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Iran, Oman Close to Finalizing Strait of Hormuz Reopening Agreement

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REMEMBER

- Strait of Hormuz: Connects the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman.
- The Strait of Hormuz is a primary maritime corridor for global oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.
- Maritime security in the strait involves monitoring of shipping lanes and coastal state rights.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Strait of Hormuz in global energy security and the implications of maritime navigation rights for regional stability.

USE: Chokepoint Energy Security Maritime Navigation

Geopolitics

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/97661

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India cuts unlawful content removal time to 3 hours for platforms

Why in news: The Indian government mandated a drastic reduction in the timeline for social media platforms to remove unlawful content and introduced mandatory AI-content labelling to combat deepfakes.

REMEMBER

- Timeline for removing unlawful content reduced from 36 hours to 3 hours.
- Timeline for sensitive cases (nudity/impersonation) reduced to 2 hours.
- Mandatory AI-content labelling and deepfake tagging for large platforms.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges and necessity of balancing freedom of speech with the regulation of digital platforms to curb the spread of unlawful content and deepfakes in India.

USE: Digital Sovereignty Content Moderation Deepfakes

Algorithmic Accountability

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Lok Sabha passes Bill to allow fees on UPI and other electronic payments

Why in news: The Lok Sabha passed a Bill to amend the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, to allow banks and providers to levy fees on UPI and electronic payments.

REMEMBER

- Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007: Governs the framework for electronic payment systems in India.
- MDR (Merchant Discount Rate): A fee paid by a merchant to a bank or payment processor for processing a transaction.
- Lok Sabha: The lower house of the Parliament of India passed the bill via voice vote.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of removing MDR exemptions on UPI for the growth of the digital economy and the sustainability of the fintech ecosystem in India.

USE: Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) Digital Infrastructure

Sustainable Revenue Model

Fintech Ecosystem

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/97792

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The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) fined nine digital platforms, including Zepto

Why in news: The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) imposed fines on nine digital platforms for employing 'dark patterns' to mislead consumers.

REMEMBER

- CCPA: Central Consumer Protection Authority is the regulatory body for consumer rights in India.
- Zepto was fined Rs 7 lakh for drip pricing and automatic membership additions.
- BookMyShow was flagged for 'basket sneaking' involving a pre-ticked Rs 1 donation.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges posed by 'dark patterns' in the digital economy and evaluate the role of the CCPA in ensuring consumer protection.

USE: dark patterns consumer protection

regulatory oversight

digital economy

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/97577

Tamil Nadu Finance Minister promises boat rides in restored Chennai rivers like Seoul's Cheonggyecheon

Why in news: Tamil Nadu Finance Minister announced a budget for restoring Chennai's Cooum and Adyar rivers and initiating river interlinking projects like Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar.

REMEMBER

- Ring Main Pipeline project cost: ₹3,108 crore
- Cooum and Adyar: Major rivers in Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Target year for Ring Main Pipeline completion: 2030-31

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges and benefits of river interlinking and urban river restoration in ensuring water security and ecological sustainability in India.

USE: water security river interlinking urban rejuvenation
equitable distribution

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/97759

US student visas to Indians plunge 62%, but they still lead with 363,019 enrolled

Why in news: A report by the Centre for Immigration Studies (CIS) highlights a significant 62% drop in US student visas issued to Indians in 2025, despite Indians remaining the largest group of enrolled international students.

REMEMBER

- Indian student visa issuance to the US dropped by 62% in 2025.
- Indians remain the largest group of international students in the US with 363,019 enrolled.
- Indian nationals constitute 49% of participants in the US OPT programme.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the impact of international student mobility on the human resource development of India and the implications of changing visa policies on the Indian diaspora.

USE: human capital mobility OPT programme brain drain

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/97785

Scientists Turn Industrial CO₂ Directly into Valuable Chemicals for 100 Hours

Why in news: Scientists developed a method to convert industrial CO₂ directly into carbon monoxide for over 100 hours, offering a scalable solution for carbon capture and utilization (CCU).

REMEMBER

- Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU) is a technology to capture CO₂ emissions and repurpose them into useful products.
- The experimental system demonstrated continuous operation for over 100 hours.
- Hydrogen bond disruption in liquid environments is a key mechanism to reduce competing reactions in CO₂ conversion.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how advancements in Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU) technologies can contribute to India's goal of achieving Net Zero emissions by 2070.

USE: Carbon Capture and Utilization Net Zero
Hydrogen Bonds Industrial Decarbonization

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/97746

Pakistan Deploys 250 Chinese Howitzers, Testing New Tech Against India

Why in news: Pakistan's deployment of 250 Chinese-made SH-15 wheeled self-propelled howitzers along the Indian border highlights deepening China-Pakistan strategic defense cooperation.

REMEMBER

- SH-15: A wheeled self-propelled howitzer designed for high mobility and rapid fire.
- Pakistan deployed nearly 250 Chinese-made howitzers along sectors facing India.
- NORINCO: A major Chinese state-owned defense conglomerate.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the implications of China's increasing defense cooperation with Pakistan on India's regional security and strategic autonomy.

USE: strategic cooperation asymmetric warfare
defense modernization regional stability

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/97677

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Jharkhand strips 43.6 lakh voters from electoral rolls in transparency drive

Andhra Pradesh mandates registration for private AYUSH facilities, fees range from ₹3,000 to ₹50,000

T.N. Budget: Healthcare spending continues to rise in T.N., ₹23,357 cr. allocated

Tamil Nadu allocates ₹8,852 crore for one lakh affordable homes in Chennai plan

Tamil Nadu Finance Minister unveils 'Anywhere Registration' to go paperless

Meghalaya Draft Electoral Roll Excludes 1.8 Lakh Electors

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The Lok Sabha passed the "Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026" on Thursday

Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Announces TN-SHORE Project to Restore 2,500 Hectares of Mangroves

High Court Orders Assam Government to Stop Manas Park Encroachments After Activist's PIL

Agriculture Minister R. Vinoth Establishes Organic Agriculture College and Upgrades Research Centre

Meta joins OpenAI and Anthropic in disclosing AI hacking incidents during cybersecurity testing

In an exclusive conversation with NDTV, Rohan A Khaunte, Goa's Information Technology

At the Black Hat security conference in Las Vegas on Wednesday, Eric

Meta's AI Model Hacks Another System During Security Trial

India to Train 750 More Pilots: Centre Launches 11 Flying Schools

Conrad K. Sangma Launches Mission Clouded Leopard to Protect State Animal

Uttarakhand CM Directs High Alert as IMD Issues Orange Rain Warnings for Three Districts

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) reported a massive order book of Rs 2.55 lakh crore for FY26

Write one answer today

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Discuss the significance of the Strait of Hormuz in global energy security and the implications of maritime navigation rights for regional stability.

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Energy Security

Maritime Navigation

Geopolitics



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