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Modi advances India's vision, fights terror in SCO summit visit to Kyrgyzstan

Why in news: PM Modi attended the SCO summit in Kyrgyzstan to advance India's regional vision and strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation.

REMEMBER

- SCO: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is a Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance.
- Bishkek is the capital and largest city of Kyrgyzstan.
- India and Uzbekistan elevated ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership during the August 2026 visit.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in shaping India's regional security architecture and counter-terrorism strategies.

USE: strategic partnership counter-terrorism
regional vision multilateralism

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Tamil Nadu Seeks Supreme Court Order for Karnataka to Release 17.604 tmcft Cauvery Water

Why in news: Tamil Nadu approached the Supreme Court seeking a mandatory release of 17.604 tmcft of Cauvery water from Karnataka to mitigate irrigation distress.

REMEMBER

- Requested water volume: 17.604 tmcft
- CWMA: Cauvery Water Management Authority regulates water sharing between riparian states
- Cauvery River: Flows through Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges in inter-state river water sharing in India and the role of judicial intervention in resolving riparian disputes.

USE: Riparian rights Inter-state dispute Water scarcity
Judicial activism

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IST mandated by Centre for all legal and administrative purposes from March 2027

Why in news: The Centre notified the Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026, making IST the mandatory reference for all legal, administrative, and commercial purposes by March 2027.

REMEMBER

- Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026
- IST is the sole reference for legal, administrative, and commercial purposes.
- The rules take effect 180 days after the notification date (March 2027).

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of standardizing time across a nation's legal and administrative framework for economic integration and governance.

USE: standardization administrative efficiency
legal metrology synchronization

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U.N. Committee Slams India for Violence Against Minorities, Dalits, and Non-Citizens

Why in news: The U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) criticized India's handling of violence against minorities, Dalits, and non-citizens during its first review since 2007.

REMEMBER

- CERD: UN body tasked with monitoring the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.
- NHRC: National Human Rights Commission of India, an independent statutory body.
- The CERD review of India's status was the first since 2007.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges in ensuring the protection of marginalized communities and the importance of independent human rights institutions in India.

USE: Human Rights Marginalized Communities
Institutional Autonomy Racial Discrimination

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US strikes Iran's Larak Island in first attack in weeks | US-Israel war on Iran News

Why in news: The United States conducted a military strike on Larak Island in southern Iran to target rocket launchers aimed at the Strait of Hormuz.

REMEMBER

- Strait of Hormuz: A critical maritime chokepoint for global oil transit.
- IRGC: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Iran's elite military wing.
- Larak Island: Located in southern Iran, targeted due to its proximity to the Strait of Hormuz.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Strait of Hormuz in global energy security and the implications of escalating military tensions in the region.

USE: maritime chokepoint energy security

asymmetric warfare economic statecraft

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India Meteorological Department forecasts below-normal September rainfall at 91% LPA due to El Niño

Why in news: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a forecast of below-normal September rainfall due to intensifying El Niño conditions.

REMEMBER

- IMD: India's primary agency for monitoring and forecasting weather and climate.
- El Niño: A climate pattern involving the warming of surface waters in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.
- August 2024 mean temperature: 28.01°C (Normal: 27.34°C).

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the impact of El Niño and La Niña phenomena on India's monsoon patterns and suggest measures to mitigate climate-induced agricultural risks.

USE: El Niño monsoon variability climate resilience

meteorological forecasting

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Tamil Nadu CM unveils ₹33,066 crore plan for power upgrade, new thermal station

Why in news: Tamil Nadu CM announced a ₹33,066 crore Transmission Improvement Scheme to upgrade power infrastructure and establish a new supercritical thermal power station.

REMEMBER

- Total investment for Tamil Nadu Transmission Improvement Scheme: ₹33,066 crore
- New supercritical thermal power station location: Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
- Supercritical thermal power: A technology where water is heated above its critical point to increase efficiency

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of upgrading power transmission infrastructure in supporting India's transition towards a renewable energy-led economy.

USE: Energy Infrastructure Supercritical Technology

Grid Stability Renewable Integration

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Hanging Glaciers: 219 Ice Dangers Found in Uttarakhand, Scientists Warn of Collapses

Why in news: Scientists identified 219 hanging glaciers in Uttarakhand's Alaknanda basin at risk of collapse due to rapid warming, highlighting a significant glacial hazard.

REMEMBER

- Alaknanda basin is a major glacial basin in the Uttarakhand Himalayas.
- GlabTop2 is the tool used by researchers to map and identify hanging glaciers.
- Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG) is a premier institute for Himalayan geological studies.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the impact of climate change on Himalayan glacial stability and suggest measures for disaster risk reduction in the Himalayan region.

USE: Glacial instability Climate change

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Himalayan ecology

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Discuss the significance of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in shaping India's regional security architecture and counter-terrorism strategies.

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