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

Why in news: The US Senate approved the Lindsey Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act, which allows for tariffs on third-country importers of Russian energy, potentially impacting India.

REMEMBER

- The Lindsey Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act allows for tariffs up to 100%.
- The US Senate is the upper house of the United States Congress.
- The House is scheduled to finalize the bill on August 31.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of unilateral sanctions by major powers on the energy security and trade relations of neutral nations like India.

USE: Unilateral sanctions Energy security Trade barriers

Geopolitical alignment

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REMEMBER

- BIMSTEC: Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
- BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa
- Tarique Rahman is the current Prime Minister of Bangladesh

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the evolving dynamics of India-Bangladesh relations in the wake of recent political transitions and their implications for regional security.

USE: sovereignty extradition bilateral ties

regional stability

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REMEMBER

- Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- MDR (Merchant Discount Rate) will be waived for consumers and small merchants using UPI
- The bill provides tax exemptions for data centers and incentives for diamond trading

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the removal of MDR charges on UPI and tax exemptions for data centers can contribute to India's goal of becoming a global digital economy.

USE: Ease of Doing Business Digital Public Infrastructure

Fiscal Incentives Financial Inclusion

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Sebi Tackles Fraud, Removes 1.2 Lakh Misleading Posts

Why in news: SEBI is cracking down on financial fraud and misleading social media content to protect retail investors from unregistered influencers and fake trading apps.

REMEMBER

- SEBI: Securities and Exchange Board of India, the primary regulator for the securities market in India.
- 62% of investors are influenced by unregistered financial influencers according to a SEBI survey.
- SEBI Check and Validated UPI handles are tools introduced to verify payments and trading apps.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges posed by 'influencers' and unregulated trading apps on retail investor protection in India. How can technology-driven regulation mitigate these risks?

USE : retail investors influencers market integrity data analytics

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/100858

Meta's Safe-Harbour Status Under Review as India Demands Faster Takedowns

Why in news: The Indian government is reviewing Meta's 'safe-harbour' status due to concerns over algorithmic content curation and the need for faster takedowns of unlawful content.

REMEMBER

- Safe-harbour: Legal protection for intermediaries from liability for user-generated content.
- The Indian government's proposed takedown window for unlawful content is three hours.
- Meta: A multinational technology conglomerate that owns Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges in balancing the 'safe-harbour' protections for social media intermediaries with the state's obligation to regulate unlawful content and protect public order.

USE : Safe-harbour Intermediary liability Algorithmic curation Content moderation

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Putin plans to mobilize 500,000 new fighters after September 21 elections

Why in news: Ukrainian intelligence and Turkish officials warned of a potential Russian mobilization of 500,000 fighters and the risk of nuclear escalation in the Ukraine conflict.

REMEMBER

- Russia plans to mobilize 500,000 new fighters after the September 21 parliamentary elections.
- Hakan Fidan is the current Foreign Minister of Turkey.
- Nuclear weapons are identified as a 'last resort' in the context of the escalating Ukraine conflict.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of the escalating Russia-Ukraine conflict on global security architecture and the risk of nuclear proliferation.

USE : war of attrition nuclear escalation geopolitical instability mobilization

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/100818

Supreme Court Seeks Responses from Union, Assam on NRC Identity Cards

Why in news: The Supreme Court sought responses from the Union and Assam governments regarding petitions for identity cards for individuals listed in the 2019 National Register of Citizens (NRC).

REMEMBER

- NRC: National Register of Citizens is a list of Indian citizens.
- Assam: The state where the NRC was first implemented in India.
- The NRC list in question was finalized in August 2019.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the role of the judiciary in safeguarding the rights of marginalized communities during the implementation of large-scale identification schemes like the NRC.

USE : Judicial Review Identity Rights Administrative Accountability Constitutional Safeguards

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/100643

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