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Modi starts two-nation visit, aims to deepen trade and defence ties in Central Asia

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REMEMBER

- Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan are landlocked countries in Central Asia.
- SCO: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is a regional political, economic, and security alliance.
- Shavkat Mirziyoyev is the President of Uzbekistan; Sadyr Japarov is the President of Kyrgyzstan.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of India's growing strategic and economic engagement with Central Asian countries in the context of its 'Connect Central Asia' policy.

USE : Strategic Partnership Regional Connectivity

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Why in news: A glacier collapse in Nepal's Bhote Koshi River caused devastating flash floods, highlighting the risks of glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) in the Himalayan region.

REMEMBER

- Bhote Koshi River is located in Nepal's Himalayan region.
- Over 300 Indian nationals were reported missing in the flash floods.
- Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) are a significant hazard in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the impact of climate change on glacial stability in the Himalayan region and the necessity of transboundary disaster management frameworks.

USE : Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) Climate Vulnerability

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India's Finance Minister Sitharaman Begins U.S. Visit Focusing on Investment Opportunities

Why in news: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's visit to the U.S. to engage with business leaders and participate in the G20 Finance Ministers' meeting to bolster investment and economic cooperation.

REMEMBER

- Nirmala Sitharaman: Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India
- G20: An intergovernmental forum of 20 countries including India, USA, and others
- The visit included a NASDAQ bell-ringing ceremony and meetings at the Polsky Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of India-U.S. economic cooperation in fostering global financial stability and enhancing India's position as a global investment hub.

USE : Economic Cooperation Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Financial Diplomacy Global Value Chains

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REMEMBER

- Magnitude 4.4 earthquake triggered the glacier fall on August 26.
- The disaster affected the Nepal-China border and reached Bihar, India.
- The event occurred in the Langtang National Park region.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the geological and environmental risks posed by glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) in the Himalayan region and suggest mitigation strategies.

USE : slope failure glacial lake outburst flood seismic activity

transboundary disaster

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Palau's 'Super Coral' Resists Heat, Scientists Plan Reef Rescue in Australia

Why in news: Scientists are planning to use heat-resistant 'super coral' from Palau to restore Australia's Great Barrier Reef, which is suffering from climate-induced bleaching.

REMEMBER

- Great Barrier Reef: The world's largest coral reef system, located in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland, Australia.
- Coral bleaching: A phenomenon where corals expel algae living in their tissues due to environmental stress, primarily rising sea temperatures.
- Palau: A Pacific island nation known for its diverse marine biodiversity and coral reef ecosystems.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the role of coral reef restoration and 'super coral' cultivation in mitigating the impacts of climate change on marine biodiversity.

USE : coral bleaching climate resilience marine biodiversity reef restoration

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Trump administration OKs ending 60-day grace period for H-1B visa job losers

Why in news: The Trump administration approved a proposal to eliminate the 60-day grace period for H-1B visa holders who lose their jobs, requiring immediate departure from the US.

REMEMBER

- H-1B visa: A non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations.
- Grace Period: The proposed change removes the 60-day window for job seekers to find new employment before being required to leave the US.
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS): The US agency responsible for immigration enforcement and border security.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of restrictive immigration policies on the global mobility of skilled labor and the socio-economic dynamics of the Indian diaspora.

USE : labor mobility visa regulations skilled migration socio-economic impact

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Union Bank of India to challenge NCLT's Essel Group insolvency plan approval

Why in news: Union Bank of India and other lenders are challenging the NCLT's approval of an insolvency resolution plan for Essel Group Chairman Subhash Chandra.

REMEMBER

- NCLT: National Company Law Tribunal is the quasi-judicial body for insolvency and company law disputes.
- NCLAT: National Company Law Appellate Tribunal is the first appellate body for NCLT decisions.
- Union Bank of India and Canara Bank are Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in India.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges faced by public sector banks in the insolvency resolution process and the significance of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) in maintaining creditor rights.

USE : Insolvency Resolution Creditor Rights Corporate Governance NCLT

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Tripura launches SIR to clean electoral rolls, aiming for accuracy by December 23

Why in news: Tripura launched a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) to clean electoral rolls and ensure accuracy by December 2023.

REMEMBER

- Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are the primary field-level workers responsible for voter list maintenance.
- The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) aims to remove ineligible entries and update the electoral register.
- The initiative was first launched in the West District of Tripura.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the importance of maintaining accurate electoral rolls in ensuring the integrity of the democratic process in India.

USE : Electoral Integrity Voter Verification Democratic Process Inclusivity

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