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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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2 Sep · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/116689**Landslides in Uttarakhand Hit Homes, Car; 12 Die as Heavy Rains Continue**

WHY IN NEWS Heavy rainfall in Uttarakhand triggered landslides and fatalities, highlighting the vulnerability of the Himalayan region to extreme weather events.

- PLACE** | Nainital and Dhari are districts located in the state of Uttarakhand.
- FACT** | The Meteorological Department issued an Orange Alert for heavy rain in the region.
- S&T** | Orange Alert indicates heavy rainfall and potential for landslides/flooding in the affected area.

MAINS Q Discuss the geological and climatic factors contributing to frequent landslides in the Himalayan region and suggest measures for disaster-resilient infrastructure.

USE: [geological instability](#) [disaster resilience](#) [climate vulnerability](#) [mitigation strategies](#)

Polity & Constitution

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EXECUTIVE (PRESIDENT, PM, GOVERNOR, CM)

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2 Sep · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/116677

Supreme Court Seeks Explanation from Home Secretary on IPS Deputations

WHY IN NEWS The Supreme Court sought clarification from the Union Home Secretary regarding the implementation of a judgment aimed at reducing IPS deputations in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).

BODY | The Union Home Secretary is the administrative head of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

FACT | 46 IPS officers were deputed following the May 2025 Supreme Court judgment.

ACT / BILL | CAPFs (General Administration) Act, 2026, was enacted to regulate cadre management.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges in balancing the career progression of CAPF cadre officers with the requirement for IPS officers in central security forces.

USE: cadre management judicial review administrative transparency institutional lobbying civil services

ELECTIONS, ECI & ELECTORAL REFORMS

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2 Sep · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/116515

Delhi Chief Electoral Officer Publishes Draft Voter List Leaving Out 47.56 Lakh Names

WHY IN NEWS The Delhi Chief Electoral Officer published a draft voter list excluding 47.56 lakh names, highlighting the procedural mechanism for voter list maintenance and inclusion.

BODY | Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) is the authority responsible for the preparation and maintenance of electoral rolls in a state/UT.

FACT | The draft voter list in Delhi excluded 47.56 lakh names, representing roughly 33% of the electorate.

FACT | Voters can apply for inclusion in the electoral roll using Form 6.

BODY | District Election Officer is the primary authority for hearing appeals against the rejection of voter inclusion.

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of an accurate and inclusive electoral roll in ensuring the integrity of the democratic process in India.

USE: Electoral Roll Universal Adult Franchise Democracy Transparency Inclusion

Social Justice

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VULNERABLE SECTIONS (SC/ST, MINORITIES, DISABLED, ELDERLY, CHILDREN)

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2 Sep · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/116600

Modi's initiatives open 59 crore bank accounts, 32 crore for women

WHY IN NEWS The government highlighted the progress of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana and other welfare schemes in promoting financial inclusion and women's empowerment.

SCHEME | Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY): A national mission for financial inclusion to ensure access to banking services.

SCHEME | PM Awas Yojana: A housing scheme where homes are registered in women's names to promote empowerment.

FACT | Over 32 crore bank accounts opened under PMJDY are held by women.

SCHEME | Ujjwala Yojana: Provides LPG connections to households belonging to BPL (Below Poverty Line) categories.

MAINS Q Discuss how targeted welfare schemes and financial inclusion initiatives contribute to the socio-economic empowerment of women in rural India.

USE: financial inclusion socio-economic empowerment targeted delivery gender parity last-mile connectivity

Goa Assembly Removes "Leprosy" from Child Protection Laws to Reduce Stigma

WHY IN NEWS The Goa State Assembly passed the Goa Children's (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to remove 'leprosy' from child protection laws to align with Supreme Court orders and reduce social stigma.

ACT / BILL	Goa Children's Act, 2003: State-specific legislation for child protection.
FACT	The amendment specifically targets Sections 2 and 5 of the existing Act.
BODY	Governor's Assent: Required for the bill to become law after being passed by the State Assembly.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of legislative amendments in combating social stigma and ensuring the dignity of vulnerable sections in India.

USE: [social stigma](#) [legislative amendment](#) [vulnerable sections](#) [human dignity](#) [judicial alignment](#)

International Relations

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After American forces resumed strikes against Iran, Iran launched missile and drone

WHY IN NEWS Escalation of military strikes between the US and Iran in the Middle East, specifically impacting the Strait of Hormuz.

PLACE	Strait of Hormuz: A strategic chokepoint in the Middle East connecting the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman.
FACT	The Iranian Red Crescent reported 4 fatalities in a southern Iran missile strike.
S&T	The conflict involves the deployment of both missiles and drones as primary offensive weapons.

MAINS Q Analyze the impact of the escalating US-Iran tensions on global energy security and maritime trade routes in the Middle East.

USE: [Geopolitical tension](#) [Maritime security](#) [Energy corridor](#) [Escalation](#) [Strategic chokepoint](#)

Putin Proposes SCO Development Bank to Counter Western Sanctions

WHY IN NEWS President Putin proposed an SCO Development Bank at the 26th SCO Summit to create an independent financial framework and counter Western sanctions.

INTL. ORG	SCO: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation includes China, India, Russia, Iran, and Central Asian states.
FACT	SCO projected to hold 34.3% of global GDP in PPP terms by 2026.
POST	Vladimir Putin: President of Russia; Narendra Modi: Prime Minister of India.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in creating an alternative economic and security architecture for the Global South.

USE: [multipolarity](#) [economic sovereignty](#) [alternative frameworks](#) [Global South](#) [geopolitical shift](#)

US Central Command announced that at 12 p.m

WHY IN NEWS US Central Command launched strikes on Iranian IRGC targets following attacks on shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and US service members.

- PLACE** | Strait of Hormuz: A strategic waterway connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
- BODY** | IRGC: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, a branch of the Iranian Armed Forces.
- FACT** | The Strait of Hormuz has remained closed for six months as of the report date.
- PLACE** | Larak Island: An Iranian island targeted by US forces to prevent mine planting in shipping lanes.

MAINS Q Examine the geopolitical significance of the Strait of Hormuz and the implications of escalating maritime tensions in the Middle East on global energy security.

USE: maritime chokepoint | geopolitical instability | energy security | asymmetric warfare | deterrence

On February 28, President Donald Trump launched Operation Epic Fury against Iran

WHY IN NEWS President Donald Trump launched 'Operation Epic Fury' against Iran to dismantle its military and nuclear capabilities, leading to a prolonged conflict despite initial short-term projections.

- PLACE** | Strait of Hormuz: A critical maritime chokepoint in the Middle East and a major source of geopolitical tension.
- FACT** | Operation Epic Fury: A US military campaign launched on February 28 aimed at degrading Iran's strategic capabilities.
- POST** | Ayatollah Ali Khamenei: The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

MAINS Q Analyze the limitations of using military intervention as a primary tool for achieving long-term geopolitical objectives in the Middle East, with reference to the conflict with Iran.

USE: strategic threat | military intervention | geopolitical objectives | nuclear infrastructure | asymmetric warfare

Syria Built Secret Nuclear Reactor Under Assad, IAEA Confirms

WHY IN NEWS The IAEA confirmed the discovery of a secret nuclear reactor and undeclared uranium metal in Syria, highlighting concerns over nuclear non-proliferation and regional security.

- BODY** | IAEA: International Atomic Energy Agency, headquartered in Vienna, monitors nuclear safety and safeguards.
- FACT** | 73 tonnes of natural uranium metal were uncovered at undeclared sites in Syria.
- PLACE** | Deir Az Zor: The specific location in Syria where the secret reactor was identified.

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges faced by the IAEA in monitoring nuclear non-proliferation in conflict-ridden regions and the implications for global security.

USE: Nuclear Non-Proliferation | Safeguards | Regional Security | Transparency | IAEA Mandate

Modi meets Xi, Putin; tackles terrorism with Pakistan at SCO summit

WHY IN NEWS PM Modi engaged with leaders of China and Russia at the SCO summit in Bishkek to address regional terrorism and strengthen India's footprint in Central Asia.

- INTL. ORG** | SCO: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is a Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance.
- PLACE** | Bishkek is the capital of Kyrgyzstan.
- FACT** | SCO members include China, Russia, India, Pakistan, and Central Asian nations.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in shaping India's strategic autonomy and security cooperation in Central Asia.

USE: Strategic Autonomy | Counter-terrorism | Multilateralism | Regional Connectivity | Geopolitics

IAEA urges urgent access to Iran's nuclear sites amid US, Israeli strikes on facilities

WHY IN NEWS The IAEA expressed concern over limited access to Iran's nuclear sites following military strikes by the US and Israel, highlighting risks to global non-proliferation.

BODY | IAEA: International body responsible for nuclear non-proliferation and safety.

POST | Rafael Grossi: Current Director General of the IAEA.

FACT | Iran suspended cooperation with IAEA following military strikes in June 2025.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of international monitoring bodies like the IAEA in ensuring nuclear non-proliferation amidst geopolitical conflicts and military escalations.

USE: non-proliferation verification diplomatic resolution nuclear safety geopolitical tension

Nepal MP Thanks India for Relief After Glacial Collapse

WHY IN NEWS Nepal MP Vidushi Rana expressed gratitude to India for relief and technical support following a devastating glacial collapse, highlighting the impact of climate change on the region.

FACT | Nepal deployed over 9,200 troops for rescue operations following the glacial collapse.

PLACE | Nepal is a landlocked country in South Asia, sharing a long border with India.

S&T | Glacial collapse is a significant indicator of climate change and melting cryosphere.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of India in providing humanitarian and technical assistance to its neighbours in the face of climate-induced disasters.

USE: Climate Justice Humanitarian Assistance Neighborhood First Cryosphere Disaster Resilience

Nepal, seeking "climate-related compensation" from United States, India, and China following deadly

WHY IN NEWS Nepal is seeking 'climate-related compensation' from the US, India, and China for flash floods, shifting its diplomatic stance from seeking aid to demanding justice for climate impacts.

FACT | Bhotkoshi River: Site of deadly flash floods in Nepal causing significant casualties.

PLACE | Nepal: Landlocked country in South Asia seeking climate compensation from major emitters.

FACT | Casualties: Over 1,100 killed and 4,500 missing in the Bhotkoshi River flood event.

MAINS Q Discuss the concept of 'climate justice' and the growing demand for compensation by developing nations from major global emitters.

USE: Climate Justice Moral Liability Loss and Damage Climate Diplomacy Disproportionate Impact

Avalanche destroys Nepal-China Friendship Bridge, kills over 900 in Bhote Koshi valley

WHY IN NEWS A massive avalanche and flooding in the Bhote Koshi valley destroyed the Nepal-China Friendship Bridge, highlighting critical gaps in cross-border disaster management and early warning systems.

PLACE | Bhote Koshi valley is located in Nepal near the Tibet border

FACT | Over 900 people were killed in the August 2026 avalanche event

FACT | The Nepal-China Friendship Bridge was a key infrastructure link destroyed in the disaster

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of regional cooperation and integrated early warning systems in mitigating the impact of climate-induced disasters in the Himalayan region.

USE: disaster mitigation early warning systems cross-border cooperation climate vulnerability

On August 26, a glacial collapse in the Himalayas triggered catastrophic floods

WHY IN NEWS A catastrophic glacial collapse in the Himalayas caused massive flooding in Nepal, leading to significant casualties and prompting India to provide emergency rescue aid.

FACT | The glacial collapse registered as a magnitude 5.2 seismic event.

PLACE | The floods affected rivers flowing through Tibet and Nepal.

FACT | India dispatched 5.5 tonnes of medical supplies in its fifth aid flight to Nepal.

MAINS Q Discuss the growing risks of glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) in the Himalayan region and the necessity of transboundary disaster management cooperation.

USE: [glacial collapse](#) [transboundary cooperation](#) [disaster mitigation](#) [Himalayan ecology](#) [humanitarian aid](#)

Economy

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MONETARY POLICY, RBI & BANKING

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Global bond yields rise to multi-decade highs in US, Japan, Australia

WHY IN NEWS Global bond yields reached multi-decade highs in major economies, impacting borrowing costs and threatening capital outflows from emerging markets like India.

- FACT** | US 10-year Treasury notes reached a near three-year high of 4.81%.
- FACT** | US federal debt has surpassed the \$40 trillion mark.
- FACT** | Indian government bond yields exceeded 7% recently.
- BODY** | The Federal Reserve and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are the primary monetary authorities mentioned.

MAINS Q Analyze the impact of rising global bond yields and high US federal debt on the monetary policy and capital flows of emerging economies like India.

USE: bond yields monetary policy capital outflows fiscal deficit inflationary pressure

MONETARY POLICY, RBI & BANKING

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2 Sep · Economic Times · satyadheesh.in/news/116419

Indian Banks Slash Rates Up to 310 Basis Points on Foreign Deposits

WHY IN NEWS Major Indian banks (SBI, HDFC, ICICI) slashed interest rates on FCNR(B) deposits following the RBI's decision to advance the closure of the special swap window.

- S&T** | FCNR(B) stands for Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) deposits.
- BODY** | The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regulates the FCNR(B) window and swap facilities.
- FACT** | Total FCNR(B) deposits mobilized by Indian banks reached \$65.4 billion as of August 21.
- FACT** | Interest rate cuts on these deposits were as high as 310 basis points.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of FCNR(B) deposits in managing India's external liquidity and the implications of RBI's swap facilities on banking sector returns.

USE: liquidity monetary policy foreign currency deposits basis points swap facility

CAPITAL MARKETS & SEBI

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2 Sep · Economic Times · satyadheesh.in/news/116416

NSE Derivatives Volumes Plunge to Lowest Since November 2023 Amid CAS Implementation

WHY IN NEWS NSE and BSE derivatives volumes hit multi-month lows following the implementation of the Circuit Filter and Settlement (CAS) mechanism.

- FACT** | NSE monthly equity derivative turnover: ₹34.48 lakh crore (lowest since Nov 2023)
- S&T** | CAS (Circuit Filter and Settlement) is a mechanism used to determine official closing prices
- BODY** | SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) is the primary regulator for capital markets in India

MAINS Q Analyze the impact of regulatory mechanisms like CAS on market liquidity and speculative activity in the Indian derivatives market.

USE: market liquidity speculative activity regulatory framework volatility management

Singh Urges Defence PSUs to Cut Imports, Collects ₹3,951 Crore in Dividends

WHY IN NEWS Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reviewed the performance of 16 defence PSUs, emphasizing the shift towards 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' by reducing import dependence.

- FACT** | Total production value of 16 defence PSUs in 2025–26: ₹1.29 lakh crore
- FACT** | Total dividends collected from defence PSUs: ₹3,951 crore
- POST** | Rajnath Singh: Union Minister of Defence

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of strengthening Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in achieving India's goal of self-reliance in the defence manufacturing sector.

USE: Atmanirbhar Bharat Import Substitution Defence Manufacturing Public Sector Undertakings Self-reliance

BEML Secures Rs 180.60 Crore Vande Bharat Order, Third Win in a Month

WHY IN NEWS BEML secured a ₹180.60 crore order from Integral Coach Factory for Vande Bharat sleeper trainsets, highlighting the growth of domestic rail manufacturing.

- BODY** | BEML: A central public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence.
- FACT** | Vande Bharat sleeper trainsets: A high-speed, semi-high-speed train project by Indian Railways.
- BODY** | Integral Coach Factory (ICF): A premier railway coach manufacturing unit located in Chennai.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of the 'Make in India' initiative in strengthening India's railway infrastructure and enhancing its position in the global manufacturing supply chain.

USE: Make in India Self-reliance Infrastructure development Public Sector Undertakings

Science & Technology

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CERN's Large Hadron Collider Upgraded to Study Dark Matter and Higgs Boson

WHY IN NEWS CERN is upgrading the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) to the High-Luminosity LHC to study dark matter and the Higgs Boson, highlighting India's significant scientific collaboration.

- S&T** | Higgs Boson: A fundamental particle in the Standard Model of particle physics that gives mass to other particles.
- S&T** | CERN: The European Organization for Nuclear Research, located on the border of Switzerland and France.
- FACT** | High-Luminosity LHC: Designed to increase data output by a factor of ten compared to the previous LHC configuration.
- POST** | Dr. Mark Thomson: Current Director General of CERN.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of international scientific collaborations like CERN in advancing fundamental physics and India's role in global high-energy physics research.

USE: Standard Model Dark Matter High-Luminosity Scientific Collaboration Particle Physics

Astra AI Finds and Exploits Unknown Software Weaknesses, Outperforming Peers

WHY IN NEWS OpenAI announced 'Astra', an AI model capable of independently discovering and exploiting unknown software vulnerabilities, raising concerns about AI-driven cyber threats.

- S&T | Astra: An AI model by OpenAI capable of identifying and exploiting software vulnerabilities.
- FACT | ExploitBench: A benchmark used to evaluate the ability of AI models to find and exploit software vulnerabilities.
- S&T | Daybreak Blue: The specific program through which OpenAI is offering early access to Astra's robust cyber capabilities.

MAINS Q Discuss the dual-use nature of advanced AI in cybersecurity. How can nations balance the promotion of AI innovation with the mitigation of automated cyber-attacks?

USE: dual-use technology cybersecurity AI safety vulnerability exploitation automated threats

Union Ministers Inaugurate Hub and Spoke Facility at Ahmedabad Airport

WHY IN NEWS Union Ministers inaugurated a Hub and Spoke facility at Ahmedabad Airport to streamline international check-ins and enhance regional connectivity under the UDAN scheme.

- SCHEME | UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme aims to improve regional air connectivity.
- FACT | The facility connects Ahmedabad to 15 international destinations via Delhi.
- FACT | The government aims to upgrade 100 airports and connect 100 million additional passengers over the next decade.

MAINS Q Discuss how the development of 'Hub and Spoke' models and regional connectivity schemes like UDAN can contribute to India's goal of becoming a global aviation hub.

USE: Regional Connectivity Logistics Efficiency Infrastructure Development Aviation Hub

Environment & Ecology

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New Book by 22 Scholars Highlights Glacier Melting, Urges Climate Action for Vulnerable Communities

WHY IN NEWS The Chintan Research Foundation launched a book highlighting glacier melting and climate adaptation strategies for the Global South to be presented at COP 31.

- PLACE | COP 31: Scheduled to be held in Antalya, Turkey, in November.
- FACT | The book focuses on climate adaptation and mitigation strategies specifically for the Global South.
- S&T | Glacier melting is identified as a critical climate impact affecting disaster resilience in Asia and Africa.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of climate finance and governance frameworks in addressing the disproportionate impact of climate change on the Global South.

USE: Climate Adaptation Mitigation Global South Climate Finance Disaster Resilience



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