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18.5 million

total Indian-born residents living abroad as of 2024

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BRICS Summit adopts Delhi Declaration and emphasizes Global South leadership

Why in news: Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for Global South leadership at the BRICS summit in Delhi, which concluded with the adoption of the Delhi Declaration.

REMEMBER

- Global South: A concept championed by India to shape the agenda of the BRICS bloc.
- Delhi Declaration: Primary outcome of the summit focusing on global governance and security.
- BRICS: Intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

MAINS ANGLE Examine the significance of the 'Global South' leadership in the contemporary multilateral order and the role of BRICS in shaping this narrative.

USE: Global South Multipolarity Delhi Declaration Strategic Autonomy

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120918

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UAE and US lead as top host countries for 18.5 million Indian migrants

Why in news: UN DESA released the International Migrant Stock 2024 report showing India's overseas population has reached 18.5 million, with the UAE and US leading as top destinations.

REMEMBER

- International Migrant Stock 2024 — released by UN DESA to track global migrant populations
- 18.5 million — total Indian-born residents living abroad as of 2024
- 3.2 million — number of Indian-born residents in both the UAE and USA

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the socio-economic significance of the Indian diaspora and the factors influencing migration patterns to the Middle East and Western nations.

USE: Migration patterns Diaspora Labor mobility Remittance economy

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120951

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SEBI launches Demat 2.0 pilot for tokenised bond sales

Why in news: Sebi launched a Demat 2.0 pilot for tokenised corporate bonds to enable faster settlement and fund access using distributed ledger technology (DLT) and the RBI's e-rupee.

REMEMBER

- Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT): A decentralized digital ledger recording transactions across multiple nodes.
- Tokenisation: Process of converting corporate bonds into digital tokens for faster settlement.
- e-rupee: The Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the integration of Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) and Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) can enhance the efficiency and transparency of India's capital markets.

USE: Distributed Ledger Technology Tokenisation Capital Market Efficiency Settlement Risk

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120787

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SEBI proposes new methodologies for expiry-day settlement prices

Why in news: SEBI has proposed two options for determining expiry-day settlement prices for index and stock derivatives to improve auction functioning and market transparency.

REMEMBER

- SEBI — Primary regulator for the securities market in India
- Blended VWAP — Combines last 30 mins of Continuous Trading Session (CTS) and 10 mins of Call Auction Session (CAS)
- CTS VWAP — Relies solely on the last 30 minutes of the Continuous Trading Session (CTS)

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of standardized settlement price methodologies in ensuring market integrity and liquidity in the Indian derivatives market.

USE: Securities and Exchange Board of India Derivatives VWAP Call Auction Session

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120771

Houthis capture 130km Yemen coast threatening Red Sea trade

Why in news: The Houthis captured 130km of Yemen's Tihamah coastal plain to tighten control over the Red Sea shipping lane with Iranian backing.

REMEMBER

- Bab al-Mandab Strait — A strategic maritime chokepoint connecting the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden.
- Tihamah coastal plain — The region where Houthis captured 130km of coastline.
- Houthi movement — A non-state actor in Yemen backed by Iran.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of maritime insecurity in the Red Sea on global trade and India's energy security.

USE : maritime security proxy warfare
supply chain disruption geopolitical instability

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120573

US lawmakers urge blacklisting of 3 Indian firms over hack-for-hire allegations

Why in news: US lawmakers urged the Trump administration to blacklist three Indian firms—BellTroX, CyberRoot, and Sunkissed Organic Farms Pvt Ltd—over allegations of 'hack-for-hire' operations and espionage against American targets.

REMEMBER

- Hack-for-hire: A business model where hackers are hired to perform cyberattacks, data breaches, or espionage.
- Entity List: A US Department of Commerce tool used to restrict the export of sensitive technologies to specific companies.
- Cyber espionage: Alleged activities by three Indian firms involving hacking for sensitive information over 15 years.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how cyber espionage and 'hack-for-hire' activities pose a challenge to bilateral relations and the integrity of global digital infrastructure.

USE : Cyber Espionage Entity List Hack-for-hire
Digital Sovereignty

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120956

Himachal Pradesh launches Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi scheme

Why in news: The Himachal Pradesh government announced the distribution of Rs 1,500 to 2.5 lakh eligible women and free electricity to 1.80 lakh poor families under the Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi scheme.

REMEMBER

- Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi: A welfare scheme providing financial aid and free electricity.
- Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT): Mechanism used to transfer funds directly to bank accounts to eliminate intermediaries.
- Rs 1,500: Amount provided to eligible women aged 21-60 under the scheme.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how direct benefit transfer (DBT) mechanisms can enhance the efficacy of state-led welfare schemes for women and economically weaker sections.

USE : Direct Benefit Transfer Social Welfare
Gender Empowerment Fiscal Federalism

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120907

Anthropic CEO calls for slower AI development to mitigate existential risks

Why in news: Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei called for slowing AI development and establishing independent monitoring to mitigate existential risks and unauthorized AI-led attacks.

REMEMBER

- Existential Risk — risks in AI safety that could lead to human extinction or irreversible harm.
- AI agents — autonomous software entities capable of performing multi-step tasks and interacting with external systems.
- Anthropic — an AI safety and research company known for developing the Claude LLM.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the ethical and existential risks posed by rapid AI advancement and evaluate the necessity of international regulatory frameworks to ensure safe AI deployment.

USE : existential risk regulatory framework AI governance
voluntary standards

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120902

Everything else, one line each

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BRICS Summit: Leaders from 11 nations meet in New Delhi to discuss reshaping global economic dynamics and Global South influence.

New Delhi Declaration 2026: BRICS leaders adopted the declaration focusing on sovereign digital ecosystems, safe AI, and quantum computing.

BRICS meetings: Disrupted in New Delhi due to the 2026 Iran-UAE confrontation and trade suspension by Abu Dhabi.

BRICS mediation: India aims to broker a truce between Iran and the UAE to stabilize regional energy supplies and curb inflation.

South China Sea: Malaysia acknowledged China's maritime claims and the need for an ASEAN-led Code of Conduct at the BRICS Summit.

Solar power: Department of Women and Child Development to install solar power in 1,900 Karnataka Anganwadi centres for ₹16 crore.

ECINET app: The Election Commission uses the ECINET app to enhance electoral literacy and transparency among the youth.

Talaq-e-Hassan: Gauhati High Court upheld its validity under the Assam Compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act, 2024.

TB screening: LG of Delhi proposed mandatory TB screening for all hospital admissions to accelerate TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan targets.

Claude AI: Anthropic detected a UAE-linked operation using over 300 fake accounts to discredit critics and influence UN proceedings.

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WHOLISTIC system: A system developed at Janelia Research Campus to observe real-time cellular activity across entire vertebrate bodies.

Agentic AI: OpenAI deployed tens of thousands of agents to solve a 90-year-old math problem with a \$1 million prize.

De-dollarization: Geopolitical tensions are driving countries to shift toward local-currency trade and increase gold reserves.

Desalination plant: Mumbai to build a ₹4,007-crore plant at Manori to produce 400 million liters of water daily by 2029.

AI slowdown: Over 1,000 staffers and scientists from OpenAI and Anthropic called for a voluntary slowdown to manage safety risks.

MAP WORK

Places in news

Delhi	Venue of the summit where the Delhi Declaration was adopted.
New Delhi, India	The host city for the current BRICS summit.
Strait of Hormuz	A strategic waterway connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
Bab al-Mandab Strait	A strategic maritime chokepoint connecting the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden.
South China Sea	A critical maritime region with overlapping claims by China, ASEAN members, and other nations.

5 questions, 5 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 With reference to the BRICS Summit and the Delhi Declaration, consider the following statements:

1. The summit was held in Mumbai to discuss the Global South.
2. The summit focused on condemning terrorism and unilateral acts of war.
3. The Delhi Declaration was the primary outcome of the summit.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2 With reference to the BRICS summit, consider the following statements:

1. The current summit includes representatives from 15 member nations.
2. A key focus of the meeting is strengthening the influence of the Global South.
3. The summit is being hosted in New Delhi, India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3 Which technology field was highlighted for cooperation in the New Delhi Declaration 2026?

- (a) Nuclear Fusion (b) Quantum Computing
(c) Blockchain Mining (d) Biotechnology

4 Which international body released the International Migrant Stock 2024 report?

- (a) WHO (b) UNESCO
(c) UN DESA (d) IMF

5 With reference to the Strait of Hormuz, consider the following statements:

1. The crisis occurred during BRICS meetings held in Mumbai.
2. It is a strategic waterway connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
3. The 2026 Iran-UAE crisis resulted in a trade suspension by Abu Dhabi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

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Examine the significance of the 'Global South' leadership in the contemporary multilateral order and the role of BRICS in shaping this narrative.

USE: Global South Multipolarity Delhi Declaration Strategic Autonomy South-South Cooperation

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