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Polity & Constitution

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PANCHAYATI RAJ & URBAN LOCAL BODIES

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4 Sep · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/117395

Lieutenant Governor Saxena Approves LAHDCs in 7 Ladakh Districts

WHY IN NEWS Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena approved the creation of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils (LAHDCs) across all seven districts of the Union Territory to decentralize governance.

BODY	LAHDCs: Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils
ACT / BILL	Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils Act, 1997
FACT	The councils will be established in 7 districts of the Union Territory of Ladakh
FACT	Elections will commence under Section 8 of the LAHDCs Act, 1997

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of decentralizing governance in Union Territories like Ladakh and its implications for local self-governance and regional development.

USE: [Decentralized governance](#) [Local self-government](#) [Union Territory](#) [Administrative autonomy](#) [Development planning](#)

Social Justice

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EDUCATION POLICY

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4 Sep · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/117208

Karnataka: Report on plugging exam and recruitment loopholes sought

WHY IN NEWS The Cabinet sub-committee on student issues and education reforms directed a report on preventing paper leaks and ensuring transparency in exams and recruitment following protests over NEET and KPSC controversies.

BODY	KPSC: Karnataka Public Service Commission is the body responsible for recruitment in the state.
POST	U.T. Khader serves as the Minister for Health and Family Welfare in the Union Cabinet.
FACT	The committee is specifically addressing issues related to NEET and KPSC recruitment controversies.

MAINS Q Discuss the systemic challenges in maintaining the integrity of competitive examinations in India and suggest measures to ensure transparency in public recruitment processes.

USE: [transparency](#) [meritocracy](#) [institutional integrity](#) [accountability](#) [educational reforms](#)

International Relations

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POLICIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES AFFECTING INDIA

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4 Sep · Al Jazeera · satyadheesh.in/news/117635

UN Rights Office: Israel's Operation Iron Wall Displaced 33,362 Palestinians

WHY IN NEWS The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights reported that Israel's Operation Iron Wall resulted in the displacement of over 33,000 Palestinians, alleging acts of collective punishment and ethnic cleansing.

BODY	UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is the UN body that issued the report.
POST	Volker Turk serves as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.
FACT	Operation Iron Wall displaced 33,362 Palestinians as of July.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of the UN's allegations of 'collective punishment' and 'ethnic cleansing' in the context of international humanitarian law and the protection of displaced populations.

USE: [Collective punishment](#) [Ethnic cleansing](#) [Humanitarian law](#) [Forced displacement](#) [International oversight](#)

Nepal Needs \$5 Billion To Rebuild. World's Climate Fund Has Less Than 10% Of It

WHY IN NEWS Nepal has formally requested urgent financial assistance from the UN's Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) following a devastating glacial lake burst in August.

- FACT** | Nepal's share of global emissions is approximately 0.1%
- FACT** | FRLD current available funds: \$350 million out of \$820 million pledged
- FACT** | FRLD project support cap: \$20 million per project
- BODY** | Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) is a UN-led mechanism

MAINS Q *Examine the adequacy of current international climate finance mechanisms in addressing the 'Loss and Damage' faced by low-emitting, climate-vulnerable nations like Nepal.*

USE: Climate Justice Loss and Damage Climate Reparations Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) Climate Finance

India's Jaishankar Meets Ukraine's Sybiha to Discuss Ending War Through Dialogue

WHY IN NEWS External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Ukrainian officials in Kyiv to advocate for a dialogue-based resolution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

- POST** | S. Jaishankar: Minister of External Affairs, Government of India
- PLACE** | Kyiv: Capital city of Ukraine
- FACT** | India's stance: Advocating for peace and dialogue-based resolution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict

MAINS Q *Discuss India's 'multi-aligned' foreign policy approach in the context of the Russia-Ukraine conflict and its implications for global food and energy security.*

USE: Strategic Autonomy Multi-alignment Peaceful Resolution Global South Diplomatic Engagement

Nepal Not Seeking Compensation from India for Floods, Minister Says

WHY IN NEWS Nepal's Minister for Foreign Affairs Shisir Khanal clarified that Nepal is not seeking financial compensation from India for flash floods, emphasizing regional cooperation over claims of compensation.

- FACT** | Death toll from Rasuwa floods reached 1,259 as of Thursday evening
- POST** | Shisir Khanal: Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal
- PLACE** | Rasuwa: District in Nepal affected by flash floods

MAINS Q *Discuss the importance of regional cooperation between India and Nepal in addressing the shared challenges posed by climate change in the Himalayan region.*

USE: Regional cooperation Climate change adaptation Himalayan ecology Disaster management Bilateral relations

Narendra Modi congratulated Giorgia Meloni on becoming the longest continuously serving Prime

WHY IN NEWS Narendra Modi congratulated Giorgia Meloni on becoming Italy's longest continuously serving postwar Prime Minister, while both leaders agreed to elevate India-Italy ties to a Special Strategic Partnership.

- FACT** | Giorgia Meloni's tenure as Italy's Prime Minister reached 1,413 days in September 2026
- PLACE** | Italy and India agreed to elevate bilateral ties to a Special Strategic Partnership
- POST** | Narendra Modi is India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of elevating bilateral ties to a Special Strategic Partnership in the context of India's growing role in the Mediterranean and European regions.*

USE: Special Strategic Partnership bilateral cooperation geopolitical alignment strategic autonomy multilateralism

After a glacial collapse near Langtang Lirung in Nepal and Tibet

WHY IN NEWS A glacial collapse near Langtang Lirung in Nepal and Tibet resulted in over 1,270 deaths and 4,700 missing, prompting India and China to send forensic teams for DNA-based identification.

PLACE	Langtang Lirung: A mountain region shared by Nepal and Tibet
FACT	Casualties: Over 1,270 killed and more than 4,700 missing
BODY	National Forensic Science Laboratory: Body of agency involved in DNA identification
FACT	India and China have deployed teams to assist in the rescue and identification efforts

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of regional cooperation in disaster management and forensic assistance in the Himalayan region.

USE: Glacial collapse Forensic identification Regional cooperation Disaster management DNA profiling

Delhi offices shut for BRICS Summit; Putin, Jinping among visiting leaders

WHY IN NEWS The BRICS Summit is being hosted in Delhi, necessitating significant security measures and administrative closures for high-level diplomatic engagement.

INTL. ORG	BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (expanded in 2024).
PLACE	Bharat Mandapam: A convention center in New Delhi designed to host major international summits.
FACT	The summit involves high-level diplomatic visits from major global powers including Russia and China.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of BRICS as a platform for South-South cooperation and its role in shaping a multipolar world order.

USE: Multipolarity South-South Cooperation Strategic Autonomy Diplomatic Engagement

Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, announced a Rs

WHY IN NEWS Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced a ₹2,077.18 crore project to four-lane a section of NH-327 to improve connectivity to Northeast India and Nepal.

PLACE	NH-327: A major highway connecting West Bengal to the Northeast and Nepal.
FACT	Project Cost: ₹2,077.18 crore for the Bagdogra–Panitanki–Kharibari–Galgalia section.
ENVIRONMENT	Elephant underpasses are specifically designed to mitigate human–wildlife conflict in the region.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of improving infrastructure in the Northeast region for India's strategic connectivity and trade with Nepal.

USE: Strategic connectivity Regional infrastructure Human–wildlife conflict Economic integration

Economy

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INDUSTRY, INVESTMENT & MSMEs

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Modi's Defence Boost: Budget Soars to ₹6.81 Trillion in FY26

WHY IN NEWS Bajaj Broking reported a significant surge in India's defence budget to ₹6.81 trillion in FY26, highlighting the government's focus on military modernisation.

- FACT | India's defence budget in FY26 is reported at ₹6.81 trillion.
- FACT | Defence production reached an all-time high of ₹1.78 trillion in FY26.
- FACT | Defence exports reached ₹38,424 crore in FY26.
- FACT | The defence budget in FY14 was ₹2.53 trillion.

MAINS Q Discuss how the expansion of the domestic defence production sector contributes to India's economic growth and strategic autonomy.

USE: Military modernisation Import substitution Strategic autonomy Capital expenditure Defence exports

MONETARY POLICY, RBI & BANKING

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4 Sep · Economic Times · satyadheesh.in/news/117411

RBI faces high hedging costs, expects good returns on US treasury investments

WHY IN NEWS The RBI is facing high hedging and liquidity management costs due to foreign currency inflows, while experts anticipate positive returns on US Treasury investments.

- FACT | 52-week US Treasury bill yield: 4.14% as of August 31, 2026
- FACT | Estimated swap costs for RBI: Rs 36,000 crore
- BODY | RBI: Responsible for managing foreign currency inflows and liquidity

MAINS Q Analyze the challenges faced by the Reserve Bank of India in managing liquidity and hedging costs amidst volatile foreign currency inflows.

USE: Liquidity Management Hedging Costs Swap Costs Monetary Policy Foreign Currency Inflows

CAPITAL MARKETS & SEBI

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NSE Set to Launch ₹31,000 Crore IPO, Second-Biggest in India After Jio Platforms

WHY IN NEWS The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) is set to launch a ₹31,000 crore IPO, the second-largest in India after Jio Platforms, following a draft red herring prospectus filing.

- FACT | NSE IPO target: up to ₹31,000 crore
- FACT | NSE shares for sale: 148.91 million
- BODY | Sebi: The market regulator that accepted the NSE settlement application
- FACT | NSE settlement amount for colocation facility lapses: ₹1,491 crore

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of large-scale IPOs by market infrastructure providers and the role of regulatory oversight in maintaining market integrity.

USE: Capital Markets IPO Regulatory Compliance Market Integrity Infrastructure

India Launches EOS-05: First Imaging Satellite in Geosynchronous Orbit at 2:55 AM

WHY IN NEWS ISRO launched EOS-05, India's first imaging satellite in Geosynchronous orbit, using the GSLV-F17 rocket.

- S&T | EOS-05: India's first imaging satellite in Geosynchronous orbit
- S&T | GSLV: Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle, a heavy-lift rocket developed by ISRO
- PLACE | Satish Dhawan Space Centre: Located in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh (near Chennai)
- FACT | GSLV-F17 height: 51.7 meters

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of achieving imaging capabilities in Geosynchronous orbit for India's space-based surveillance and disaster management capabilities.

USE: Geosynchronous orbitEarth observationSpace-based surveillanceStrategic autonomy

ISRO Chief: Private Sector Needed as Satellite Demand Surges, GSLV Capabilities Boosted 40%

WHY IN NEWS ISRO Chairman Dr V Narayanan advocated for private sector involvement to meet surging satellite demand and highlighted a 40% capability boost in GSLV Mark II vehicles.

- S&T | GSLV-F17: A variant of the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) used for satellite deployment.
- FACT | GSLV Mark II: Capability increased by 40% as of the GSLV-F17 launch.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of opening the space sector to private players in achieving India's goals of becoming a global space hub.

USE: Space EcosystemPublic-Private PartnershipOrbital InfrastructureStrategic AutonomyTechnological Sovereignty

CEEW study: Behavioral changes in transport could cut G20 emissions by 15-20% by 2050

WHY IN NEWS A CEEW study suggests that behavioral shifts in passenger transport—specifically hybrid work, carpooling, and increased bus ridership—could reduce G20 annual emissions by 15–20% by 2050.

- FACT | CEEW study estimates 15–20% reduction in G20 annual emissions by 2050 through transport behavioral changes.
- FACT | Carpooling could save up to 411 MtCO2 annually with a 50% increase in average car occupancy.
- FACT | Cumulative CO2 savings from three interventions (hybrid work, carpooling, bus ridership) are estimated at 5.7–8 gigatonnes between 2025 and 2050.
- POST | Dr. Vaibhav Chaturvedi is a CEEW fellow who linked these changes to India's Mission LiFE.

MAINS Q Discuss how behavioral interventions and lifestyle changes, such as those proposed in Mission LiFE, can complement structural shifts in achieving global net-zero emission targets.

USE: Mission LiFEBehavioral ChangeDecarbonizationCarbon FootprintSustainable Transport

Woman Lives with Pig Kidney for Over Nine Months, Setting Record

WHY IN NEWS A woman lived with a pig kidney for over nine months without dialysis, setting a new record for xenotransplantation using CRISPR gene editing by eGenesis.

- S&T** | eGenesis: A Cambridge-based biotech company using CRISPR gene editing for xenotransplantation.
- FACT** | The patient lived with the pig kidney for over nine months, surpassing the previous record of 271 days.
- BODY** | FDA: The patient was one of five recipients under the FDA's expanded access pathway for experimental treatments.
- S&T** | CRISPR: A gene-editing technology used to modify pig kidneys to reduce immediate rejection risks in humans.

MAINS Q Discuss the ethical and regulatory challenges associated with xenotransplantation and the use of CRISPR technology in human organ replacement.

USE: Xenotransplantation CRISPR gene editing Organ shortage Expanded access pathway Zoonotic risk

GPT-6 Astra Is Here—and OpenAI Thinks It May Kick Off the AGI Era

WHY IN NEWS OpenAI launched GPT-6 Astra, a model capable of navigating computers and web browsers, signaling a shift toward Artificial General Intelligence (AGI).

- S&T** | AGI (Artificial General Intelligence): A theoretical AI system capable of performing any intellectual task a human can do.
- S&T** | OpenAI: A leading AI research and deployment company.
- FACT** | GPT-6 Astra: A model capable of cross-platform navigation and software writing.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) on global economic structures and the ethical challenges regarding AI safety and alignment.

USE: Artificial General Intelligence AI Alignment Automation Technological Sovereignty

Internal Security

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Bomb blast at Red Fort kills 15; AQIS offshoot AGuH blamed

WHY IN NEWS The NIA and UNSC identified the al-Qaeda-linked group AQIS and its offshoot AGuH as responsible for a bomb blast at the Red Fort in Delhi.

- FACT** | AQIS: Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent, established in September 2014.
- BODY** | NIA: National Investigation Agency, the body that filed the chargesheet against AGuH.
- INTL. ORG** | UNSC: United Nations Security Council, released the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Report.
- FACT** | AGuH: Anzar Ghazwat ul-Hind, an offshoot of AQIS responsible for attacks in J&K and Punjab.

MAINS Q Examine the evolving tactics of transnational terrorist groups like AQIS in India and discuss the challenges faced by internal security agencies in preventing high-profile urban attacks.

USE: transnational terrorism internal security counter-terrorism intelligence gathering asymmetric warfare

Firing erupts at hearing as students clash over Chakma inclusion in electoral rolls

WHY IN NEWS Clashes and firing erupted in Bordumsa, Arunachal Pradesh, as students protested against the inclusion of the Chakma community in electoral rolls during a Special Intensive Revision hearing.

PLACE | Bordumsa is located in the Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh

FACT | The All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU) led the protest against Chakma inclusion

FACT | The protest occurred during a Special Intensive Revision hearing

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges involved in managing demographic shifts and ensuring inclusive representation in electoral rolls while maintaining communal harmony in border states.

USE: [Demographic shift](#) [Electoral integrity](#) [Communal harmony](#) [Identity politics](#) [Border security](#)



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