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The 5 stories you can't skip**1 Glacial collapse near Nepal-China border kills 270, leaves over 1,500 missing**

Why it matters: A massive glacial collapse near the Nepal–China border triggered catastrophic flash floods and debris flows, killing over 270 people and highlighting climate-induced glacial instability.

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2 Rescue teams are searching for over 750 missing people after flash floods

Why it matters: Flash floods caused by a glacier collapse in the Bhote Koshi River in Nepal have resulted in significant casualties and missing persons, including Indian nationals, prompting international aid.

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Glacial collapse near Nepal-China border kills 270, leaves over 1,500 missing

Why in news: A massive glacial collapse near the Nepal-China border triggered catastrophic flash floods and debris flows, killing over 270 people and highlighting climate-induced glacial instability.

REMEMBER

- Rasuwagadhi: A border crossing point between Nepal and China.
- Glacial collapse: Gravity-driven failure of glacier ice on mountain slopes, resulting in ice-rich avalanches or debris flows.
- Over 270 killed and 1,500 missing, including over 800 foreign tourists, in the Nepal-Tibet floods.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how climate change is increasing the frequency of glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) and their impact on Himalayan communities.

USE : Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) Climate Change

Debris Flow

Hazard Mitigation

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Flash floods from glacial collapse hit Nepal-Tibet border, mistaken for earthquake

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REMEMBER

- Glacial collapse: The disintegration of a glacier or a significant portion of it, often leading to sudden flash floods.
- Nepal-Tibet border: A region in the Himalayas highly susceptible to glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs).
- US Geological Survey (USGS): The agency responsible for reporting the geological cause of the floods.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how climate change-induced glacial melting in the Himalayan region poses a significant threat to regional disaster management and water security.

USE : glacial retreat climate vulnerability disaster mitigation

Himalayan ecology

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/114737

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Rescue teams are searching for over 750 missing people after flash floods

Why in news: Flash floods caused by a glacier collapse in the Bhote Koshi River in Nepal have resulted in significant casualties and missing persons, including Indian nationals, prompting international aid.

REMEMBER

- Bhote Koshi River: A river in Nepal affected by glacier-induced flash floods.
- Over 750 people reported missing in Nepal's Rasuwa, Nuwakot, and Dhading districts.
- Nearly 300 Indian nationals are reported missing in the Nepal flood zone.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the growing threat of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) in the Himalayan region and the necessity of transboundary disaster management cooperation.

USE : Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF)

transboundary cooperation

climate vulnerability

disaster mitigation

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Fanta in UK Has Half the Sugar, Sparking India's Food Label Debate

Why in news: Disparity in sugar content of Fanta between UK and India has sparked a debate on the adequacy of FSSAI's food labelling norms and the impact of regulatory environments on public health.

REMEMBER

- FSSAI: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, the apex body for food safety and standards.
- India's packaged food market is valued at approximately \$100 billion.
- Nearly 80% of packaged food products in India are high in fat, sugar, and salt.

MAINS ANGLE Critically analyze the role of food labelling regulations in addressing the rising burden of non-communicable diseases in India. Suggest measures to strengthen FSSAI's oversight.

USE : regulatory framework public health

consumer protection

non-communicable diseases

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/114766

Nepal's Foreign Minister Invites Indian Firms, Downplays China's Belt and Road Initiative

Why in news: Nepal's Foreign Minister Shisir Khanal emphasized a balanced approach toward India and China while inviting Indian investment in key sectors.

REMEMBER

- Two-thirds of Nepal's trade is conducted with India.
- Kathmandu is the capital of Nepal.
- Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a global infrastructure development strategy initiated by China.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges and opportunities for India in maintaining a balanced diplomatic and economic relationship with Nepal amidst growing Chinese influence.

USE : Strategic autonomy Economic diplomacy Connectivity
Regional hegemony

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Taxpayers rush to declare overseas assets up to ₹1 crore, risking misrepresentation

Why in news: The Indian government launched a one-time voluntary disclosure window for taxpayers to regularize overseas assets, sparking concerns over potential misrepresentation and tax evasion tactics.

REMEMBER

- Taxpayers can regularize overseas assets up to ₹1 crore under the voluntary disclosure window.
- The tax and penalty rate for voluntary disclosure of overseas assets is 60%.
- The valuation date for foreign currency in this disclosure is March 31, 2026.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges faced by the Indian government in curbing illicit offshore wealth and the role of voluntary disclosure schemes in enhancing fiscal transparency.

USE : Fiscal Transparency Money Laundering Tax Evasion
Voluntary Disclosure

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CJI Kant: Sharma Gets Fair Chance to Respond Amid Mehta's Accusations

Why in news: CJI Surya Kant addressed allegations made by Justice Sandeep Mehta against the Acting Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court, emphasizing the need for established internal mechanisms over public adjudication.

REMEMBER

- CJI Surya Kant is the current Chief Justice of India.
- The Collegium system is the mechanism for appointing and transferring judges in India.
- The Rajasthan High Court is one of the state high courts in India.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the importance of internal mechanisms and judicial ethics in maintaining the integrity of the higher judiciary in India.

USE : judicial integrity due process collegium system
accountability

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/114693

Yale Student Doubles PFAS Size, Making "Forever Chemicals" Easier to Destroy

Why in news: A Yale University doctoral student developed a chemical engineering method to re-engineer PFAS molecules to facilitate their destruction and removal from industrial waste.

REMEMBER

- PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are known as 'forever chemicals' due to their persistence in the environment.
- The Yale research involves chemical re-engineering to make PFAS insoluble in water for easier separation.
- The method specifically targets the removal of PFAS from industrial waste streams to prevent environmental contamination.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the environmental and health risks posed by 'forever chemicals' (PFAS) and evaluate the importance of chemical engineering innovations in mitigating industrial pollution.

USE : forever chemicals industrial waste chemical engineering
environmental remediation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/114684

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Nepal thanks PM Modi for aid at 'Anviksha' amid flood grief,
border talks

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Write one answer today

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USE :

Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF)

Climate Change

Debris Flow

Hazard Mitigation

Cryosphere



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