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Why in news: US forces struck and sank five Iranian tankers, including the M/T Riesco, in retaliation for Tehran targeting an American warship and a US base in Jordan.

REMEMBER

- M/T Riesco: Iranian oil tanker sunk by US forces in the Gulf of Oman.
- Kharg Island: Major oil terminal off Iran's coast where 90% of the country's crude oil passes through pipes from the mainland.
- Brent crude price: Rose by 1.5% to \$99.35 per barrel following the escalation.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the impact of escalating maritime tensions in the Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman on global energy security and international trade routes.

USE : Energy Security Maritime Chokepoints

Shadow Networks Geopolitical Instability

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Supreme Court to Scrutinize Marital Rape Laws as 130 Countries Have Already Criminalized It

Why in news: The Supreme Court is set to scrutinize the constitutional validity of exceptions to marital rape laws as petitions challenge the current legal framework.

REMEMBER

- Over 130 countries have already criminalized marital rape.
- The first petitions regarding marital rape were filed in the Delhi High Court in 2015.
- A split verdict in 2022 led to the escalation of the marital rape issue to the Supreme Court.

MAINS ANGLE Critically analyze the constitutional validity of the marital rape exception and its implications on the rights of women within the institution of marriage.

USE : Bodily autonomy Constitutional validity

Legislative competence Gender justice

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REMEMBER

- Rajnath Singh: India's Defence Minister
- Anura Kumara Dissanayake: President of Sri Lanka
- MoUs signed for upgradation of L70 Guns

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy in enhancing regional security and infrastructure connectivity in South Asia.

USE : Neighbourhood First Strategic Autonomy

Infrastructure Diplomacy Bilateral Cooperation

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REMEMBER

- IAEA: International Atomic Energy Agency
- Yongbyon complex facility: capable of housing up to 28 centrifuge cascades
- Kangson: site of a new North Korean uranium enrichment facility

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of North Korea's continued nuclear enrichment activities on the global non-proliferation regime and regional security.

USE : non-proliferation nuclear enrichment

multilateral sanctions regional security

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I-2SEA cable to connect Singapore Malaysia to India's east coast

Why in news: Microsoft, Singtel, Tata Communications, and NEC announced the I-2SEA subsea cable to connect Singapore and Malaysia to India's east coast and Hyderabad.

REMEMBER

- I-2SEA: A subsea cable project connecting Singapore and Malaysia to India's east coast and Hyderabad.
- The I-2SEA cable project involves a consortium of Microsoft, Singtel, Tata Communications, and NEC.
- The cable is specifically designed to enhance AI system data traffic and provide network redundancy.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of subsea cable infrastructure in securing India's digital sovereignty and the implications of over-dependence on foreign repair capabilities.

USE : Digital Sovereignty Subsea Infrastructure
Data Redundancy Strategic Autonomy

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AI Saves Fusion Experiment from Disaster 200 Milliseconds Early at Princeton Lab

Why in news: Researchers at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory successfully used an AI system to detect and prevent a fusion plasma instability 200 milliseconds before eruption.

REMEMBER

- Tokamak: A doughnut-shaped device used to confine fusion plasma using strong magnetic fields.
- The AI system at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory operates on a 20-millisecond decision cycle.
- The AI detected instability 200 milliseconds before a potential eruption during the test.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the integration of Artificial Intelligence in nuclear fusion research can accelerate the transition to clean energy and overcome current plasma stability challenges.

USE : Nuclear Fusion Artificial Intelligence Tokamak
Plasma Physics

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/119229

UK bans Israeli settlement trade, sparking consulate closure in East Jerusalem

Why in news: The UK, joined by 11 other countries including France and Canada, banned trade with Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, leading to the closure of the UK's consulate in East Jerusalem.

REMEMBER

- The UK joined 11 other countries, including France and Canada, in banning trade with Israeli settlements.
- The ban specifically targets settlements in the occupied West Bank.
- The 2024 International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruling on the occupation's unlawfulness informed the UK's policy shift.

MAINS ANGLE Examine how international trade sanctions and diplomatic actions by Western nations influence the geopolitical dynamics of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

USE : Trade Sanctions Diplomatic Retaliation
International Law Geopolitical Dynamics

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/119260

Cabinet clears ₹10,021 crore for five railway projects in five states

Why in news: The Union Cabinet approved a ₹10,021 crore outlay for five railway projects across five states to enhance rail infrastructure.

REMEMBER

- Total Cabinet approval for railway projects: ₹10,021 crore
- Paradip Port: Location of the dry bulk berths won by Adani Ports
- Justice Pushpendra Singh: Chief Justice of J&K and Ladakh High Court

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of large-scale railway infrastructure investment in achieving the goals of the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

USE : Infrastructure development Capital expenditure
Logistics efficiency Multimodal transport

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Everything else, one line each

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New Calcutta Chief Justice Sworn In, Pledges Tech for Accessible Justice

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FPIs sell Indian bonds worth ₹987 crore since August

NSE set to launch IPO at ₹1,750 per share in third week of September

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Write one answer today

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Analyze the impact of escalating maritime tensions in the Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman on global energy security and international trade routes.

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Geopolitical Instability

Trade Routes



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