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The 5 stories you can't skip

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Why it matters: NASA invited ISRO to join its Moon Base programme near the lunar South Pole during the 9th India-U.S.
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- 2 NCDC's mandate expands to direct loans and grants for cooperatives without extra funding**
Why it matters: The Rajya Sabha passed the National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, expanding the NCDC's mandate to provide direct loans and grants to cooperatives.
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- 3 Lok Sabha passes Mines Bill amid protests, Foreign Contribution Bill sent to Joint Committee**
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- 4 SEBI Allows FPIs to Trade in Non-Agricultural Commodity Derivatives, Sets Strict Unwinding Rules**
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- 5 Under new NHAI rules, ambulances on National Highways must reach accidents within**
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What to know, in 60 seconds each

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NASA Invites ISRO to Join Moon Base Program Near Lunar South Pole

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

REMEMBER

- Artemis Accords: A multilateral agreement for cooperation in civil space exploration.
- TRUST Initiative: A U.S.-India initiative focused on space cooperation.
- ISRO Chairman: V. Narayanan (as of the meeting date).

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Artemis Accords and bilateral space cooperation in establishing India as a leading global space power.

USE: Space Diplomacy Strategic Partnership

Lunar Exploration Technological Collaboration

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/101829

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Lok Sabha passes Mines Bill amid protests, Foreign Contribution Bill sent to Joint Committee

Why in news: The Lok Sabha passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill 2026 while the Foreign Contribution Bill 2026 was referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee.

REMEMBER

- Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC): A committee comprising members from both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha to examine specific bills or issues.
- The JPC for the Foreign Contribution Bill 2026 consists of 31 members.
- Jagdambika Pal: Serving as the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of Parliamentary Committees in ensuring thorough scrutiny of legislation before it is passed in the Indian Parliament.

USE: legislative process parliamentary oversight

deliberative democracy scrutiny

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/102305

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NCDC's mandate expands to direct loans and grants for cooperatives without extra funding

Why in news: The Rajya Sabha passed the National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, expanding the NCDC's mandate to provide direct loans and grants to cooperatives.

REMEMBER

- National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- NCDC: A statutory body established to provide credit and support to cooperative societies
- The amendment allows for direct financial assistance without extra government funding

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the expansion of the NCDC's mandate can strengthen the cooperative movement and contribute to rural industrial development in India.

USE: cooperative movement financial autonomy

industrial goods streamlined assistance

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SEBI Allows FPIs to Trade in Non-Agricultural Commodity Derivatives, Sets Strict Unwinding Rules

Why in news: SEBI issued a circular allowing Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to trade in non-cash settled non-agricultural commodity derivatives to enhance market liquidity.

REMEMBER

- SEBI: Securities and Exchange Board of India, the regulator for securities and commodity markets.
- FPIs: Foreign Portfolio Investors are permitted to trade in non-cash settled non-agricultural commodity derivatives under the new framework.
- T-3 Rule: FPIs must voluntarily square off or roll over positions by the close of market hours on the day preceding the tender period, or face automatic transfer.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how deepening institutional participation in commodity derivatives can enhance price discovery and market liquidity in the Indian economy.

USE: liquidity price discovery institutional participation

market depth

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/101748

Under new NHAI rules, ambulances on National Highways must reach accidents within

Why in news: NHAI issued new rules mandating strict response timelines for ambulances on National Highways to reduce mortality from road accidents.

REMEMBER

- NHAI: National Highways Authority of India
- Penalty of up to Rs 10,000 per incident for non-compliance with response timelines
- NHAI Care Dashboard and GPS tracking are used for real-time monitoring of ambulance movements

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of establishing strict service-level benchmarks in emergency medical services to improve road safety and reduce mortality rates in India.

USE : Golden Hour Service-level benchmarks

Real-time monitoring Accountability

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MPs back impeachment motion as committee finds all charges against Justice Varma proved

Why in news: The Lok Sabha is considering an impeachment motion against Justice Yashwant Varma after a committee found charges of misconduct proved.

REMEMBER

- Judges Inquiry Act: Provides the legal framework for investigating and removing judges of the higher judiciary.
- Lok Sabha Speaker: The authority to whom the committee report was submitted for consideration.
- Over 200 MPs signed the motion to impeach Justice Varma in July 2025.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Judges Inquiry Act in maintaining the independence and integrity of the Indian judiciary.

USE : Judicial Accountability Impeachment

Judges Inquiry Act Integrity

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One-third of farmland causes two-thirds of farming biodiversity and carbon loss: Global study

Why in news: A global study published in Nature Food highlights that 1/3 of farmland causes 2/3 of biodiversity and carbon loss, identifying specific hotspots and trade-related impacts.

REMEMBER

- One-third of global agricultural land accounts for two-thirds of farming-related biodiversity and carbon loss.
- Targeted restoration of high-impact areas could capture 170 billion tonnes of carbon.
- Restoration of high-impact areas could prevent approximately 60% of agriculture-driven extinction risks.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the impact of intensive agricultural practices on global biodiversity and carbon sequestration. How can international trade policies be aligned with environmental sustainability?

USE : biodiversity loss carbon sequestration

agricultural hotspots environmental externalities

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/102386

Obesity surge: 30.7% of Indian women now overweight or obese

Why in news: NFHS-6 data reveals a significant rise in obesity rates among Indian women, prompting a shift toward pre-conception care and Ayurvedic interventions.

REMEMBER

- NFHS-6: National Family Health Survey data released in 2023-24
- Obesity rate in Indian women (15-49) rose from 24% to 30.7% in five years
- Garbhadana Samskara: An Ayurvedic practice focusing on pre-conception health and lifestyle

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the rising trend of obesity in India and evaluate the role of traditional medicine and lifestyle interventions in addressing public health challenges.

USE : nutritional transition pre-conception care

public health lifestyle intervention

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Everything else, one line each

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Supreme Court Orders 19 States to Declare Cancer a "Notifiable Disease"

President Murmu Signs Bill Criminalizing Disruption of Vande Mataram, Stirring Debate

White House Trade Adviser Peter Navarro stated that the U.S

Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Pakistan Sign Defence Pact in Mecca Amid Regional Turmoil

Kerala grants 25% grace marks to students with 40%+ disabilities in tech exams

Telangana High Court Halts Kalyana Lakshmi and Shadi Mubarak Schemes Until September 9

Telangana High Court registers contempt case against HYDRAA Commissioner for unauthorized demolition

On August 10, Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi disclosed in the Lok

Rajya Sabha clears Kerala name change bill to rename state as Keralam

India Delivers First 19 Coaches to Bangladesh Railway, Packed with Passenger Comfort Features

Assam Floods: Himanta Biswa Sarma Seeks ₹1,000 Crore, Narendra Modi Assures Full Help

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SEBI aims to vault-manage all bullion trades by September 1

Retail trader losses plunge 18% to ₹916.85 billion after SEBI curbs speculation

Former MP Prajwal Revanna found with mobile phone in prison, raising security concerns

AI Cameras to Prevent Accidents After Cuddalore Tragedy That Killed 3 Schoolchildren

India's IRCTC Launches First Private Branded Train Sprite Tejas Express

Sebi Cuts Z-score Threshold for Commodity Derivatives from 10 to 5

Bank of America to partner with Jio Financial through 26.5% stake investment

Cannabis in pilot's system as Air India flight plunges, injuring 20

Arctic Village Sinks as Thawing Ice Releases Ancient Gases, Costs Billions

After an Air India flight from Phuket to Delhi suddenly lost 300

Gibbon's Journey: Tamil Nadu Forest Dept Seeks Docs After Vikram Video Goes Viral

SIPB approves ₹2,08,406 crore investments, 25 projects, 21,627 jobs

Write one answer today

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USE :

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Strategic Partnership

Lunar Exploration

Technological Collaboration



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