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Why in news: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval is visiting Beijing for the 25th round of Special Representatives' talks to address the border dispute and normalize India-China ties.

REMEMBER

- Ajit Doval serves as the National Security Advisor (NSA) of India.
- Galwan Valley is a high-altitude pass in the Ladakh region, site of the 2020 clash.
- This marks the 25th round of Special Representatives' talks between India and China.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Special Representatives' mechanism in managing the India-China border dispute and its implications for regional stability.

USE: de-escalation bilateral diplomacy border management strategic stability

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REMEMBER

- Sher rifle: An AK-203 variant produced with fully localized Indian components.
- IRRPL: A joint venture between Indian and Russian companies established in 2019.
- The Sher rifle aims to replace the INSAS rifle in the Indian Armed Forces.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in the defence manufacturing sector and the challenges faced in achieving full localization of high-tech weaponry.

USE: Self-reliance Indigenization Strategic Autonomy Defence Manufacturing

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REMEMBER

- Japan aims to invest 10 trillion yen over a decade in India.
- Nagoya and Osaka are major industrial and commercial hubs in Japan.
- Semiconductors and AI are key focus areas for the India-Japan trade discussions.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of India-Japan economic cooperation in the context of global supply chain diversification and technological advancement.

USE: Trade Deficit FDI Supply Chain Diversification Strategic Partnership

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REMEMBER

- Gaganyaan: India's first human spaceflight mission aimed at sending astronauts into orbit.
- PSLV: Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, a workhorse rocket for ISRO's satellite missions.
- ISRO target: Establish an Indian space station and conduct lunar and Venus missions.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Gaganyaan mission in establishing India as a global space power and the role of private sector participation in space exploration.

USE: human spaceflight technological sovereignty private-public partnership space station

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Justice Sanjay Karol, Known As Chachaji In Supreme Court, Retires

Why in news: The retirement of Justice Sanjay Karol highlights judicial recognition of homemakers' economic contributions and the judiciary's role in social justice.

REMEMBER

- Justice Sanjay Karol served as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, and Patna High Courts.
- The Supreme Court increased homemakers' compensation to ₹63 lakh in a June 2026 judgment.
- Amicus Curiae: A neutral third party appointed by the court to provide expert advice.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of recognizing non-market economic contributions, such as homemaking, in the judicial framework of India.

USE: [judicial activism](#) [economic contribution](#) [gender equality](#) [social justice](#)

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GIFT City aims to attract one million NRIs by 2047 under Viksit Bharat vision

Why in news: IFSCA Chairman K Rajaraman shared GIFT City's vision to attract one million NRIs as investors by 2047 to bolster India's position as a global financial hub.

REMEMBER

- IFSCA: International Financial Services Centres Authority is the regulatory body for GIFT City.
- GIFT City houses over 400 funds managing nearly \$20 billion abroad.
- Approximately \$60 billion has flowed into India via GIFT City.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the role of International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) like GIFT City in attracting foreign investment and strengthening India's position in the global economy.

USE: [Financial Hub](#) [External Commercial Borrowings](#) [Viksit Bharat](#) [Capital Mobilization](#)

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India's maize imports rise as ethanol production policy backfires

Why in news: India has transitioned from a maize exporter to a net importer due to the ethanol blending policy aimed at reducing crude oil imports.

REMEMBER

- Maize accounts for nearly half of India's ethanol production.
- Government procurement price for maize-based ethanol is ₹71.86 per litre.
- India has become a net importer of maize for the first time in decades.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the economic and agricultural implications of India's ethanol blending policy on domestic food security and trade balances.

USE: [Ethanol Blending Programme](#) [Net Importer](#) [Food Security](#) [Trade Deficit](#)

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/111545

Gadchiroli fights malaria: ₹500 for positive tests, 3,004 cases reported

Why in news: Maharashtra launched India's first malaria incentive program in Gadchiroli, offering monetary rewards to families and traditional healers to encourage early testing.

REMEMBER

- Gadchiroli is identified as one of Maharashtra's worst-affected rural districts for malaria.
- The incentive program is the first of its kind in India for malaria control.
- 3,004 malaria cases were reported in Gadchiroli between January 1 and August 15.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the role of community-based incentives and the involvement of traditional healers in tackling endemic diseases in tribal and rural regions of India.

USE: [incentivization](#) [early diagnosis](#) [community-led healthcare](#) [tribal welfare](#)

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The final bridge segment connecting Male with Villingili was set in place

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ISRO Review: Parliament Panel Discusses Gaganyaan, Civil Aircraft at Bengaluru Trip

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Agriculture Minister T. Siddique inaugurates digital mechanism at 2,000 Onam markets in Keralam

PNGRB greenlights ₹7,000 crore LPG pipeline project, set to boost India's network by 24%

On June 15, an RTI application sought details of Assam Chief Secretary's

Rajnath Singh lays foundation for five expansion projects of GRSE, Yantra India in Bengal

Fortnightly anti-narcotics drives by NCB and ANTFs target drug criminals, start September 2026

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India's Space Launch Costs Soar at \$13,302 per Kg, Far Exceeding US at \$3,225

NGT Reports Toxic Chromium Contamination in Three Uttar Pradesh Districts Since 1976

Kojadmal Jat, a 60-year-old farmer in Rajasthan, India, runs the state's

Yadav orders visit to resolve protests over Ken-Betwa project, impacting 7,000 families

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Discuss the significance of the Special Representatives' mechanism in managing the India-China border dispute and its implications for regional stability.

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disengagement



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