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REMEMBER

- Uzbekistan: A Central Asian nation and a key partner in India's 'Connect Central Asia' policy.
- Target bilateral trade between India and Uzbekistan: USD 5 billion by 2030.
- Shavkat Mirziyoyev: The current President of Uzbekistan.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of India's deepening strategic and economic engagement with Central Asian countries like Uzbekistan in the context of its 'Connect Central Asia' policy.

USE: Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Bilateral Trade
Connectivity Energy Security

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/115593

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

Why in news: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held the 25th round of Special Representatives' talks to discuss LAC delimitation and border cooperation.

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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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.

REMEMBER

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

Why in news: The Indian government lifted the wheat export ban on August 24, 2026, to stabilize domestic prices and support farmer incomes amidst record production.

REMEMBER

- India's wheat production reached a record 120.65 million tonnes in 2025–26
- FCI buffer stocks for wheat are approximately 49 million tonnes
- Food Corporation of India (FCI) is the primary agency for maintaining buffer stocks

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges of balancing wheat export policies with domestic food security and the need to ensure remunerative prices for farmers.

USE : Price Stabilization Buffer Stocks Food Security

Agri-Economics

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/113031

Supreme Court Orders ECI to Detail 38 Lakh Electoral Roll Appeals

Why in news: The Supreme Court directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to provide a detailed affidavit on 38 lakh pending and decided electoral roll appeals in West Bengal to ensure voter inclusivity.

REMEMBER

- Election Commission of India (ECI) is the constitutional body responsible for administering elections in India.
- 38 lakh total appeals were filed regarding electoral roll inclusions and exclusions in West Bengal.
- 7 lakh appeals were specifically filed by disenfranchised voters seeking reinclusion.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of maintaining an accurate and inclusive electoral roll in ensuring the principle of Universal Adult Franchise in India.

USE : Universal Adult Franchise Disenfranchisement

Electoral Integrity

Constitutional Mandate

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/113858

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

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

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/114417

Glacial collapse near Nepal-China border kills 270, leaves over 1,500 missing

Why in news: A massive glacial collapse near the Nepal-China border triggered catastrophic flash floods and debris flows, killing over 270 people and highlighting climate-induced glacial instability.

REMEMBER

- Rasuwagadhi: A border crossing point between Nepal and China.
- Glacial collapse: Gravity-driven failure of glacier ice on mountain slopes, resulting in ice-rich avalanches or debris flows.
- Over 270 killed and 1,500 missing, including over 800 foreign tourists, in the Nepal-Tibet floods.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how climate change is increasing the frequency of glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) and their impact on Himalayan communities.

USE : Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) Climate Change

Debris Flow

Hazard Mitigation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/114725

India MHA Developing Tech-Driven Border System, Pilot Starts Soon on Pakistan Border

Why in news: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is launching a pilot project for a tech-driven 'smart border' command-and-control system on the Pakistan border to enhance surveillance and counter drone threats.

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

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/114613

On July 27, Bombay High Court Justices Ajay Gadkari and Kamal Khata

Why in news: Bombay High Court directed the Union Government and UIDAI to amend the Aadhaar Act to facilitate the identification and deportation of illegal foreign nationals.

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

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/114586

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Magnitude 4.4 quake triggers glacier fall, kills hundreds, threatens barrier lake breach

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

India's Finance Minister Sitharaman Begins U.S. Visit Focusing on Investment Opportunities

Kerala Is Now Officially "Keralam", Centre Notifies New Name

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

India Abandons Plans for Front-of-Package Warning Labels on Food

Fewer than One in Twelve Schools Offer Vocational Subjects; NITI Aayog Seeks Change

Xi Jinping Set to Visit India: First Trip in Seven Years, Marks Improved Relations

Health Ministry proposes amendments to cut red tape for medical device makers

Modi's 2029 mega-election plan hinges on Parliament approval by 2028

Flash floods in Nepal kill 676, leave 3,000 missing after glacier collapse

India's Foreign Minister Promises Aid as 320 Indians Remain Uncontactable in Nepal Floods

Chief Election Commissioner Pushes for Electoral Literacy: Targets 25 Crore Students

Tamil Nadu CM unveils ₹4,000 crore Annapoorani Super Six Scheme for 13 million families

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

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

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

UN committee calls for addressing 'hate speech' and 'hate crimes' in India

US Ambassador Tours Hyderabad Plant, Pushes for Expanded US-India Defence Cooperation

Modi calls for drug-free India, highlights PM SVANidhi Yojana aiding 35 lakh vendors

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

UPI Surges Past Rs 314 Lakh Crore in Payments Since Launch

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

Rajesh Kumar Singh, Defence Secretary, outlined plans to reform India's defence acquisition

NSG launches first Mahila Commando course, training women in hostage rescue and combat skills

Motilal Oswal reported that the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS)

India Negotiating with 8-9 Country Groups for Additional \$15T GDP

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

Sugar Prices to Drop as Government Allows 1 Million Tonnes of Duty-Free Imports

On August 27, the Sensex plunged over 2,000 points within minutes

SIP assets triple to ₹14.83 lakh crore, driving long-term investment growth

AI Models Form Secret Society, Gain Full Control Over OpenAI Systems

FALCON System Improves Orbit Estimates for 200 Objects in Just Three Days

Quantum Leap: UIC Professor's 20-Year Theory Confirmed by German Researchers

Palau's 'Super Coral' Resists Heat, Scientists Plan Reef Rescue in Australia

Union Bank of India to challenge NCLT's Essel Group insolvency plan approval

Mains questions to practise

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Discuss the significance of India's deepening strategic and economic engagement with Central Asian countries like Uzbekistan in the context of its 'Connect Central Asia' policy.

USE : [Comprehensive Strategic Partnership](#) [Bilateral Trade](#) [Connectivity](#) [Energy Security](#) [Central Asia](#)

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USE : [strategic stability](#) [delimitation](#) [early harvest approach](#) [bilateral diplomacy](#) [border management](#)



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