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REMEMBER

- Ajit Doval serves as the National Security Advisor (NSA) of India
- The Line of Actual Control (LAC) is the de facto border between India and China
- This meeting marked the 25th round of Special Representatives' talks on border issues

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges and opportunities in managing the India-China border dispute through diplomatic mechanisms like the Special Representatives' talks.

USE: strategic stability delimitation early harvest approach bilateral diplomacy

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/114587

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REMEMBER

- UIDAI: Unique Identification Authority of India, responsible for Aadhaar issuance
- Aadhaar Act: The primary legislation governing the Aadhaar system in India
- The court ordered a four-week timeline for investigation and deportation proceedings

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges in ensuring the integrity of biometric identification systems and the legal implications of using such data for national security and deportation.

USE: Identity Theft National Security Data Integrity Judicial Oversight

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REMEMBER

- Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is the nodal ministry for internal security and border management.
- The 'smart border' architecture utilizes Artificial Intelligence (AI) and sensor-based surveillance.
- India's land border with China spans approximately 3,488 km.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of integrating advanced technologies like AI and sensors in managing India's diverse and challenging border terrains.

USE: smart border command-and-control asymmetric warfare surveillance architecture

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Why in news: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the transfer of DRDO missile technologies to private firms to break Bharat Dynamics' monopoly and boost domestic manufacturing.

REMEMBER

- DRDO: Defence Research and Development Organisation, the R&D wing of the Ministry of Defence.
- The move ends the production monopoly previously held by Bharat Dynamics.
- The initiative focuses on domestic production of missile technologies to reduce import dependency.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the liberalization of the defence production sector and technology transfer from DRDO to private firms can enhance India's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' goals.

USE: Atmanirbhar Bharat indigenization MSME integration technological sovereignty

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Construction for India's first bullet train on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor

Why in news: The progress of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) corridor construction marks a milestone in India's high-speed rail infrastructure development.

REMEMBER

- The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) is India's first bullet train project.
- The project covers a 135.45-km elevated stretch in the Thane and Palghar districts of Maharashtra.
- Phased operations for the bullet train are expected to commence in 2029.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how high-speed rail corridors can act as catalysts for regional economic development and industrial growth in India.

USE : infrastructure development multimodal connectivity

economic corridor urban-rural linkage

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UPI Surges Past Rs 314 Lakh Crore in Payments Since Launch

Why in news: UPI reached a milestone of ₹314 lakh crore in payments, highlighting its role as a cornerstone of India's digital public infrastructure.

REMEMBER

- NPCI: The body responsible for operating the UPI infrastructure in India.
- UPI reached a cumulative payment volume of ₹314 lakh crore in 2025-26.
- UPI currently supports over 55 crore users and 6.5 crore merchants.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has contributed to financial inclusion and the formalization of the Indian economy.

USE : Digital Public Infrastructure Financial Inclusion

Interoperability Formalization

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NASA's \$4 billion Roman Space Telescope set to launch Sunday, nine months early

Why in news: NASA is launching the \$4 billion Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope nine months ahead of schedule to study dark energy and dark matter.

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- Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope: Designed to study dark energy, dark matter, and exoplanets.
- The project cost is approximately \$4 billion.
- Lagrange Point 2: The orbital location where the telescope will operate.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of space-based observatories in advancing our understanding of fundamental physics and the evolution of the universe.

USE : dark matter dark energy exoplanets

orbital mechanics

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Oman, Iran Agree on Temporary Strait of Hormuz Corridor to Clear Mines

Why in news: Oman and Iran agreed to establish a temporary joint navigation corridor in the Strait of Hormuz to clear mines and ensure the flow of global oil markets.

REMEMBER

- Strait of Hormuz: A strategic waterway connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
- The Strait of Hormuz is a primary transit point for a significant portion of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.
- Badr Albusaidi is the Foreign Minister of Oman; Abbas Araghchi is the Foreign Minister of Iran.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the significance of the Strait of Hormuz in global energy security and discuss the implications of maritime cooperation between Oman and Iran.

USE : Maritime Security Energy Chokepoint Geopolitics

Bilateral Cooperation

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Supreme Court Orders ECI to Detail 38 Lakh Electoral Roll Appeals

Nepal floods kill 95, leave 384 missing including 105 Indian nationals

Keralam sets up help desk as floods claim over 100 lives in Nepal

Kumar to lead democracy drive: 1,000 delegates from 300 schools meet in Chennai

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister scraps ₹27,400–crore Parandur airport project due to protests

IAF Ready to Deploy for Nepal Floods: C-17, C-130 Set to Transport Relief Supplies

Andhra Pradesh became the first state in India to notify a comprehensive

Uttar Pradesh approves rules for private workers: health checks, canteens, rest rooms mandated

Tamil Nadu Banned Sex-Reassignment Surgeries on Intersex Minors in 2019

Karnataka electoral rolls slash 1.08 crore voters in unprecedented 19.5% drop

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India Leads in Real-Time Payments but Faces Gender Gap in Digital Usage

New LPG connections still on hold due to latest flare-ups in West Asia

Shah Alerts Bihar, UP: Floodwaters Loom as NDRF Prepares

Meghalaya Assembly Rejects Uranium Mining, Backing Decades of Local Protest

Iridium signal detected in J&K forest; SOG, Army launch massive search operation

Minister Announces Dashboard to Track 224 Constituency Groundwater Projects

India, the world's largest sugar consumer, is importing 1 million tonnes

India-Japan 'Shark Tank'-style pitch series proposed to boost startup ties

Europe scorches in record heatwave while India puzzles scientists with relative coolness

Robot Built Without Motors Thanks to Ketchup Bottle Cap Study

Red panda cubs Nuba and Numa born after 7-year gap at Sikkim park

AERA cuts Hyderabad airport user fee for domestic passengers by over 30%

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