAINS Q *Discuss the challenges posed by the commercialization of judicial proceedings and the proliferation of misinformation in the digital age on the integrity of the Indian judiciary.*

USE: judicial integrity commercial exploitation misinformation accountability rule of law

22% of Telangana voters face deletion from electoral rolls

WHY IN NEWS The Chief Electoral Officer of Telangana reported a significant deletion of voters from draft electoral rolls due to uncollectable forms and demographic anomalies.

- FACT** | 22% of forms in Telangana were identified as uncollectable during the enumeration phase.
- FACT** | The final electoral rolls for the period are scheduled for publication on October 19, 2026.
- BODY** | The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) oversees the preparation and maintenance of electoral rolls.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges faced by the Election Commission of India in maintaining accurate electoral rolls and the importance of 'voter list cleaning' for free and fair elections.

USE: electoral integrity voter disenfranchisement demographic anomalies administrative efficiency

The Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department constituted a State-level committee

WHY IN NEWS The HR&CE Department constituted a State-level committee to screen non-hereditary trustees for temples with incomes exceeding ₹10 lakh to ensure transparent administration.

- BODY** | HR&CE Department: A state government body responsible for the administration of Hindu religious and charitable endowments.
- FACT** | Income Threshold: The committee specifically targets temples with incomes above ₹10 lakh for trustee screening.
- FACT** | Trusteeship: The initiative focuses on 'non-hereditary' trustees to move away from traditional lineage-based management.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of state-led administration of religious endowments in balancing the rights of religious communities with the need for transparency and public accountability.

USE: Transparency Public Accountability Religious Endowments Non-hereditary State Governance

Governance

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Kerala High Court Orders State to Deploy Police for Consumer Commission Enforcement

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala High Court directed the state to deploy Civil Police Officers (CPOs) to assist District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commissions in enforcing orders and summons.

- ACT / BILL** | Consumer Protection Act, 2019: Primary legislation governing consumer rights and dispute redressal in India.
- BODY** | District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commissions: Quasi-judicial bodies established to resolve consumer grievances.
- POST** | Chief Justice Soumen Sen: Presiding judge of the Kerala High Court during the order.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges faced by quasi-judicial bodies in enforcing orders and suggest measures to strengthen the consumer grievance redressal mechanism in India.

USE: quasi-judicial enforcement mechanism consumer protection judicial activism administrative efficiency

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.

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

MAINS Q 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 socio-economic barriers

Kerala Asks Union Ministry to Extend Engineering Admissions Deadline

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala government requested the Union Ministry of Education to extend the AICTE-mandated engineering admission deadline to address seat vacancies and decentralization issues.

- BODY** | AICTE: All India Council of Technical Education is the statutory body responsible for regulating technical education in India.
- FACT** | The current engineering admission deadline set by AICTE is August 14, 2026.
- POST** | The Union Ministry of Education oversees the national education policy and regulatory framework.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges faced by students in the decentralized engineering admission process and suggest measures to ensure equitable access to higher education.

USE: equitable access regulatory framework decentralization educational infrastructure

Kerala drug watchdog probes shops for misleading discounts, tensions rise between pharmacies

WHY IN NEWS The Kerala State Drugs Control department is investigating pharmacies for misleading discount boards to prevent consumer deception and ensure drug quality.

- BODY** | Kerala State Drugs Control department is the regulatory body for pharmaceutical sales in the state.
- FACT** | The inquiry focuses on 'misleading discount boards' and 'vague price claims' by pharmacies.
- PLACE** | Alappuzha is the district where the initial inquiry by a drug inspector commenced.

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of regulatory oversight in the pharmaceutical sector to ensure consumer safety and prevent unfair trade practices.

USE: regulatory oversight consumer protection transparency public health unfair trade practices

Judge orders release of two women from father's unlawful confinement, demands ₹25 lakh compensation

WHY IN NEWS Allahabad High Court ordered the release of two women from unlawful confinement by their father following their conversion to Islam, highlighting the protection of individual liberties.

CONSTITUTION	Article 25 guarantees freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess, practice, and propagate religion.
CONSTITUTION	Article 21 guarantees the protection of life and personal liberty.
FACT	The Allahabad High Court ordered a compensation of ₹25 lakh for the violation of constitutional rights.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in balancing individual religious freedom with family rights and the role of the judiciary in protecting vulnerable sections from unlawful confinement.

USE: Fundamental Rights Personal Liberty Judicial Oversight Religious Freedom State Accountability

International Relations

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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.

S&T	NASA's Moon Base program targets the lunar South Pole for exploration.
INTL. ORG	Artemis Accords: A series of international agreements for lunar exploration and cooperation.
S&T	TRUST Initiative: A framework for US-India cooperation in space technology and data sharing.
FACT	Chandrayaan-3: India's mission that successfully landed near the lunar South Pole.

MAINS Q 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

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

WHY IN NEWS Pakistan, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia signed the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement, potentially creating a collective security bloc that impacts India's strategic ties with Riyadh.

FACT	India-Saudi Arabia trade ties are valued at approximately \$43 billion.
PLACE	Turkey is a major supplier of advanced weaponry, including drones, to Pakistan.
FACT	The Mecca Joint Defence Agreement was signed on August 7.

MAINS Q Analyze the implications of emerging trilateral defence pacts in South Asia on India's strategic autonomy and its bilateral relations with Gulf nations.

USE: Strategic Autonomy Collective Defence Geopolitical Realignment Security Dilemma

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

WHY IN NEWS The Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) endorsed a directive for Karnataka to release 12,000 cusecs of water daily to Tamil Nadu, highlighting the ongoing interstate water sharing dynamics.

- FACT** | Daily water release requirement: 12,000 cusecs
- PLACE** | Cauvery River: Flows through Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala
- BODY** | Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA): Body overseeing water distribution and management

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in managing interstate river water sharing in India and suggest measures to ensure equitable distribution while balancing agricultural needs.

USE: Inter-state water sharing Water security Equitable distribution Federalism Resource management

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

WHY IN NEWS The Government of India expanded the number of e-visa entry points to 88 to facilitate easier access for medical, student, and tourist travelers.

- FACT** | Total e-visa entry points in India increased to 88.
- PLACE** | Attari is a land port on the India-Pakistan border.
- FACT** | E-visas are currently unavailable for Pakistani nationals, who must apply for regular visas.
- FACT** | The new entry points include 2 airports and 9 land ports.

MAINS Q Discuss how the expansion of e-visa facilities contributes to India's soft power and its goals of promoting medical and educational tourism.

USE: Ease of Access Soft Power Tourism Infrastructure Digital Governance

Bangladesh PM Tarique Rahman raises Hasina extradition with Indian envoy

WHY IN NEWS Bangladesh PM Tarique Rahman requested India's cooperation in the extradition of exiled former PM Sheikh Hasina while seeking to normalize bilateral ties.

- POST** | Tarique Rahman: Current Prime Minister of Bangladesh
- POST** | Dinesh Trivedi: Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh
- FACT** | Sheikh Hasina: Former Prime Minister of Bangladesh, currently in exile
- BODY** | RAW: Research and Analysis Wing, India's external intelligence agency

MAINS Q Analyze the impact of leadership transitions in neighboring countries on India's 'Neighborhood First' policy and regional security dynamics.

USE: bilateral ties extradition geopolitical stability neighborhood first diplomatic protocol

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

WHY IN NEWS The Indian government rejected Saudi Arabia's request for 'Point of Call' status at Thiruvananthapuram Airport to prioritize domestic carrier operations.

- FACT** | Point of Call status allows foreign airlines to operate flights to a specific airport.
- PLACE** | Thiruvananthapuram International Airport is located in Kerala.
- FACT** | Air India Express is the only carrier currently operating weekly services between Thiruvananthapuram and Dammam.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges and policy considerations involved in balancing the growth of domestic aviation infrastructure with the demands of international aviation connectivity in non-metro cities.

USE: aviation policy regional connectivity infrastructure development bilateral relations domestic aviation

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

WHY IN NEWS Bangladesh's participation in the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi is under scrutiny due to pending bilateral issues like the Ganga Water Treaty.

- INTL. ORG** | BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (expanded in 2024).
- PLACE** | New Delhi: Host city for the 18th BRICS Summit in September 2026.
- FACT** | Ganga Water Treaty: A key bilateral water-sharing agreement between India and Bangladesh.

MAINS Q Analyze how multilateral forums like BRICS serve as platforms for resolving bilateral issues and strengthening regional cooperation between India and its neighbours.

USE: multilateralism bilateral ties water diplomacy regional cooperation

India condemns embassy defacement in Slovenia, MEA urges Slovenian authorities to act

WHY IN NEWS India condemned the defacement of its embassy in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and urged action against pro-Khalistani elements under the Vienna Convention.

- INTL. ORG** | Vienna Convention: Governs the privileges and immunities of diplomatic missions and their staff.
- POST** | MEA: The primary body responsible for India's foreign policy and diplomatic relations.
- PLACE** | Ljubljana: The capital city of Slovenia.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges India faces in protecting its diplomatic missions abroad from extremist elements and the importance of international cooperation in combating disinformation.

USE: diplomatic immunity sovereignty transnational threats disinformation bilateral relations

India donates five peacocks to UNOG, reviving 1981 tradition

WHY IN NEWS India donated five peacocks to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) in August 2026, reviving a diplomatic tradition started in 1981.

- BODY** | UNOG: United Nations Office at Geneva, the UN's European headquarters.
- PLACE** | Ariana Park: A public park in Geneva, Switzerland, where the birds will roam.
- FACT** | The tradition of donating peacocks to UNOG began in 1981.

MAINS Q Discuss how cultural diplomacy and symbolic gestures like biodiversity conservation can strengthen India's soft power and multilateral engagements at international forums.

USE: Soft Power Multilateralism Biodiversity Conservation Cultural Diplomacy

Oman races to contain 400 sq km oil spill from sanctioned Russian tanker

WHY IN NEWS Oman is responding to a 400 sq km oil spill from the Caroline Bezenqi, a sanctioned Russian tanker, threatening marine ecosystems.

- PLACE** | Hallaniyat archipelago: A marine ecosystem in Oman's Gulf of Oman region.
- FACT** | The oil spill covers an area of approximately 400 square kilometres.
- S&T** | Shadow fleet: A term for vessels used to bypass international sanctions on oil and commodities.

MAINS Q Discuss the environmental and geopolitical implications of 'shadow fleets' and their impact on maritime security and ecological preservation in the Middle East.

USE: shadow fleet maritime security ecological disaster sanctions evasion marine biodiversity

Economy

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INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS) P M

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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.

- FACT** | India's non-fossil electricity capacity reached 300.50 GW as of July 31, 2026.
- FACT** | Solar power accounts for 164.59 GW of the non-fossil capacity.
- FACT** | Renewable energy generation rose from 190.96 billion units (2014-15) to 477.79 billion units (2025-26).
- FACT** | India aims to reach 60% non-fossil capacity by 2035 under its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).
- BODY** | Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is the nodal body for these statistics.

MAINS Q 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 Sustainable Development

EMPLOYMENT & INCLUSIVE GROWTH P M

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

WHY IN NEWS The Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the PLFS data showing a rise in India's unemployment rate to 5.4% for the April-June 2026 quarter.

- BODY** | PLFS: Periodic Labour Force Survey is conducted by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- FACT** | Urban unemployment rate in April-June 2026 was recorded at 6.7%.
- FACT** | The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) in urban areas remained stable at 50.2%.
- FACT** | Regular wage and salaried employment saw growth particularly in the secondary sector.

MAINS Q Analyze the factors contributing to the rising unemployment rates in both rural and urban India despite growth in the secondary sector.

USE: structural unemployment LFPR secondary sector labour dynamics jobless growth

GROWTH, INFLATION & MACRO INDICATORS P

2 REPORTS MERGED

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

WHY IN NEWS Andhra Pradesh reported a 10.7% second-quarter growth despite El Niño-induced rainfall deficits, highlighting the state's economic resilience and agricultural contribution.

- FACT** | Andhra Pradesh's second-quarter growth rate was recorded at 10.7%.
- FACT** | Agriculture sector growth in Andhra Pradesh reached 13.5%.
- FACT** | Real GSDP growth for the state rose from 6.5% (2023-24) to 9.9% (2025-26).
- S&T** | El Niño is a climate pattern characterized by the warming of surface waters in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

MAINS Q Analyze the role of agricultural resilience and MSME investment in sustaining state-level economic growth amidst climate-induced challenges like El Niño.

USE: GSDP El Niño MSMEs Resource Management Economic Resilience

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

WHY IN NEWS The CAG report highlighted that Madhya Pradesh's debt servicing consumes nearly 30% of new borrowings, creating a 'debt trap' that limits capital expenditure.

- FACT** | Madhya Pradesh's total liabilities are projected to reach Rs 5.31 lakh crore by 2026.
- BODY** | The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) is the constitutional body responsible for auditing state and central government accounts.
- FACT** | Nearly 30% of Madhya Pradesh's new borrowing is diverted to servicing past debt obligations.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of high debt-servicing ratios on a state's ability to fund capital expenditure and infrastructure development. Suggest measures to ensure fiscal sustainability.

USE: [fiscal sustainability](#) [debt servicing](#) [capital expenditure](#) [debt trap](#) [CAG audit](#)

Gold crackdown: India nets Rs 10,463 crore in customs, seizes 160 kg

WHY IN NEWS The Ministry of Finance reported a significant collection of customs duty from precious metals and a crackdown on illegal gold smuggling to curb non-essential imports.

- FACT** | Gold imports contributed Rs 10,040 crore to the customs duty collection between May and August 2026.
- FACT** | Over 160 kg of gold was seized during the crackdown on illegal imports.
- FACT** | Import duties on gold, silver, and platinum were raised by the government to discourage non-essential imports.

MAINS Q Discuss the measures taken by the Indian government to curb the smuggling of precious metals and its impact on the country's balance of payments.

USE: [customs duty](#) [balance of payments](#) [smuggling crackdown](#) [fiscal policy](#) [precious metals](#)

Wealthy Indians Face Card Refusals Over India's \$250,000 Remittance Cap

WHY IN NEWS Offshore banks are reportedly refusing to renew international credit cards for wealthy Indians due to the \$250,000 annual limit imposed by the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS).

- FACT** | LRS limit: \$250,000 per Indian resident per financial year.
- FACT** | Deployment rule: Funds must be utilized or repatriated within 180 days.
- BODY** | LRS is a scheme managed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Department of Economic Services.

MAINS Q Discuss the impact of the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) on India's capital account and its implications for the mobility of high-net-worth individuals.

USE: [Capital Account](#) [Remittance](#) [Liberalised Remittance Scheme](#) [Foreign Exchange Management](#) [Regulatory Compliance](#)

Sebi extends IPO deadline to September 30 for companies with expiring observation letters

WHY IN NEWS SEBI granted a one-time extension for IPO deadlines to companies with expiring observation letters to accommodate market volatility.

- BODY** | SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) is the primary regulator for the securities market in India.
- FACT** | Eight IPOs in August 2024 raised a total of ₹10,636 crore.
- FACT** | Estimated IPO pipeline for September is approximately ₹40,000 crore.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of SEBI in ensuring market stability and investor protection during periods of high market volatility.

USE: [market volatility](#) [regulatory relaxation](#) [capital formation](#) [IPO pipeline](#) [investor sentiment](#)

India's Roads Claim 1.8 Lakh Lives Yearly, Minister Announces Rs 40,000 Crore Plan

WHY IN NEWS Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced a ₹40,000 crore plan to address road safety and 'black spots' in India, highlighting that road accidents cause 1.8 lakh deaths annually.

- FACT** | India's road fatalities: 1.8 lakh deaths annually from nearly 5 lakh accidents.
- FACT** | Two-wheelers account for 45% of road fatalities in India.
- FACT** | Government plan: ₹40,000 crore allocated to address road 'black spots'.

MAINS Q Discuss the systemic and behavioral challenges contributing to high road mortality in India and suggest measures to enhance road safety infrastructure.

USE: road safety black spots infrastructure development human behavior public safety

Agriculture

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

WHY IN NEWS The Andhra Pradesh Government approved a high-rise slum redevelopment model in Visakhapatnam using the DBFT approach to facilitate in-situ housing.

- FACT** | The pilot project in Velampeta involves the construction of 177 housing units.
- S&T** | The redevelopment model utilizes high-rise construction up to 45 meters tall.
- FACT** | The project employs a Transferable Development Rights (TDR) ratio of 1:4.
- FACT** | The DBFT (Design, Build, Finance, and Transfer) approach is the primary model for redevelopment.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges and benefits of in-situ slum redevelopment models in rapidly urbanizing Indian cities. How can TDR and DBFT models address these challenges?

USE: in-situ redevelopment Transferable Development Rights DBFT model urban housing spatial planning

Kerala Fisheries Minister Plans Rapid Response Teams for Missing Fishers

WHY IN NEWS Kerala Fisheries Department plans to form rapid response teams and a multi-agency decision-making body to expedite search operations for missing fishers during the 'golden hour'.

- FACT** | Golden Hour: The critical first hour after a disaster/emergency where prompt intervention is most likely to save lives.
- BODY** | Kerala Fisheries Department: State government body responsible for marine resources and fisher welfare.
- FACT** | Rapid Response Teams (RRT): Localized units designed for immediate action in search and rescue operations.

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of multi-agency coordination and rapid response mechanisms in ensuring the safety of coastal communities and artisanal fishers in India.

USE: multi-agency coordination golden hour disaster mitigation maritime safety socio-economic security

SPACE TECHNOLOGY (ISRO, MISSIONS) P

11 Aug · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/101498

Skyroot's Vikram-1 Orbit Success, But In-House SCOPE Satellite Fails Telemetry

WHY IN NEWS Skyroot Aerospace successfully launched its Vikram-1 rocket into orbit but faced telemetry failures with its SCOPE satellite, highlighting the complexities of private space exploration in India.

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

MAINS Q 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 Technological Complexity

IT, AI, SEMICONDUCTORS & COMPUTING P M

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

WHY IN NEWS A study published in npj Climate Action highlights that AI development may increase global energy emissions by 1.2% to 4.8% due to 'enabled emissions' from fossil fuel production.

- S&T | AI 'enabled emissions' refer to greenhouse gases produced by increased fossil fuel output facilitated by AI technology.
- FACT | The study estimates a potential global energy emission increase of 1.2% to 4.8% due to AI use.
- S&T | npj Climate Action is the journal where the research on AI's environmental impact was published.

MAINS Q Discuss the environmental challenges posed by the rapid expansion of Artificial Intelligence, specifically regarding 'enabled emissions' and the carbon footprint of data centers.

USE: enabled emissions carbon footprint fossil fuel extraction sustainable AI climate impact

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AI Models Show Similarities and Vulnerabilities, Researchers Find

WHY IN NEWS Researchers discovered a method to extract hidden reasoning and personal data from major AI models, highlighting shared vulnerabilities and potential 'model distillation' between US and Chinese AI systems.

- S&T | Model Distillation: A technique where a smaller model is trained to mimic the behavior of a larger, more complex model.
- S&T | AI Vulnerabilities: Risks include the extraction of hidden reasoning and recovery of private credentials like API keys.
- FACT | Major AI players tested include OpenAI, Anthropic, and Google.

MAINS Q Discuss the security implications of 'model distillation' and the risks associated with shared vulnerabilities in large-scale AI models. How can India ensure 'AI safety'?

USE: Model Distillation AI Safety Data Privacy Cybersecurity Algorithmic Transparency

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

WHY IN NEWS Researchers identified 766 genes linked to schizophrenia, including 641 new ones, providing a deeper genetic map for mental health treatment.

- S&T** | Schizophrenia is a mental health disorder characterized by hallucinations, delusions, and cognitive impairment.
- FACT** | The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates approximately 23 million people worldwide suffer from schizophrenia.
- S&T** | The study identified 766 genes associated with schizophrenia, with 641 being previously unknown.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of genomic research in advancing the treatment of complex mental health disorders like schizophrenia in India.

USE: [Genomic Mapping](#) [Precision Medicine](#) [Neurobiology](#) [Mental Health Burden](#) [Biotechnology](#)

AI Giant Anthropic Embeds Invisible Watermarks in Claude's Creations

WHY IN NEWS Anthropic announced the integration of invisible watermarks in Claude's AI-generated content to ensure traceability and align with global AI regulations.

- S&T** | C2PA: A technical standard for content provenance and authenticity.
- FACT** | Watermarks are designed to survive copy-pasting and editing for supported file formats.
- BODY** | Anthropic: A private AI safety and research company.
- FACT** | The feature aligns with the requirements of the EU AI Act.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of technical measures like watermarking in ensuring accountability and mitigating the risks of misinformation in the era of Generative AI.

USE: [Content Provenance](#) [Generative AI](#) [Algorithmic Accountability](#) [Digital Watermarking](#) [Synthetic Media](#)

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Union government revises flood plain definition, allows regulated construction along Ganga

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.

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

MAINS Q 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](#) [NMCG](#)

Kerala Landslides Claim 12 Lives as Monsoon Rages, Climate Change Fuels Disaster

WHY IN NEWS Kerala experienced fatal landslides in Wayanad, Idukki, and Kottayam due to extreme monsoon rainfall, highlighting the link between climate change and disaster vulnerability.

PLACE | Wayanad, Idukki, and Kottayam are districts in Kerala prone to landslides.

FACT | Kerala receives an average of 3,000 mm of annual rainfall.

ENVIRONMENT | The Western Ghats are a biodiversity hotspot and a sensitive ecological zone prone to landslides.

MAINS Q Discuss how climate change is intensifying the frequency and severity of landslides in the Western Ghats and suggest measures for disaster-resilient infrastructure.

USE: [climate change](#) [landslide vulnerability](#) [Western Ghats](#) [disaster mitigation](#) [monsoon intensity](#)

Andhra Pradesh to Add 25 Tiger Protection Camps as Recent Deaths Alarm Officials

WHY IN NEWS The Andhra Pradesh government approved 25 new tiger protection camps following a High-Level Committee recommendation to curb tiger mortality.

FACT | Andhra Pradesh is increasing tiger protection base camps from 100 to 125.

POST | P. Mallikharjuna Rao and Rahul Pandey (IFS) chaired the High-Level Committee for tiger protection.

ENVIRONMENT | Tiger protection camps are established to mitigate human-wildlife conflict and poaching.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in tiger conservation in India and evaluate the effectiveness of increasing field-staff presence in protected areas.

USE: [biodiversity conservation](#) [human-wildlife conflict](#) [habitat protection](#) [wildlife management](#)

Historic Rains Ease Delhi Deficit, But East India Faces Persistent Dry Spell

WHY IN NEWS Record rainfall in Delhi in August 2026 eased India's cumulative monsoon deficit, while East India faces persistent dry spells and El Niño-related drought risks.

FACT | India's cumulative rainfall deficit was 11 percent as of August 7, 2026.

BODY | IMD (India Meteorological Department) is the primary agency for monitoring monsoon and rainfall.

INTL. ORG | World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) monitors global climate patterns like El Niño.

S&T | El Niño is a climate pattern characterized by the warming of surface waters in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

MAINS Q Discuss the impact of erratic monsoon patterns and El Niño on India's food security and the challenges in climate-resilient agriculture.

USE: [monsoon deficit](#) [El Niño](#) [climate resilience](#) [food security](#) [meteorological variability](#)

Reports claim Chinese troops crossed the Line of Actual Control (LAC)

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.

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

MAINS Q 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](#) [strategic stability](#)

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.

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

MAINS Q 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](#) [deepfake impersonation](#)

Four HLCDC members visit Jammu, meet Rohingyas in detention center

WHY IN NEWS The High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes (HLCDC) visited Jammu to study demographic shifts and illegal immigration, specifically inspecting a detention center housing Rohingyas.

- BODY** | HLCDC: High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes mandated by the Union Home Ministry.
- FACT** | The detention center in Jammu houses approximately 450 Rohingyas.
- PLACE** | The visit focused on settlements along the Pakistan border in Jammu.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges posed by illegal migration and demographic changes on India's internal security and border management strategies.

USE: [illegal immigration](#) [demographic change](#) [border security](#) [national integrity](#) [policy recommendations](#)

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

WHY IN NEWS Tamil Nadu government launched the 'Anti-Narcotics Task Force' (ANTF) with a ₹264 crore budget to combat drug-related crimes and promote drug-free campuses.

- FACT** | The Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) in Tamil Nadu has a sanctioned budget of ₹264 crore.
- FACT** | The force consists of 65 units distributed across the state of Tamil Nadu.
- POST** | The ANTF is led by an officer of the rank of Additional Director General of Police (ADGP).
- PLACE** | A 24/7 control room for the ANTF is established in Chennai.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in curbing the narcotics trade in India and evaluate the effectiveness of specialized task forces in tackling drug-related crimes.

USE: [narcotics trafficking](#) [specialized policing](#) [public health](#) [law enforcement](#) [institutional framework](#)



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