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5 ISRO detects strong El Niño looming via Oceansat-3

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96%

the percentage of EU goods exports to India targeted for tariff reduction.

What to know, in 60 seconds each

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BRICS leaders convene in Delhi to discuss financial cooperation and trade

Why in news: Leaders from 11 nations, including India, China, and Russia, met at the BRICS summit in Delhi to discuss financial cooperation and global trade amid President Donald Trump's policies.

REMEMBER

- BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa
- Delhi Summit: Involved 11 participating nations to discuss global trade and financial cooperation
- South-South cooperation: A key focus for fostering global trade and multipolarity

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of BRICS in fostering financial cooperation and global trade amidst shifting US-led global economic policies.

USE: Multipolarity Financial Cooperation Global Trade
Geopolitical Alignment

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120436

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EU Commission proposes Free Trade Agreement with India to reduce tariffs

Why in news: The European Commission formally submitted a proposal to the European Council to sign a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with India to reduce tariffs and save €4 billion annually.

REMEMBER

- Free Trade Agreement — a proposed pact to enhance market access and reduce tariffs between EU and India.
- 96% — the percentage of EU goods exports to India targeted for tariff reduction.
- €4 billion — the estimated annual savings in duties from the proposed agreement.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement between India and the European Union can reshape the trade dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region.

USE: Trade Liberalization Tariff Reduction
Indo-Pacific Strategy Market Access

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Putin says BRICS contributes more than 40% of global GDP at forum

Why in news: Vladimir Putin and Narendra Modi highlighted the economic shift towards BRICS at the BRICS Business Forum in New Delhi, asserting that BRICS now contributes over 40% of global GDP.

REMEMBER

- BRICS contribution to global GDP: over 40% as of 2026
- G7 contribution to global GDP: 29% as of 2026
- Total number of BRICS members: 21

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the shifting dynamics of global economic governance as evidenced by the growing influence of the BRICS bloc relative to the G7.

USE: Multipolarity Global GDP Economic Sovereignty
BRICS Expansion

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REMEMBER

- Perim Island: A strategic island in the Red Sea controlled by Houthis.
- Mokha: A strategic port city in Yemen.
- 46,000: Number of people displaced by the Houthi offensive.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the impact of maritime insecurity in the Red Sea on global energy supply chains and the geopolitical dynamics of the Middle East.

USE: maritime security energy security
geopolitical escalation supply chain disruption

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120509

ISRO detects strong El Niño looming via Oceansat-3

Why in news: ISRO's EOS-06/Oceansat-3 satellite detected declining marine productivity and wind reversals in the equatorial Pacific, indicating a developing El Niño.

REMEMBER

- Oceansat-3 — ISRO satellite designed to monitor ocean dynamics and marine productivity
- El Niño — Warming of surface waters in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean
- Equatorial Pacific — Primary region where El Niño and La Niña phenomena originate

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how satellite-based remote sensing enhances India's ability to mitigate the socio-economic impacts of extreme climatic phenomena like El Niño.

USE : Remote Sensing Climate Resilience Monsoon Dynamics
Marine Productivity

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120449

India seeks to narrow \$226.1 billion BRICS trade deficit

Why in news: India, chairing the 18th BRICS Summit, aims to address a widening \$226.1 billion trade deficit with the bloc by seeking fairer trade terms and easier market access.

REMEMBER

- Trade deficit — India's deficit with BRICS is \$226.1 billion, driven by imports from China and Russia.
- Total trade — India's trade with BRICS reached \$417.5 billion, doubling since FY2020-21.
- Non-tariff barriers — India advocates for their reduction to improve trade balance.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the structural challenges in India's trade balance with BRICS nations and suggest measures to reduce trade deficits through sector-specific negotiations.

USE : Trade Deficit Non-tariff Barriers Market Access
Trade Balance

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120323

The rescue of five baby orangutans from the Bichitrapur forest in Odisha's

Why in news: The rescue of five baby orangutans from Odisha's Bichitrapur forest has triggered an international wildlife trafficking investigation involving Indonesia.

REMEMBER

- Orangutans are native only to Indonesia and Malaysia
- Bichitrapur forest is located in the Balasore district of Odisha
- Nandankanan Zoological Park is located in Bhubaneswar, Odisha

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges in curbing international wildlife trafficking and the importance of international cooperation in protecting endangered species.

USE : Wildlife Trafficking Biodiversity Conservation
Transboundary Cooperation Endangered Species

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120337

Foreign universities establish off-shore campuses in India as student exits drop 40%

Why in news: The Ministry of External Affairs reported a 40% drop in Indian students traveling abroad, prompting foreign universities to establish off-shore campuses in India with UGC permission.

REMEMBER

- UGC (University Grants Commission) — statutory body responsible for maintaining standards of higher education in India.
- 40% drop — decrease in Indian students traveling abroad as reported by the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Off-shore campuses — foreign universities require UGC permission to establish these in India.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of establishing foreign off-shore campuses in India on the domestic higher education ecosystem and student mobility.

USE : student mobility educational equity
off-shore campuses human capital

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120311

Everything else, one line each

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BRICS Summit: India hosted an 11-member BRICS summit in New Delhi, highlighting its status as a key economic power.

Election chief dismisses EVM concerns, highlights India's high voluntary turnout

Talaq-e-Hasan: Gauhati High Court ruled Talaq-e-Hasan valid while directing registration under Assam's 2024 Act.

Protest march: Bombay High Court declined to intervene in a protest march, citing the state's ability to maintain law and order.

Modi, Merz vow to boost trade and clean energy in landmark 75-year call

AKDN partnership: Prince Rahim Aga Khan V discussed rural development and heritage preservation with PM Modi.

Houthis Capture Mocha, Threatening Red Sea Control as UN Meets

India Consults Russia, EU, Singapore on Global Digital Wallet Integration for Businesses

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Climate hazards: UNICEF reports 171 million students faced school disruptions in 2025 due to climate-induced hazards.

AI safety: A dispute over a million-dollar math solution sparked concerns regarding AI's potential to cause human harm.

Indira Mahila Shakti: Telangana SHGs manage a 1-MW solar plant in Vikarabad to generate ₹4.5 lakh monthly revenue.

NPA provisioning: Provisioning for 29 banks fell by 27.3% to ₹21,314 crore, showing improved credit health.

Road safety: Kerala High Court directed Kochi Corporation, Police, and NHAI to address poor infrastructure and reckless driving.

Police manpower: Tamil Nadu sanctioned 29,108 new posts to address a 17-year backlog and improve the police-public ratio.

RBI announces auction to absorb Rs 10.5 lakh crore excess liquidity

SEBI sent notices to two key management personnel in 2023 for alleged

Setty addresses USD 136.4 billion liquidity surge at Global Fintech Fest

AI Firm Anthropic Bans Accounts for Evading Safeguards in Weapons Research

August 2026 was tied with July 2023 as the hottest month ever

OpenAI Seeks US Rules On Powerful AI Amid Anthropic Researcher's Warning

CAS stays, but derivatives settlement may change, says Sebi chief Tuhin Kanta Pandey after another 1,000-point Sensex swing

NSE IPO: NSE reduced IPO size to 12.64 crore shares to raise Rs 22,662 crore via 100% Offer for Sale.

MAP WORK

Places in news

Equatorial Pacific	Primary region where El Niño and La Niña phenomena originate
New Delhi	Host city for the current 11-member BRICS summit.
Barpeta	District in Assam where the marriage and divorce registrar is located.
Antarwali Sarati	The village where the hunger strike is being conducted
Vikarabad	location of the 1-MW solar plant project.

5 questions, 5 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 With reference to the BRICS summit in Delhi, consider the following statements:

1. The core members of BRICS include Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
2. The summit was convened to discuss exclusively domestic trade policies.
3. The summit involved leaders from 11 participating nations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1 and 3 only

2 What percentage of EU goods exports to India is targeted for tariff reduction under the proposed FTA?

- (a) 75% (b) 96%
(c) 85% (d) 99%

3 Which region is the primary origin for El Niño and La Niña phenomena?

- (a) Equatorial Pacific (b) Indian Ocean
(c) Mediterranean Sea (d) Arctic Ocean

4 What is the total trade value between India and the BRICS bloc as of the current period?

- (a) \$510.8 billion (b) \$417.5 billion
(c) \$350.2 billion (d) \$280.4 billion

5 With reference to India's economic and diplomatic standing, consider the following statements:

1. The BRICS summit hosted in New Delhi featured a total of 11 members.
2. India recorded a GDP growth rate of 7.8% during the recent period.
3. India's GDP growth rate was recorded at 8.5% during the summit.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

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Write one answer today

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Discuss the significance of BRICS in fostering financial cooperation and global trade amidst shifting US-led global economic policies.

USE: Multipolarity Financial Cooperation Global Trade Geopolitical Alignment

ANSWERS · 1 (d) 2 (b) 3 (a) 4 (b) 5 (c)



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