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Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Pakistan sign defence pact with NATO-style clause against Iran

Why in news: Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Pakistan signed a defense pact featuring a NATO-style collective defense clause to counter Iranian influence and address regional security gaps.

REMEMBER

- Mecca: The city where the defense pact was signed.
- Strait of Hormuz: A key maritime chokepoint frequently impacted by Iranian activities.
- NATO-style clause: A collective defense provision where an attack on one member is an attack on all.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze how the shift towards regional security alliances in the Middle East reflects the changing dynamics of US hegemony and the rise of regional power blocs.

USE: collective defense regional security deterrence geopolitical realignment

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BRICS Summit: Xi Jinping, Putin set to attend in New Delhi next week

Why in news: India is hosting the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, marking a significant multilateral engagement before passing the chairmanship to China in 2026.

REMEMBER

- BRICS: A multilateral grouping of 11 member nations (as of 2026) including India, China, and Russia.
- New Delhi: Host city for the 18th BRICS Summit.
- India's previous BRICS chairmanships occurred in 2012, 2016, and 2021.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of BRICS as a platform for the Global South and evaluate India's role in shaping the bloc's agenda during its chairmanship.

USE: Multilateralism Global South Strategic Autonomy Economic Cooperation

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The Supreme Court expanded the scope of domestic cruelty protections to include live-in relationships resembling marriage under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita

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REMEMBER

- Sections 85 and 86 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) correspond to the former Section 498A of the IPC.
- The Supreme Court of India is the highest judicial body in the country.
- The ruling was delivered by Justice Sanjay Karol.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the evolution of domestic violence laws in India and the judicial shift towards recognizing live-in relationships as protected entities under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

USE: judicial interpretation domestic cruelty Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita societal realities

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High Court Orders Google to Hide Woman's Name from Old Prostitution Case Records

Why in news: The Karnataka High Court directed Google and other entities to mask a woman's name from online records to uphold her 'right to be forgotten' after her acquittal in a prostitution case.

REMEMBER

- Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956: Legislation aimed at preventing trafficking and prostitution.
- Right to be Forgotten: A legal concept allowing individuals to request the removal of personal data from internet searches.
- The petitioner was an Iranian national who received refugee status in Sweden.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges and necessity of establishing a 'Right to be Forgotten' in the era of digital permanence and data privacy in India.

USE: Right to be Forgotten Digital Stigma Data Privacy Judicial Vindication

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UPI MDR: Government Proposes Lower Charges on High-Value Transactions

Why in news: The Ministry of Finance proposed a nominal Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on high-value UPI transactions to fund cybersecurity and infrastructure growth.

REMEMBER

- NPCI: National Payments Corporation of India, the umbrella organization for operating retail payments in India.
- MDR: Merchant Discount Rate is the fee paid by a merchant to a bank or payment processor for processing a transaction.
- Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026: Proposed legislation to amend existing tax and financial laws.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of implementing a Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on high-value UPI transactions for the sustainability of India's digital payment infrastructure.

USE: Digital Public Infrastructure Cybersecurity
Monetization Financial Inclusion

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Supreme Court orders Union government to provide exclusive footpaths after five-year-old's death

Why in news: The Supreme Court directed the Union government to provide exclusive, well-maintained footpaths, declaring the right to walk on demarcated paths as a fundamental right.

REMEMBER

- Supreme Court of India: The apex court of the country.
- The court ruled that the right to walk on demarcated footpaths is a fundamental right.
- The court prioritized movement through walking over motorized locomotion.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Supreme Court's declaration of the 'right to walk' as a fundamental right in the context of urban planning and pedestrian safety.

USE: Fundamental Rights Right to Life Urban Planning
Public Safety

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U.S. LPG supply to India soars to 67%, up from 10% target

Why in news: Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri announced that U.S. LPG imports have surged to 67% of India's total, significantly exceeding the initial 10% diversification target.

REMEMBER

- U.S. LPG supply to India currently stands at 67%.
- Strait of Hormuz: A critical maritime chokepoint for oil and gas transit.
- Domestic LPG production capacity increased to 55,000 metric tonnes daily during crisis.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the strategic importance of diversifying energy import sources for India's energy security and economic stability.

USE: Energy Security Diversification Strategic Reserves
Supply Chain Resilience

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/98851

Russian strikes near Kyiv kill three, including a child, as US tightens sanctions

Why in news: Russia's strikes on Kyiv and the US Senate's new sanctions on Russian energy exports highlight the escalating geopolitical and economic pressure in the Ukraine conflict.

REMEMBER

- Boryspil is a district near Kyiv, Ukraine, known for its international airport.
- The US Senate is the upper house of the United States Congress responsible for approving international sanctions.
- Energy exports are a primary source of revenue for the Russian economy.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the impact of economic sanctions on global energy markets and their effectiveness in altering the geopolitical dynamics of the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

USE: geopolitical tension economic sanctions
energy security sovereignty

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MP Moves Supreme Court to Halt Delhi Police's Facial Recognition Use on Protesters

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The Supreme Court directed the Union government to share the NFSU report

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Centre Forms High-Level Committee to Study Illegal Immigration Led by Justice Navlekar

UPI stays free: Payment Council assures no charges for users, small merchants

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Write one answer today

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Analyze how the shift towards regional security alliances in the Middle East reflects the changing dynamics of US hegemony and the rise of regional power blocs.

USE : [collective defense](#) [regional security](#) [deterrence](#) [geopolitical realignment](#) [maritime security](#)



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