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REMEMBER

- SCO: A Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance including China, Russia, India, Pakistan, and Central Asian states.
- Bishkek: The capital and largest city of Kyrgyzstan.
- The summit attended was the 26th edition of the SCO meeting.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in shaping the geopolitical landscape of Eurasia and India's role within this framework.

USE : multilateralism strategic autonomy
Eurasian integration bilateral diplomacy

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- MUFG Bank acquired a 20% stake in Shriram Finance for \$4.4bn
- SMBC holds a 24.22% stake in Yes Bank
- Total Japanese investment announced in July summit reached \$12.5bn

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of 'China Plus One' strategy in attracting Japanese investments to India and its implications for India's manufacturing and financial sectors.

USE : concentration risk supply chain diversification
bilateral investment de-risking

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/116091

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Banks face new RBI rules: Must verify overseas transactions or risk ED scrutiny

Why in news: RBI is introducing new rules requiring banks to verify the genuineness of overseas transactions and service contracts to curb regulatory arbitrage and money laundering.

REMEMBER

- RBI: The central bank of India responsible for regulating the banking system and monetary policy.
- ED: The Enforcement Directorate is the primary agency for investigating money laundering and foreign exchange violations.
- New rules mandate banks to ensure consistency between service tracking and tax declarations.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges faced by the banking sector in implementing RBI's new verification norms for overseas transactions and their role in curbing money laundering.

USE : regulatory arbitrage money laundering compliance
transparency

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REMEMBER

- Chabahar Port: A strategic port in Iran on the Gulf of Oman, providing India access to Central Asia.
- Masoud Pezeshkian: The current President of Iran.
- The SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) summit in Bishkek served as the venue for the bilateral meeting.

MAINS ANGLE Examine the strategic importance of the Chabahar Port for India's connectivity to Central Asia and the challenges posed by maritime security in the region.

USE : Strategic autonomy Maritime security Connectivity
Bilateral trade

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/116057

Delhi's electoral roll shrinks by 32.8%, excluding 47.56 lakh voters

Why in news: The Election Commission of India released a draft electoral roll for Delhi showing a record 32.8% reduction in voters due to a Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

REMEMBER

- Delhi's electoral roll reduction of 32.8% is the highest among all States and Union Territories.
- The draft roll includes 48.9 lakh men, 47.6 lakh women, and 447 third-gender electors.
- The primary reasons for exclusion were permanent shifts/absence (43.32 lakh), deaths (2.82 lakh), and duplicates (1.41 lakh).

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of periodic electoral roll revisions in ensuring the integrity of the democratic process and the challenges faced in maintaining accurate voter data.

USE : electoral integrity Special Intensive Revision
voter disenfranchisement demographic shifts

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/116285

Nepal Buries Flood Victims in Mass Graves After August Glacial Collapse

Why in news: Nepal is managing a massive humanitarian crisis and mass burials following a devastating glacial collapse and subsequent flooding in August.

REMEMBER

- Glacial collapse occurred on August 26, causing massive flooding in Nepal.
- Chitwan and Nuwakot are districts in Nepal severely impacted by the flood.
- At least 17 bodies were recovered downstream in India following the disaster.

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

USE : Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF)
transboundary disaster management climate vulnerability
humanitarian crisis

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/116282

Indonesian fires push Malaysian Borneo air quality to hazardous levels, closing schools

Why in news: Indonesian forest and peatland fires caused hazardous air quality in Malaysian Borneo, triggering a transboundary haze alert by ASEAN.

REMEMBER

- Kuching recorded an Air Pollutant Index (API) of 407.
- ASEAN activated its highest transboundary haze alert for the region.
- The affected region is Malaysian Borneo (Sarawak).

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges of managing transboundary haze in Southeast Asia and the role of ASEAN in ensuring regional environmental cooperation.

USE : transboundary haze peatland fires ASEAN cooperation
public health crisis

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/116096

RINL Privatisation Halted by Workers Protest, Security Risks Loom

Why in news: The privatization of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) is facing hurdles due to worker protests and security concerns regarding the withdrawal of CISF personnel.

REMEMBER

- RINL (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited) is a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Steel.
- A revival package of ₹11,440 crore was allocated to RINL to address financial losses.
- CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) is a federal paramilitary force under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges associated with the privatization of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the manufacturing sector, specifically regarding labor rights and industrial security.

USE : Strategic Sale Disinvestment Industrial Security
Labor Relations

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