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Why it matters: UNICEF released a report highlighting that 20 million children globally face online sexual abuse, emphasizing the urgent need for AI-driven safety measures and legal reforms.

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Why it matters: Delhi High Court ordered compensation for a woman demoted after maternity leave, emphasizing that maternity protection includes professional status and career advancement.

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20 million children globally face online sexual abuse, UNICEF reports

Why in news: UNICEF released a report highlighting that 20 million children globally face online sexual abuse, emphasizing the urgent need for AI-driven safety measures and legal reforms.

REMEMBER

- UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund, a UN agency responsible for providing humanitarian and developmental assistance to children.
- Over one in five children aged 12 to 17 were affected by online sexual exploitation in the studied regions.
- AI-generated sexual content is identified as a growing threat to child safety in digital spaces.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges in regulating online safety for children in the era of AI-generated content and suggest measures to mitigate online sexual exploitation.

USE: digital safety online exploitation AI regulation
child protection

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/116973

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Pakistan rallies support against India's suspension of Indus Waters Treaty

Why in news: Pakistan organized an international conclave to rally support against India's suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) following a rejected Hague-based arbitration ruling.

REMEMBER

- Indus Waters Treaty (IWT): Signed in 1960 between India and Pakistan, facilitated by the World Bank.
- Hague-based Court of Arbitration: International body involved in resolving treaty disputes.
- IWT covers three perennial rivers: Indus, Chenab, and Jhelum.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Indus Waters Treaty in maintaining regional stability and the implications of unilateral treaty suspensions on transboundary water cooperation.

USE: transboundary water hydropolitics regional stability
bilateral diplomacy

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Delhi High Court Orders Rs 10 Lakh Compensation for Maternity Demotion Retaliation

Why in news: Delhi High Court ordered compensation for a woman demoted after maternity leave, emphasizing that maternity protection includes professional status and career advancement.

REMEMBER

- Delhi High Court: A High Court in India.
- Compensation amount: ₹10 lakh for maternity demotion retaliation.
- Justice Sachin Datta: Presiding judge in the maternity protection ruling.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the importance of workplace protections for women during and after maternity leave in ensuring gender equality in the Indian workforce.

USE: gender equality workplace protections
maternity rights professional status

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Leaders Discuss Tensions and Opportunities at SCO Summit in Kyrgyzstan

Why in news: Leaders from Russia, China, India, Iran, Pakistan, and Turkey met at the SCO summit in Kyrgyzstan to discuss geopolitical tensions and economic opportunities outside a Western-led framework.

REMEMBER

- SCO: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is a regional political, economic, and security alliance.
- Bishkek is the capital of Kyrgyzstan, a landlocked country in Central Asia.
- SCO was established in 2001.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in shaping a multipolar world order and its role in Central Asian geopolitics.

USE: multipolarity geopolitical shifts regional integration
strategic autonomy

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After the United States and Israel's war with Iran reduced shipping through

Why in news: Geopolitical tensions involving the US, Israel, and Iran have prompted Asian economies to expand energy reserves to mitigate supply chain disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz.

REMEMBER

- Strait of Hormuz: A critical maritime chokepoint connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman.
- Japan's energy initiative: \$10 billion investment for Southeast Asian fuel reserves.
- Key Asian economies expanding stockpiles: India, China, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, and Philippines.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze how geopolitical instability in the Middle East impacts global energy security and the strategic shift towards energy diversification in Asian economies.

USE: Energy Security Strategic Stockpiling
Supply Chain Resilience Geopolitical Risk

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The World Meteorological Organization issued a forecast on Thursday predicting a nearly

Why in news: The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) predicted a record-breaking super El Niño, which could accelerate global warming beyond the 1.5°C threshold.

REMEMBER

- El Niño: Characterized by warmer-than-normal ocean temperatures in the eastern tropical Pacific.
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO): A specialized agency of the United Nations.
- The 1.5°C warming threshold is a key target in the Paris Agreement to limit global temperature rise.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how extreme climatic phenomena like 'Super El Niño' pose a threat to global climate targets and suggest measures to mitigate their impact on vulnerable regions.

USE: Climate Change El Niño Global Warming
Extreme Weather

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US Strikes Iran, Triggering Drone Attacks and Economic Jitters

Why in news: The US launched strikes on Iranian coastal infrastructure, leading to retaliatory drone attacks and significant volatility in global crude oil prices.

REMEMBER

- Brent crude oil price increased by 58% during the current year.
- Sirik: Location in Iran where the US was accused of striking a wedding.
- Drone and missile technology are key components of the current retaliatory strikes.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the impact of Middle Eastern geopolitical tensions on global energy security and India's strategic interests.

USE: Geopolitical tension Energy security
Retaliatory strikes Oil price volatility

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Iran warns of new strategy after US strikes near Strait of Hormuz

Why in news: Iran warned of a new strategy following retaliatory US strikes near the Strait of Hormuz, highlighting escalating tensions in a critical maritime chokepoint.

REMEMBER

- Strait of Hormuz: A critical maritime chokepoint connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman.
- US Central Command (CENTCOM): The US department responsible for military operations in the Middle East.
- Iran's Supreme National Security Council is the body responsible for national security strategy.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the geopolitical significance of the Strait of Hormuz and the implications of escalating military tensions on global energy security.

USE: maritime chokepoint geopolitical tension
energy security retaliatory strikes

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Nepal Asks FRLD for Urgent Support After August 26 Flood

At the 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit in Bishkek, US Secretary

Nepal floods highlight transboundary risks with India through major rivers

Nepal PM thanks India, China for rescue: 1,204 dead, 4,200 missing

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The US and China race to become the world's leading artificial intelligence

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India's cybercrime authorities have warned of malicious Android apps, disguised as pornography

Space embryos show four times more abnormalities, raising reproduction fears

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Central bank fights rupee dip, state banks sell dollars aggressively

Flooding Alerts: Odisha Warns of Subarnarekha River Overflow, Affects 137 Villages

Trump Administration backs OpenAI in AI copyright dispute

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Write one answer today

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AI regulation

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cybersecurity



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