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Why in news → facts to remember → a Mains question with keywords. Duplicate stories are merged.

SHORT ON TIME?

The 5-page **Brief** has the stories that matter most, plus a quiz. Same day, same notes.

Geography

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GEOPHYSICAL PHENOMENA (EARTHQUAKES, CYCLONES, VOLCANOES)

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31 Aug · The Hindu · [satyadheesh.in/news/115825](https://www.satyadheesh.in/news/115825)**The death toll from flash floods and mudslides in Nepal rose**

WHY IN NEWS Flash floods and mudslides in Nepal and Tibet caused massive casualties, leading to international aid and cross-border body recovery.

FACT | Death toll in Nepal reached 903 as of August 31, 2026.

FACT | China provided \$2.2 million in aid for flood victims in Nepal.

PLACE | Narayani–Gandak river flows through Nepal and Uttar Pradesh, India.

BODY | NDRRMA (National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority) is the primary disaster body in Nepal.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in managing transboundary natural disasters in the Himalayan region and suggest measures for regional cooperation in disaster mitigation.

USE: transboundary disaster mitigation hydrological hazards regional cooperation

Polity & Constitution

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FEDERALISM & CENTRE-STATE RELATIONS

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31 Aug · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/115897

Census Deferred in Manipur After High Court Order and Protests

WHY IN NEWS The Centre deferred census operations in Manipur following a High Court order and public protests regarding the National Register of Citizens (NRC) implementation.

BODY	Census of India: Conducted by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs.
FACT	The census is the primary source of data for planning and policy formulation in India.
PLACE	Manipur: A North-Eastern state of India where the census was deferred.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges of conducting a census in conflict-prone regions and the role of federal cooperation in ensuring demographic accuracy.

USE: [federalism](#) [demographic data](#) [public sentiment](#) [administrative hurdles](#)

JUDICIARY & LANDMARK JUDGMENTS

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Supreme Court criticizes slow ED investigations in authority cases

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court criticized the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) for the perceived disparity in the pace of investigations between high-profile individuals in authority and ordinary citizens.

BODY	Directorate of Enforcement (ED): The primary agency in India responsible for enforcing the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).
BODY	Supreme Court: The apex court of India, headed by the Chief Justice of India.
FACT	The case involves financial irregularities linked to Leaps and Bounds Private Limited.

MAINS Q Critically examine the role of central investigative agencies in maintaining the rule of law and the importance of judicial oversight in ensuring impartial investigations.

USE: [Rule of Law](#) [Judicial Review](#) [Equality before Law](#) [Institutional Integrity](#) [Due Process](#)

Governance

1

E-GOVERNANCE & CITIZEN SERVICES

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31 Aug · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/115791

IST mandated by Centre for all legal and administrative purposes from March 2027

WHY IN NEWS The Centre notified the Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026, making IST the mandatory reference for all legal, administrative, and commercial purposes by March 2027.

ACT / BILL	Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026
FACT	IST is the sole reference for legal, administrative, and commercial purposes.
FACT	The rules take effect 180 days after the notification date (March 2027).

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of standardizing time across a nation's legal and administrative framework for economic integration and governance.

USE: [standardization](#) [administrative efficiency](#) [legal metrology](#) [synchronization](#) [regulatory framework](#)

Assam Cabinet OKs Rs 600-crore Proton Beam Therapy Facility for Advanced Cancer Treatments

WHY IN NEWS The Assam Cabinet approved a Rs 600-crore Proton Beam Therapy facility to provide advanced cancer treatment and enhance primary healthcare infrastructure.

- FACT** | Project cost: Rs 600 crore for Proton Beam Therapy facility.
- BODY** | NABARD: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, providing funding for the project.
- S&T** | Proton Beam Therapy: A form of radiation therapy used to treat cancer by using protons instead of X-rays.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of investing in advanced medical infrastructure like Proton Beam Therapy in developing states to improve healthcare outcomes.

USE: healthcare infrastructure cancer treatment fiscal federalism primary healthcare

Assam Cabinet Approves Rs 50,000-Crore Development Package

WHY IN NEWS The Assam Cabinet approved a Rs 50,000-crore development package focusing on education, women's empowerment, and housing for tea garden workers.

- FACT** | Total development package value: Rs 50,000 crore
- BODY** | NABARD: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- FACT** | Number of new Anganwadi centres to be established: 6,000
- FACT** | Implementation period: 2027 to 2034

MAINS Q Discuss the role of public-private-institutional partnerships in achieving inclusive rural development and improving social infrastructure in Northeast India.

USE: inclusive growth social infrastructure rural development public-private partnership human capital

International Relations

Modi advances India's vision, fights terror in SCO summit visit to Kyrgyzstan

WHY IN NEWS PM Modi attended the SCO summit in Kyrgyzstan to advance India's regional vision and strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation.

- INTL. ORG** | SCO: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is a Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance.
- PLACE** | Bishkek is the capital and largest city of Kyrgyzstan.
- FACT** | India and Uzbekistan elevated ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership during the August 2026 visit.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in shaping India's regional security architecture and counter-terrorism strategies.

USE: strategic partnership counter-terrorism regional vision multilateralism geopolitics

Tamil Nadu Seeks Supreme Court Order for Karnataka to Release 17.604 tmcft Cauvery Water

WHY IN NEWS Tamil Nadu approached the Supreme Court seeking a mandatory release of 17.604 tmcft of Cauvery water from Karnataka to mitigate irrigation distress.

- FACT** | Requested water volume: 17.604 tmcft
- BODY** | CWMA: Cauvery Water Management Authority regulates water sharing between riparian states
- PLACE** | Cauvery River: Flows through Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in inter-state river water sharing in India and the role of judicial intervention in resolving riparian disputes.

USE: Riparian rights Inter-state dispute Water scarcity Judicial activism Pro-rata formula

U.N. Committee Slams India for Violence Against Minorities, Dalits, and Non-Citizens

WHY IN NEWS The U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) criticized India's handling of violence against minorities, Dalits, and non-citizens during its first review since 2007.

- BODY** | CERD: UN body tasked with monitoring the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.
- BODY** | NHRC: National Human Rights Commission of India, an independent statutory body.
- FACT** | The CERD review of India's status was the first since 2007.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in ensuring the protection of marginalized communities and the importance of independent human rights institutions in India.

USE: Human Rights Marginalized Communities Institutional Autonomy Racial Discrimination Civil Society

US strikes Iran's Larak Island in first attack in weeks | US-Israel war on Iran News

WHY IN NEWS The United States conducted a military strike on Larak Island in southern Iran to target rocket launchers aimed at the Strait of Hormuz.

- PLACE** | Strait of Hormuz: A critical maritime chokepoint for global oil transit.
- BODY** | IRGC: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Iran's elite military wing.
- FACT** | Larak Island: Located in southern Iran, targeted due to its proximity to the Strait of Hormuz.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the Strait of Hormuz in global energy security and the implications of escalating military tensions in the region.

USE: maritime chokepoint energy security asymmetric warfare economic statecraft

Nepal officials, aided by Chinese and Indian experts, race to rescue

WHY IN NEWS Nepal, China, and India collaborated on a large-scale rescue operation following a catastrophic glacier collapse and flood in Nepal.

- FACT** | Over 90,000 people were affected by the floods and glacier collapse in Nepal.
- PLACE** | The disaster occurred in Nepal and the Tibet region of China.
- FACT** | Rescue efforts targeted over 900 workers trapped in hydropower project tunnels.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of regional cooperation in disaster management between India, China, and Nepal in the face of increasing climate-induced hazards.

USE: disaster diplomacy climate resilience regional cooperation transboundary hazards

Top officials from Turkiye, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan to meet in Istanbul

WHY IN NEWS Turkiye, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan are meeting in Istanbul to establish a political and defence strategic committee following the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement.

- PLACE** | Istanbul is the host city for the trilateral meeting.
- FACT** | The Mecca Joint Defence Agreement follows a collective defence model similar to NATO.
- BODY** | The meeting aims to establish a political and defence strategic committee.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of expanding trilateral defence alliances in the Middle East and West Asia on regional security and India's strategic autonomy.

USE: collective defence strategic autonomy regional security trilateral cooperation

Economy

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INFRASTRUCTURE (ENERGY, PORTS, ROADS, RAILWAYS)

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2 REPORTS MERGED

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Tamil Nadu CM unveils ₹33,066 crore plan for power upgrade, new thermal station

WHY IN NEWS Tamil Nadu CM announced a ₹33,066 crore Transmission Improvement Scheme to upgrade power infrastructure and establish a new supercritical thermal power station.

- FACT** | Total investment for Tamil Nadu Transmission Improvement Scheme: ₹33,066 crore
- PLACE** | New supercritical thermal power station location: Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
- S&T** | Supercritical thermal power: A technology where water is heated above its critical point to increase efficiency
- FACT** | Chennai power distribution project includes 196 new substations and 15,000 km of lines

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of upgrading power transmission infrastructure in supporting India's transition towards a renewable energy-led economy.

USE: Energy Infrastructure Supercritical Technology Grid Stability Renewable Integration

MONETARY POLICY, RBI & BANKING

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31 Aug · Economic Times · satyadheesh.in/news/115765

Short-term rates ease as banks see surge in dollar deposits

WHY IN NEWS The 3-month Certificate of Deposit (CD) rates for public sector banks fell while 1-year rates rose, reflecting shifts in short-term and long-term liquidity dynamics.

- FACT** | 3-month CD rate for top public sector banks: 6.40% as of the report date.
- FACT** | Banking system liquidity in August: ₹3.41 lakh crore.
- FACT** | Weighted Average Call Rate (WACR): 5.25% (below the repo rate).
- S&T** | VRRR: Variable Rate Reverse Repo is a tool used by RBI to absorb excess liquidity.
- FACT** | RBI's concessional swap facility attracted \$72.85 billion in foreign currency inflows as of August 21.

MAINS Q Analyze the impact of fluctuating short-term and long-term interest rates on the liquidity management of public sector banks and the broader economy.

USE: liquidity management monetary policy Certificate of Deposit interest rate volatility repo rate

Agriculture

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MSP, PROCUREMENT, PDS & FOOD SECURITY

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Tamil Nadu CM Vijay announces further hike of milk procurement price to ₹44 per litre

WHY IN NEWS Tamil Nadu government announced a price hike in milk procurement to support primary producers against rising input costs.

- FACT** | New procurement price for milk in Tamil Nadu: ₹44 per litre.
- BODY** | Aavin: The primary milk cooperative society of Tamil Nadu.
- FACT** | Annual compensation amount for Aavin: ₹720 crore.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of government intervention in procurement prices for ensuring the sustainability of the dairy sector and the welfare of primary producers.

USE: Input costs Procurement price Cooperative societies Price support

N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurates first phase of Poola Subbaiah Veligonda irrigation project

WHY IN NEWS CM of Andhra Pradesh inaugurated the first phase of the Poola Subbaiah Veligonda irrigation project to address drought and water scarcity in Prakasam district.

- PLACE** | Prakasam district is located in the state of Andhra Pradesh
- FACT** | The project aims to irrigate 4.47 lakh acres of land
- FACT** | The project provides drinking water to 23 lakh people, addressing fluoride contamination
- FACT** | The project utilizes gravity-based diversion of Krishna river waters

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of large-scale irrigation projects in ensuring food security and addressing water-related health issues in drought-prone regions of India.

USE: irrigation infrastructure drought mitigation water security rural development displacement compensation

Science & Technology

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Indian Navy commissions deep-sea diving vessel INS Nipun

WHY IN NEWS The commissioning of INS Nipun marks a significant upgrade in India's deep-sea rescue and submarine recovery capabilities.

- S&T** | INS Nipun is designed for rapid submarine rescue and deep-sea disaster relief.
- FACT** | The vessel has a length of 119.4 metres and a capacity of 10,500 tonnes.
- FACT** | The vessel is capable of supporting diving operations at depths up to 300 metres.
- BODY** | Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. is the manufacturing entity for the vessel.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of enhancing deep-sea rescue and submarine recovery capabilities in the context of India's evolving maritime security and disaster management framework.

USE: maritime domain awareness submarine rescue deep-sea operations strategic autonomy

Nasa's Roman Telescope Set to Unveil Tens of Thousands of New Exoplanets

WHY IN NEWS NASA launched the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope from Florida to study dark energy, black holes, and discover thousands of exoplanets.

- S&T** | Nancy Grace Roman Telescope: NASA mission to study dark energy and exoplanets.
- FACT** | Field of vision: 100 times larger than Hubble and James Webb telescopes.
- FACT** | Orbit distance: Approximately one million miles from Earth.
- S&T** | Exoplanets: Planets located outside of our solar system.

MAINS Q Discuss how advancements in space-based infrared astronomy contribute to our understanding of the universe's fundamental mysteries and the search for extraterrestrial life.

USE: Exoplanets Dark Energy Infrared Astronomy Space Exploration

India Meteorological Department forecasts below-normal September rainfall at 91% LPA due to El Niño

WHY IN NEWS The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a forecast of below-normal September rainfall due to intensifying El Niño conditions.

- BODY

IMD: India's primary agency for monitoring and forecasting weather and climate.
- S&T

El Niño: A climate pattern involving the warming of surface waters in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.
- FACT

August 2024 mean temperature: 28.01°C (Normal: 27.34°C).
- S&T

LPA (Long Period Average): A statistical average of rainfall/temperature over a long period, typically 30 years.

MAINS Q Discuss the impact of El Niño and La Niña phenomena on India's monsoon patterns and suggest measures to mitigate climate-induced agricultural risks.

USE:

El Niño

monsoon variability

climate resilience

meteorological forecasting

Hanging Glaciers: 219 Ice Dangers Found in Uttarakhand, Scientists Warn of Collapses

WHY IN NEWS Scientists identified 219 hanging glaciers in Uttarakhand's Alaknanda basin at risk of collapse due to rapid warming, highlighting a significant glacial hazard.

- PLACE

Alaknanda basin is a major glacial basin in the Uttarakhand Himalayas.
- S&T

GlabTop2 is the tool used by researchers to map and identify hanging glaciers.
- BODY

Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG) is a premier institute for Himalayan geological studies.
- BODY

Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA) is the nodal body for disaster mitigation in the state.

MAINS Q Discuss the impact of climate change on Himalayan glacial stability and suggest measures for disaster risk reduction in the Himalayan region.

USE:

Glacial instability

Climate change

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

Himalayan ecology

Hazard mapping

Central Railway to opt for vetiver grass plantation to curb soil erosion in ghat sections

WHY IN NEWS Central Railway is adopting vetiver grass plantation as a bio-engineering solution to mitigate soil erosion and landslips in the Western Ghats.

- ENVIRONMENT

Vetiver Grass (*Chrysopogon zizanioides*) is used for soil stabilization and erosion control.
- PLACE

Bhor Ghat and Thal Ghat are key ghat sections in the Western Ghats connecting the coastal plains to the Deccan Plateau.
- FACT

The pilot plantation covers an area of 5,300 square meters.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of bio-engineering and nature-based solutions in mitigating geological hazards and infrastructure damage in ecologically sensitive zones like the Western Ghats.

USE:

bio-engineering

soil stabilization

nature-based solutions

mitigation

Western Ghats

Rare blue-violet flowers resembling Neelakurinji have bloomed in the Kudremukh region

WHY IN NEWS The blooming of rare blue-violet flowers resembling Neelakurinji in Kudremukh highlights the need for regulated eco-tourism to preserve fragile biodiversity.

PLACE	Kudremukh is located in the Chikkamagaluru district of Karnataka.
ENVIRONMENT	Neelakurinji (<i>Strobilanthes kunthiana</i>) is known for its rare blooming cycles.
FACT	Significant blooms were previously recorded in the region during 2022–23.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges of balancing eco-tourism with biodiversity conservation in ecologically sensitive zones like the Western Ghats.

USE: biodiversity conservation eco-tourism sustainable development ecological sensitivity



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