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India's Jaishankar meets Putin in Moscow to boost trade, energy ties

Why in news: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met President Putin in Moscow to strengthen bilateral cooperation in trade, energy, and nuclear collaboration.

REMEMBER

- India and Russia are key partners in energy and nuclear collaboration.
- S. Jaishankar serves as the Minister of External Affairs of India.
- Trade between India and Russia saw a rise in the current year after a decline in the previous year.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of India's continued engagement with Russia in the context of its energy security and strategic autonomy.

USE: strategic autonomy bilateral cooperation
energy security trade dynamics

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DRDO missile tech transferred to Indian firms by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

Why in news: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the transfer of DRDO's conventional missile technology to private Indian manufacturers to bolster the Aatmanirbharta initiative.

REMEMBER

- DRDO: Defence Research and Development Organisation is the primary R&D wing of the Ministry of Defence.
- The technology transfer covers all conventional missile systems developed by DRDO.
- Rajnath Singh is the current Union Minister of Defence.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the integration of private sector firms into the defence manufacturing ecosystem can achieve the objectives of the Aatmanirbharta Abhiyan.

USE: Aatmanirbharta indigenous production
technology transfer defence ecosystem

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Supreme Court Rules Police Can't Investigate Prenatal Sex Selection Cases

Why in news: The Supreme Court clarified the investigative jurisdiction for offences under the PCPNDT Act, ruling that only the 'Appropriate Authority' can investigate such cases.

REMEMBER

- PCPNDT Act, 1994: Prohibits prenatal sex determination and selection.
- The Supreme Court ruled that police do not have the power to investigate PCPNDT Act violations.
- Appropriate Authority: The designated body responsible for investigating offences under the PCPNDT Act.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Supreme Court's ruling on the PCPNDT Act in ensuring the effective implementation of laws against female foeticide.

USE: jurisdictional clarity procedural law gender justice
statutory interpretation

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India Abandons Plans for Front-of-Package Warning Labels on Food

Why in news: FSSAI abandoned plans for front-of-package warning labels on food products following industry pushback, leading to a Supreme Court review amid rising obesity concerns.

REMEMBER

- FSSAI: The primary regulatory body for food safety and standards in India.
- Lancet study: Predicts 450 million Indians could be obese or overweight by 2050.
- Global context: Approximately 20 nations have adopted interpretive front-of-package labels.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the role of food labeling regulations in addressing the growing public health crisis of obesity in India. How can the state balance industry interests with consumer rights?

USE: public health transparency regulatory pushback
obesity

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President Donald Trump's administration plans to expand US secondary sanctions targeting Iran's

Why in news: The US administration plans to expand secondary sanctions on Iran's economy, impacting global trade and India's energy imports.

REMEMBER

- China buys nearly 90% of Iran's oil exports.
- US Treasury Department oversees the imposition of secondary sanctions.
- UAE suspended trade with Iran following missile attacks.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the impact of US secondary sanctions on India's energy security and its strategic autonomy in navigating the Iran-USA-China geopolitical triangle.

USE : Secondary sanctions Strategic autonomy

Energy security

Geopolitical pressure

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Xi Jinping Set to Visit India: First Trip in Seven Years, Marks Improved Relations

Why in news: Chinese President Xi Jinping is expected to visit India for the BRICS summit, marking his first visit in seven years and signaling a potential thaw in India-China relations.

REMEMBER

- BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- India-China border length: Approximately 3,800 km (2,400 miles).
- New Delhi: Host city for the upcoming BRICS summit.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges and opportunities in normalizing India-China bilateral relations while managing persistent border disputes and regional security concerns.

USE : bilateral ties strategic stability border diplomacy

multilateralism

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Fewer than One in Twelve Schools Offer Vocational Subjects; NITI Aayog Seeks Change

Why in news: NITI Aayog proposed integrating vocational education into mainstream schooling to address the low percentage of schools offering vocational subjects and the mismatch between graduate qualifications and employment.

REMEMBER

- Graduate unemployment in India is currently at 13%.
- Only 8.25% of graduates are employed in jobs aligned with their qualifications.
- NITI Aayog is the nodal body proposing the integration of apprenticeships into mainstream schooling.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges in aligning the Indian education system with market demands and suggest measures to enhance vocational training in secondary schools.

USE : Employability Skill Gap Vocational Education

Human Capital

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Health Ministry proposes amendments to cut red tape for medical device makers

Why in news: The Union Health Ministry proposed amendments to the Medical Devices Rules, 2017 to reduce regulatory hurdles and compliance costs for manufacturers.

REMEMBER

- Medical Devices Rules, 2017: Governs the manufacturing and sale of medical devices in India.
- A six-month transition period is provided for label modifications under the proposed amendments.
- Union Health Ministry: The nodal ministry responsible for medical device regulations in India.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how simplifying regulatory frameworks for medical devices can enhance India's healthcare infrastructure while ensuring patient safety and quality standards.

USE : Regulatory compliance Ease of Doing Business

Traceability

Quality standards

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Piracy Soars: 29 Attacks in 5 Months, 12 Hijackings Off Somalia

Election Commission of India Initiates Special Intensive Revision Notice Phase

UN panel blasts India over hate crimes against Bengali-speaking Muslims, tribal violence

Lok Adalat settles 1,712 cases, resolves ₹240.94 crore in three days

Karnataka caps compensation for delayed services at ₹500, bars civil court jurisdiction

Supreme Court Notices 20 Rebel Trinamool MPs

Putin Pledges Fertilizer Boost, Set for Meet with Modi in Bishkek

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Rajesh Kumar Singh, Defence Secretary, outlined plans to reform India's defence acquisition

NSG launches first Mahila Commando course, training women in hostage rescue and combat skills

India Lifts Wheat Export Ban to Boost Farmers' Income, Increase Domestic Prices

SIP assets triple to ₹14.83 lakh crore, driving long-term investment growth

Tamil Nadu to launch PSU for mining, set up UAV monitoring unit

Antarctica releasing more mercury into ocean due to melting glaciers, study finds

Cow gut enzyme CRhAB breaks superbug shields, revives antibiotic power

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Civil Aviation Minister considers random drug tests for all pilots after Air India incident

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Centre to sell onions at Rs 35 per kg in Delhi-NCR from Wednesday

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First liquid-fueled rocket flew 41 feet before crashing in 1926

Dust from quarries threatens ₹27,000 crore Tata semiconductor project in Assam

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Discuss the significance of India's continued engagement with Russia in the context of its energy security and strategic autonomy.

USE : [strategic autonomy](#) [bilateral cooperation](#) [energy security](#) [trade dynamics](#)



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