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FIGURES WORTH REMEMBERING**11 nations**

The total number of member nations represented at the current summit.

₹1,025 crore

Total amount raised during the Demat 2.0 pilot for tokenised bonds.

40% drop

decrease in Indian students traveling abroad as reported by the Ministry of External Affairs.

What to know, in 60 seconds each

10 of 126 notes · picked for exam value

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PM Modi hosts BRICS summit in Delhi with joint declaration on conflict restraint

Why in news: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted the BRICS summit in Delhi where leaders agreed on a joint declaration emphasizing 'maximum restraint' in conflicts.

REMEMBER

- BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- Delhi, India: Host city for the recent BRICS summit.
- Iran and UAE: New members reflecting the bloc's expanding geopolitical reach.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of BRICS as a platform for reshaping global ties and its role in challenging Western-centric global governance.

USE : multipolarity geopolitical alignment non-alignment
collective security

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121269

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Iranian President and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince hold talks in New Delhi

Why in news: Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi held talks in New Delhi to discuss de-escalation of regional hostilities and support peace efforts.

REMEMBER

- New Delhi — Host city for the 18th BRICS Summit and bilateral talks.
- 18th BRICS Summit — The summit where the New Delhi Declaration was issued.
- Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan — Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the significance of multilateral platforms like BRICS in mediating regional conflicts in West Asia and fostering de-escalation between competing regional powers.

USE : de-escalation multilateralism regional stability
geopolitics

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121086

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BRICS leaders meet in New Delhi to discuss Global South influence

Why in news: Leaders of BRICS member states, including China, Russia, and Iran, are meeting in New Delhi to discuss strengthening emerging economies amidst US trade tensions and the US-Israel-Iran conflict.

REMEMBER

- Global South: The focus of the summit to strengthen emerging economies and influence.
- Multipolarity: The goal of reshaping global economic dynamics amidst US-Iran tensions.
- New Delhi, India: The host city for the current BRICS summit.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the role of BRICS in reshaping global economic dynamics and elevating the influence of the Global South amidst shifting geopolitical alliances.

USE : Global South Multi-polar world Economic sovereignty
Geopolitical alignment

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120574

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SEBI proposes new methodologies for expiry-day settlement prices

Why in news: SEBI has proposed two options for determining expiry-day settlement prices for index and stock derivatives to improve auction functioning and market transparency.

REMEMBER

- SEBI — Primary regulator for the securities market in India
- Blended VWAP — Combines last 30 mins of Continuous Trading Session (CTS) and 10 mins of Call Auction Session (CAS)
- CTS VWAP — Relies solely on the last 30 minutes of the Continuous Trading Session (CTS)

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of standardized settlement price methodologies in ensuring market integrity and liquidity in the Indian derivatives market.

USE : Securities and Exchange Board of India Derivatives
VWAP Call Auction Session

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120771

The rescue of five baby orangutans from the Bichitrapur forest in Odisha's

Why in news: The rescue of five baby orangutans from Odisha's Bichitrapur forest has triggered an international wildlife trafficking investigation involving Indonesia.

REMEMBER

- Orangutans are native only to Indonesia and Malaysia
- Bichitrapur forest is located in the Balasore district of Odisha
- Nandankanan Zoological Park is located in Bhubaneswar, Odisha

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges in curbing international wildlife trafficking and the importance of international cooperation in protecting endangered species.

USE: Wildlife Trafficking Biodiversity Conservation
Transboundary Cooperation Endangered Species

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120337

SEBI launches Demat 2.0 pilot for tokenised bond sales

Why in news: Sebi launched a Demat 2.0 pilot for tokenised corporate bonds to enable faster settlement and fund access using distributed ledger technology (DLT) and the RBI's e-rupee.

REMEMBER

- Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT): A decentralized digital ledger recording transactions across multiple nodes.
- Tokenisation: Process of converting corporate bonds into digital tokens for faster settlement.
- e-rupee: The Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the integration of Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) and Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) can enhance the efficiency and transparency of India's capital markets.

USE: Distributed Ledger Technology Tokenisation
Capital Market Efficiency Settlement Risk

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120787

ISRO detects strong El Niño looming via Oceansat-3

Why in news: ISRO's EOS-06/Oceansat-3 satellite detected declining marine productivity and wind reversals in the equatorial Pacific, indicating a developing El Niño.

REMEMBER

- Oceansat-3 — ISRO satellite designed to monitor ocean dynamics and marine productivity
- El Niño — Warming of surface waters in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean
- Equatorial Pacific — Primary region where El Niño and La Niña phenomena originate

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how satellite-based remote sensing enhances India's ability to mitigate the socio-economic impacts of extreme climatic phenomena like El Niño.

USE: Remote Sensing Climate Resilience Monsoon Dynamics
Marine Productivity

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120449

India seeks to narrow \$226.1 billion BRICS trade deficit

Why in news: India, chairing the 18th BRICS Summit, aims to address a widening \$226.1 billion trade deficit with the bloc by seeking fairer trade terms and easier market access.

REMEMBER

- Trade deficit — India's deficit with BRICS is \$226.1 billion, driven by imports from China and Russia.
- Total trade — India's trade with BRICS reached \$417.5 billion, doubling since FY2020-21.
- Non-tariff barriers — India advocates for their reduction to improve trade balance.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the structural challenges in India's trade balance with BRICS nations and suggest measures to reduce trade deficits through sector-specific negotiations.

USE: Trade Deficit Non-tariff Barriers Market Access
Trade Balance

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120323

Foreign universities establish off-shore campuses in India as student exits drop 40%

Why in news: The Ministry of External Affairs reported a 40% drop in Indian students traveling abroad, prompting foreign universities to establish off-shore campuses in India with UGC permission.

REMEMBER

- UGC (University Grants Commission) — statutory body responsible for maintaining standards of higher education in India.
- 40% drop — decrease in Indian students traveling abroad as reported by the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Off-shore campuses — foreign universities require UGC permission to establish these in India.

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the implications of establishing foreign off-shore campuses in India on the domestic higher education ecosystem and student mobility.*

USE : student mobility educational equity

off-shore campuses human capital

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120311

'National Interest': Supreme Court To Rule On Warning Labels For Packaged Foods

Why in news: The Supreme Court is set to pass an order on a plea regarding the implementation of front-of-pack warning labels (FoPL) for packaged foods high in sugar, salt, and saturated fat.

REMEMBER

- FSSAI: The body responsible for proposing the red-coloured hexagonal warning labels.
- Dietary Guidelines for Indians, 2024: The document specifying the thresholds for sugar, salt, and saturated fat.
- Warning Label Design: A red-coloured hexagonal label proposed for phased implementation.

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the role of regulatory bodies in addressing lifestyle diseases through mandatory food labeling and public health interventions in India.*

USE : Public Health Regulatory Framework Nutritional Policy

Consumer Protection

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/119917

Everything else, one line each

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Trade target: India and Russia aim to reach \$100 billion in bilateral trade by 2030 under the Programme for Economic Cooperation 2030.

Houthis Seize Perim Island, Mokha, Tightening Red Sea Control

Indian High Commissioner meets Bangladesh Minister to restart cross-border trains

New Delhi Declaration 2026: BRICS leaders adopted the declaration focusing on sovereign digital ecosystems, safe AI, and quantum computing.

The IAEA accused Iran of noncompliance with nuclear commitments, passing a resolution

US strikes Iranian oil tankers as Tehran targets American base in Jordan

India criticizes UN map anomalies at UNGA discussion

BRICS meetings: Disrupted in New Delhi due to the 2026 Iran-UAE confrontation and trade suspension by Abu Dhabi.

BRICS mediation: India aims to broker a truce between Iran and the UAE to stabilize regional energy supplies and curb inflation.

EU-India FTA: European Commission proposed an FTA to reduce tariffs on 96% of EU goods exports to India.

UN warns Israel: Clearing Gaza rubble could destroy war crimes evidence

Gaza strikes: Israeli air strikes in Tal al-Hawa neighborhood target Hamas fighters, causing over 1,300 deaths since October.

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

FSSAI Proposes Warning Labels for High Sugar Salt Fat Foods

NHRC Orders Delhi Govt and UGC to Fix Hostel Crisis by October 15

A building collapse in Delhi's Satya Niketan area killed seven students

Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati Takes Oath As J&K, Ladakh High Court Chief Justice

Himachal Pradesh DBT: Government to provide Rs 1,500 to 2.5 lakh women and free electricity to 1.80 lakh poor families.

Talaq-e-Hassan: Gauhati High Court upheld its validity under the Assam Compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act, 2024.

Election chief dismisses EVM concerns, highlights India's high voluntary turnout

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Climate hazards: UNICEF reports 171 million students faced school disruptions in 2025 due to climate-induced hazards.

AI Agents Cheat, Hack: Experts Call for Stricter Regulation

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

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

PAC alarmed: ₹9,222 crore untransferred, misuse insults Parliament

DAC greenlights Rs 1.10 lakh crore military procurement to boost Indian defence industry

Sebi exempts FPIs from furnishing details, eases investment in government securities

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

AI development: Anthropic CEO calls for slower AI progress to address job displacement, weaponization, and high energy use.

RBI announces auction to absorb Rs 10.5 lakh crore excess liquidity

AI Safety Whistleblower Quitting Over Race to Develop Unchecked Superintelligence

NSE's IPO set to raise Rs 30,000 crore, opens September 18

CIA Reveals Bin Laden Planned Attacks on India, 7 Other Nations Before 9/11

Agentic AI: OpenAI deployed tens of thousands of agents to solve a 90-year-old math problem with a \$1 million prize.

Supreme Court Remands ₹5.25-crore Cairn India Penalty Dispute to SAT for Scrutiny

NIA Submits First Charge Sheet Against Seven in Immigration Case

MAP WORK

Places in news

Delhi, India Host city for the recent BRICS summit.

New Delhi, India The host city for the current BRICS summit.

New Delhi Host city for the 18th BRICS Summit and bilateral talks.

INNOPROM India An exhibition platform for industrial and technological cooperation.

8 questions, 8 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 Which of the following countries were notably included in the recent BRICS summit to reflect the bloc's expanding reach?

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| ☐ a Germany | ☐ b Japan |
| ☐ c France | ☐ d UAE |

2 With reference to the BRICS summit, consider the following statements:

1. The current summit includes representatives from 15 member nations.
2. A key focus of the meeting is strengthening the influence of the Global South.
3. The summit is being hosted in New Delhi, India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| ☐ a 2 only | ☐ b 3 only |
| ☐ c 1 and 3 only | ☐ d 2 and 3 only |

3 With reference to the 18th BRICS Summit, consider the following statements:

1. The summit was the 15th BRICS meeting.
2. The New Delhi Declaration was issued during the summit.
3. The summit was hosted in New Delhi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| ☐ a 1 only | ☐ b 1 and 2 only |
| ☐ c 2 and 3 only | ☐ d 1, 2 and 3 |

4 Which exhibition platform was discussed for industrial and technological cooperation between India and Russia?

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| ☐ a GlobalTech Summit | ☐ b INNOPROM India |
| ☐ c Expo India | ☐ d TradeFair Delhi |

5 Which technology field was highlighted for cooperation in the New Delhi Declaration 2026?

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| ☐ a Nuclear Fusion | ☐ b Quantum Computing |
| ☐ c Blockchain Mining | ☐ d Biotechnology |

6 With reference to the Strait of Hormuz, consider the following statements:

1. The crisis occurred during BRICS meetings held in Mumbai.
2. It is a strategic waterway connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
3. The 2026 Iran-UAE crisis resulted in a trade suspension by Abu Dhabi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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| ☐ a 2 only | ☐ b 1 and 3 only |
| ☐ c 2 and 3 only | ☐ d 1, 2 and 3 |

7 Which specific trading session component is included in the 'Blended VWAP' settlement price option proposed by SEBI?

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| ☐ a Call Auction Session | ☐ b Over-the-Counter Trading |
| ☐ c Dark Pool Trading | ☐ d Block Trade Session |

8 With reference to the expanded BRICS bloc, consider the following statements:

1. The expanded BRICS bloc includes 11 member states.
2. Masoud Pezeshkian is the current President of Iran.
3. The expanded BRICS bloc includes 15 partner countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only

MAINS PRACTICE

Mains questions to practise

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Discuss the significance of BRICS as a platform for reshaping global ties and its role in challenging Western-centric global governance.

USE: multipolarity geopolitical alignment non-alignment collective security global governance

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Discuss the role of BRICS in reshaping global economic dynamics and elevating the influence of the Global South amidst shifting geopolitical alliances.

USE: Global South Multi-polar world Economic sovereignty Geopolitical alignment Emerging economies

ANSWERS • 1 (d) 2 (d) 3 (c) 4 (b) 5 (b) 6 (c) 7 (a) 8 (b)



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