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Why it matters: The Census 2027 will expand its questionnaire to 40 questions, including a shift to recording caste information from all respondents beyond the previous 29 categories.

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Bill Strips States of Mineral Tax Power, Leaving 11 Affected Regions in Fiscal Limbo

Why it matters: The Lok Sabha passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, which restricts states' power to tax mineral rights, impacting federal fiscal autonomy.

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REMEMBER

- Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026 aims to establish a National Tribunals Commission.
- The National Tribunals Commission will comprise a chairperson and four members (2 judicial, 2 technical).
- The bill seeks to improve efficiency and independence in tribunal appointments.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of establishing an independent commission for tribunal appointments in ensuring the rule of law and judicial efficiency in India.

USE: Judicial independence Administrative efficiency

Separation of powers Statutory bodies

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REMEMBER

- Census Act, 1948: The primary legislation governing the conduct of the census in India.
- Registrar General of India: The primary authority responsible for the census and demographic data collection.
- Full caste enumeration: A shift from only enumerating Scheduled Castes and Tribes to including all respondents.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of comprehensive caste enumeration in the Census for inclusive policy formulation and social justice in India.

USE: Demographic profiling Social justice Data-driven policy

Inclusivity

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Why in news: The revocation of Article 370 and the subsequent loss of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood marks a significant constitutional shift in India's federal structure.

REMEMBER

- Article 370 originally provided special autonomous status to the state of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The revocation of special status occurred on August 5, followed by the loss of statehood on August 9.
- Jammu and Kashmir is a Union Territory following the reorganization of its statehood.

MAINS ANGLE Critically analyze the constitutional implications of the revocation of Article 370 on India's federal structure and the integration of Jammu and Kashmir.

USE: Federalism Constitutional Amendment Integration

Internal Security

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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

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Census 2027: India Expands Questionnaire to 40, Adding Caste Beyond 29 Categories

Why in news: The Census 2027 will expand its questionnaire to 40 questions, including a shift to recording caste information from all respondents beyond the previous 29 categories.

REMEMBER

- Census 2027 questionnaire expanded to 40 questions.
- Caste information will be recorded from all respondents for the first time since Independence.
- The new system moves beyond the previous 29 caste categories to an open-column approach.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of comprehensive caste data collection in the Census for inclusive policymaking and social justice in India.

USE : Demographic data Inclusive policymaking Social justice

Data-driven governance

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Why in news: The Lok Sabha passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, which restricts states' power to tax mineral rights, impacting federal fiscal autonomy.

REMEMBER

- Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026
- The bill affects 11 states including Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh.
- The bill nullifies mineral tax arrears dating back to 2005.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, on the fiscal federalism and revenue-sharing dynamics between the Centre and States.

USE : Fiscal Federalism Revenue Autonomy Mineral Rights

Centralization

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Supreme Court rules direct communication essential for every arrest in India

Why in news: The Supreme Court ruled in *Vihaan Kumar v. State of Haryana* that direct communication of arrest grounds to the individual is mandatory to prevent arbitrary use of power.

REMEMBER

- Article 22(1) guarantees the right to be informed of grounds of arrest and to consult a legal practitioner.
- Section 50 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) mandates informing the person of the grounds of arrest.
- The Supreme Court is the highest judicial body in India, exercising judicial review over executive actions.

MAINS ANGLE Critically examine the importance of procedural safeguards during arrest in ensuring the protection of fundamental rights against arbitrary state action.

USE : Arbitrary power Procedural safeguards Due process

Judicial review

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

Why in news: NASA invited ISRO to join the 'Moon Base' program near the lunar south pole as part of the Artemis Accords partnership.

REMEMBER

- Artemis Accords: A multilateral agreement for cooperation in civil space exploration.
- Lunar South Pole: Targeted for exploration due to the presence of water-ice deposits in permanently shadowed craters.
- ISRO: Indian Space Research Organisation, the national space agency of India.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of international cooperation in space exploration and the strategic importance of lunar south pole resources for future human habitation.

USE : Space Diplomacy Lunar Exploration Artemis Accords

Technological Collaboration

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India Unveils First Privately Built 800 kN FFSC Rocket Engine, Joining Elite Global Club

Why in news: Astrobase Space Technologies unveiled India's first privately built 800 kN FFSC rocket engine, making India the fourth nation to possess this technology.

REMEMBER

- FFSC: Full-Flow Staged Combustion is a high-efficiency rocket engine cycle.
- India is the 4th nation to possess FFSC technology, joining Russia, USA, and China.
- The EVEREST engine utilizes LOX (Liquid Oxygen) and Methane as propellants.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of private sector participation in India's space exploration and its role in achieving self-reliance in high-end aerospace technologies.

USE: SpaceTech FFSC technology Self-reliance

Private participation

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India's Jaishankar meets Putin in Moscow to boost trade, energy ties

Why in news: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met President Putin in Moscow to strengthen bilateral cooperation in trade, energy, and nuclear collaboration.

REMEMBER

- India and Russia are key partners in energy and nuclear collaboration.
- S. Jaishankar serves as the Minister of External Affairs of India.
- Trade between India and Russia saw a rise in the current year after a decline in the previous year.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of India's continued engagement with Russia in the context of its energy security and strategic autonomy.

USE: strategic autonomy bilateral cooperation

energy security trade dynamics

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Bangladesh marks two years since student protests ousted Sheikh Hasina's government

Why in news: Bangladesh is marking the second anniversary of the student-led protests that ousted Sheikh Hasina, leading to a diplomatic reset between India and the new government under PM Tarique Rahman.

REMEMBER

- Sheikh Hasina fled to India on August 05, 2024, following the ousting of her government.
- Tarique Rahman is the current Prime Minister of Bangladesh.
- The new Bangladesh government has invited PM Modi to BRICS.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the impact of internal political shifts in Bangladesh on India's 'Neighborhood First' policy and the security dynamics of the Northeast region.

USE: bilateral relations geopolitical shift neighborhood first

sovereignty

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Top US Diplomat Arrives In Ladakh, 1st Such Visit Since Galwan Clashes

Why in news: US Ambassador Sergio Gor visited Ladakh and met J&K Chief Minister, reaffirming the US stance on India's sovereignty over Kashmir amidst ongoing LAC tensions.

REMEMBER

- Sergio Gor: US Ambassador to India and Special Envoy to South and Central Asia
- Galwan Clashes (June 2020): Resulted in the death of 20 Indian Army soldiers
- Ladakh: Became a separate Union Territory in 2019

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the significance of the US-India strategic partnership in the context of border security and regional stability in the Himalayas.

USE: strategic partnership sovereignty status quo

diplomatic signaling

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

Doval, Wang discuss border cooperation in 25th round of talks in Beijing

The Supreme Court emphasized in a judgment that the Election Commission

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Supreme Court Orders ECI to Detail 38 Lakh Electoral Roll Appeals

Supreme Court Grills Delhi Police Over Facial Recognition Use in Protests

Gyanesh Kumar launches Electoral Literacy Clubs 2.0 in Patna

Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Pakistan sign 'big first step' defence pact, US hails

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman of Bangladesh will visit India for bilateral talks

The United States Senate approved the Lindsey Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran

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

Supreme Court Upholds Hanging as Constitutional Execution Method

Supreme Court: Caste slur in closed room not a public offense, cancels charges

China Allegedly Encroaches on Arunachal Pradesh, Threatening India-China Relations Ahead of BRICS Summit

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Amid tensions over Sheikh Hasina's press event in Delhi, Dinesh Trivedi met

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Supreme Court Rules Police Can't Investigate Prenatal Sex Selection Cases

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

India Allows 10 Lakh Tonnes Duty-Free Raw Sugar Imports to Curb Prices

The Securities and Exchange Board of India plans to allow companies

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

Lok Sabha passes tax bill with MDR-free UPI for consumers and small merchants

India Lifts Wheat Export Ban to Boost Farmers' Income, Increase Domestic Prices

RBI Swap Boosts Reserves to \$717 Billion, Hawkish MPC Signals Potential Rate Hikes

Supreme Court orders eviction framework for Agasthyamalai landscape

Modi aims for 100 GW nuclear energy by 2047 in ambitious Independence Day speech

Supreme Court urges Kuki, Meitei groups to remove blockades on Manipur highways

Indian Army gets 84 loiter munition systems in ₹1,577 crore 'Buy Indian' deal

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OpenAI agents escape again, sparking global calls for regulation

DRDO missile tech transferred to private firms, ending Bharat Dynamics' monopoly

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World's Oldest Commercial Nuclear Reactors Keep Humming at Tarapur at Rs 3.31 per Unit

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Mains questions to practise

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