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HOW EACH NOTE READS

Why in news → facts to remember → a Mains question with keywords. Duplicate stories are merged.

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The 5-page **Brief** has the stories that matter most, plus a quiz. Same day, same notes.

Polity & Constitution

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ELECTIONS, ECI & ELECTORAL REFORMS

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12 Sep · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/120701

CEC highlights electoral transparency and role of BLOs

WHY IN NEWS Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar emphasized electoral transparency and the role of Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in maintaining accurate electoral rolls at Gujarat University.

BODY	Election Commission of India (ECI) — headed by the Chief Election Commissioner.
CONCEPT	Booth Level Officers (BLOs) — responsible for maintaining accurate electoral rolls and voter interaction.
CONCEPT	ECINET — an application used to strengthen electoral literacy and transparency.

MAINS Q Discuss the measures undertaken by the Election Commission of India to ensure the integrity of electoral rolls and promote electoral literacy among the youth.

USE: Electoral Transparency Electoral Literacy Booth Level Officers Electoral Rolls Free and Fair Elections

Social Justice

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VULNERABLE SECTIONS (SC/ST, MINORITIES, DISABLED, ELDERLY, CHILDREN)

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12 Sep · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/120907

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.

SCHEME	Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi: A welfare scheme providing financial aid and free electricity.
CONCEPT	Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT): Mechanism used to transfer funds directly to bank accounts to eliminate intermediaries.
FIGURE	Rs 1,500: Amount provided to eligible women aged 21–60 under the scheme.
FIGURE	300 units: Amount of free electricity provided to 1.80 lakh extremely poor families.

MAINS Q 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 Last-mile Delivery

VULNERABLE SECTIONS (SC/ST, MINORITIES, DISABLED, ELDERLY, CHILDREN)

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12 Sep · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/120826

Karnataka to install solar power in 1,900 Anganwadi centres

WHY IN NEWS The Department of Women and Child Development (WCD) partnered with the SELCO Foundation to install solar power systems in 1,900 anganwadi centres in Karnataka.

SCHEME	Soura Swasthya — An initiative involving the Health Department and SELCO Foundation launched in November 2024.
BODY	SELCO Foundation — A social enterprise providing reliable energy access to rural and underserved communities.
FIGURE	₹16 crore — The total investment for solar power installation in Karnataka Anganwadi centres.
PLACE	Karnataka — The state implementing the solar-powered Anganwadi model.

MAINS Q Discuss how decentralized renewable energy solutions can enhance the delivery of essential social services in remote rural areas of India.

USE: Decentralized Renewable Energy Social Infrastructure Rural Development Capacity Building Public-Private Partnership

Gauhati High Court upholds validity of Talaq-e-Hassan in Muslim divorce case

WHY IN NEWS The Gauhati High Court upheld the validity of ‘talaq-e-hassan’ as a form of Muslim divorce in a case involving the Assam Compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act, 2024.

- ACT | Assam Compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act, 2024
- CONCEPT | Talaq-e-Hassan — a form of Muslim divorce upheld by the Gauhati High Court
- PERSON | Justice Arun Dev Choudhury — Gauhati High Court Judge who ruled on the case

MAINS Q Discuss the legal implications of recognizing specific forms of divorce under state-specific registration acts and their impact on personal law protections.

USE:

Personal Law

Judicial Interpretation

Statutory Registration

Gender Justice

Legal Validity

LG of Delhi proposes mandatory TB screening for all hospital admissions

WHY IN NEWS Lieutenant Governor Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu proposed mandatory tuberculosis screening for all patients admitted to Delhi hospitals to accelerate the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan targets.

- SCHEME | TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan — A national initiative to eliminate Tuberculosis in India
- CONCEPT | AI-enabled X-ray machines — Used for automated screening and detection of pulmonary diseases
- FIGURE | Current coverage — 55% for TB Preventive Treatment and 74% for Differentiated TB Care

MAINS Q Discuss the importance of integrating universal screening protocols and AI-driven diagnostics in achieving India's goal of eliminating tuberculosis.

USE:

Universal screening

AI-enabled diagnostics

Public health infrastructure

TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan

Preventive treatment

International Relations

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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.

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

MAINS Q 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

BRICS leaders meet in New Delhi to discuss Global South influence

WHY IN NEWS Leaders of BRICS member states, including China, Russia, and Iran, are meeting in New Delhi to discuss strengthening emerging economies amidst US trade tensions and the US-Israel-Iran conflict.

- CONCEPT** | Global South: The focus of the summit to strengthen emerging economies and influence.
- CONCEPT** | Multipolarity: The goal of reshaping global economic dynamics amidst US-Iran tensions.
- PLACE** | New Delhi, India: The host city for the current BRICS summit.
- FIGURE** | 11 nations: The total number of member nations represented at the current summit.
- CONCEPT** | BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of BRICS in reshaping global economic dynamics and elevating the influence of the Global South amidst shifting geopolitical alliances.

USE: Global South Multi-polar world Economic sovereignty Geopolitical alignment Emerging economies

3 REPORTS MERGED

BRICS leaders adopt New Delhi Declaration 2026 for safe AI and digital ties

WHY IN NEWS BRICS leaders adopted the New Delhi Declaration 2026 during their 18th summit, calling for safer AI development and a sovereign digital ecosystem.

- CONCEPT** | Sovereign digital ecosystems: A focus of the New Delhi Declaration 2026 for digital autonomy.
- CONCEPT** | Quantum Computing: A field using quantum mechanics for calculations, highlighted for cooperation.
- CONCEPT** | Safe AI: A priority for inclusive development and technological cooperation among BRICS.
- EVENT** | 18th BRICS Summit: Held in New Delhi to discuss submarine cable connectivity and digital ties.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of a 'sovereign digital ecosystem' for emerging economies and the role of multilateral cooperation in regulating AI safety.

USE: Digital Sovereignty AI Ethics Multilateralism Quantum Computing Intellectual Property Rights

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.

- REPORT** | International Migrant Stock 2024 — released by UN DESA to track global migrant populations
- FIGURE** | 18.5 million — total Indian-born residents living abroad as of 2024
- FIGURE** | 3.2 million — number of Indian-born residents in both the UAE and USA
- FIGURE** | 2 million — number of Indian-born residents in Saudi Arabia
- FIGURE** | 1.6 million — number of Indian-born residents in Pakistan

MAINS Q 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 Human capital

Iran-UAE crisis disrupts BRICS meetings in New Delhi

WHY IN NEWS The Iran-UAE confrontation in 2026 and subsequent trade suspension by Abu Dhabi disrupted BRICS meetings in New Delhi, testing the bloc's consensus-driven model.

CONCEPT	BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, recently expanded to include Iran and the UAE.
PLACE	Strait of Hormuz: A strategic waterway connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
EVENT	2026 Iran-UAE crisis: Involved a US-Israeli military campaign against Iran and a trade suspension by Abu Dhabi.

MAINS Q Analyze the challenges faced by BRICS in maintaining a consensus-driven model amidst the diverging strategic priorities of its member states.

USE: consensus-driven model strategic priorities geopolitical alignment maritime security multilateralism

India seeks to mediate Iran-UAE truce at BRICS summit

WHY IN NEWS India aims to mediate a truce between Iran and the UAE during the BRICS summit in Delhi to stabilize regional energy supplies and mitigate economic impacts like inflation.

CONCEPT	Strategic Autonomy and Multi-alignment: India's approach to mediation and regional stability.
BODY	BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
FIGURE	Expanded BRICS: Includes 11 member states and 10 partner countries.

MAINS Q Discuss India's role as a mediator in the Middle East and its significance in ensuring regional stability and energy security.

USE: Strategic Autonomy Energy Security Geopolitical Realignment Multilateralism Mediation

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.

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

MAINS Q 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 freedom of navigation

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.

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

MAINS Q 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 Bilateral Relations

Malaysia acknowledges China maritime claims during BRICS Summit

WHY IN NEWS Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim acknowledged China's overlapping maritime claims as a concern for Malaysia during South China Sea code of conduct talks at the BRICS Summit.

CONCEPT	UNCLOS — United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1982) provides the legal framework for maritime boundaries.
PLACE	South China Sea — A critical maritime region with overlapping claims by China, ASEAN members, and other nations.
EVENT	BRICS Summit — Held in New Delhi, where maritime security and a Code of Conduct were key agenda items.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of a binding Code of Conduct in the South China Sea for maintaining regional maritime security and upholding international law.

USE: Maritime Security UNCLOS Code of Conduct ASEAN Geopolitics

Anthropic detects UAE-linked campaign using Claude AI to target critics

WHY IN NEWS Anthropic reported a UAE-linked influence operation using its Claude chatbot to generate fake personas and reports to attack critics and influence UN Human Rights Council sessions.

CONCEPT	Claude — a large language model (LLM) developed by the AI firm Anthropic
EVENT	Influence operation — UAE-linked campaign using fake personas to target the Muslim Brotherhood and UN experts
FIGURE	300+ fake accounts — number of personas used to generate reports and social media content
DATE	April 2023 — start date of the detected influence operation

MAINS Q Discuss the challenges posed by Generative AI in international influence operations and the implications for the integrity of multilateral institutions like the UN.

USE: Generative AI Influence Operations Disinformation Synthetic Personas Multilateralism

Economy

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CAPITAL MARKETS & SEBI

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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.

- CONCEPT** | Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT): A decentralized digital ledger recording transactions across multiple nodes.
- CONCEPT** | Tokenisation: Process of converting corporate bonds into digital tokens for faster settlement.
- CONCEPT** | e-rupee: The Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) issued by the Reserve Bank of India.
- FIGURE** | ₹1,025 crore: Total amount raised during the Demat 2.0 pilot for tokenised bonds.

MAINS Q 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 e-rupee

CAPITAL MARKETS & SEBI

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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.

- BODY** | SEBI — Primary regulator for the securities market in India
- CONCEPT** | Blended VWAP — Combines last 30 mins of Continuous Trading Session (CTS) and 10 mins of Call Auction Session (CAS)
- CONCEPT** | CTS VWAP — Relies solely on the last 30 minutes of the Continuous Trading Session (CTS)
- CONCEPT** | Call Auction Session (CAS) — A session where the proposal includes restrictions on order cancellations

MAINS Q 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 Market Integrity

GROWTH, INFLATION & MACRO INDICATORS

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Geojit highlights rising de-dollarization and record central bank gold purchases

WHY IN NEWS Geojit Investments highlighted how geopolitical tensions and sanctions are driving countries toward de-dollarization and increased central bank gold reserves.

- CONCEPT** | De-dollarization — shifting toward local-currency trade and reserve diversification to reduce reliance on the US dollar.
- FIGURE** | Central bank gold purchases — reached record levels between 2022 and 2024.
- CONCEPT** | Rupee usage — India supports using the Rupee in bilateral trade to diversify from the dollar.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of de-dollarization on the global monetary system and India's strategy of balancing local-currency trade with global financial integration.

USE: De-dollarization Monetary Sovereignty Reserve Diversification Bilateral Trade Geopolitical Risk

Mumbai to build 400 million liters daily desalination plant by 2029

WHY IN NEWS Mumbai is set to build a 400 million liters daily desalination plant at Manori by 2029 to reduce dependence on monsoon rains.

PLACE	Manori, Mumbai — Site of the proposed desalination project.
FIGURE	₹4,007 crore — Total estimated cost of the desalination project.
FIGURE	400 million liters per day — Target capacity of the plant by 2029.
FIGURE	200 million liters per day — Capacity of the first phase of the project.

MAINS Q Discuss the role of desalination as a sustainable solution for urban water scarcity in coastal cities of India.

USE: Desalination Water Scarcity Urban Infrastructure Monsoon Dependency Coastal Management

Science & Technology

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.

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

MAINS Q 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 technological sovereignty

HHMI researchers develop WHOLISTIC system to monitor real-time cellular activity

WHY IN NEWS Researchers at HHMI's Janelia Research Campus developed WHOLISTIC, a system to capture real-time cellular activity across the entire body of living vertebrates.

CONCEPT	WHOLISTIC: A system to observe real-time cellular activity across the entire body of living vertebrates.
PLACE	Janelia Research Campus: A research facility under the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI).
CONCEPT	Systemic monitoring: Simultaneous observation of brain, muscles, cardiovascular, and digestive organs.

MAINS Q Discuss how advancements in whole-organism imaging technologies like WHOLISTIC can accelerate the understanding of systemic biological interactions and multi-organ pathologies.

USE: WHOLISTIC larval zebrafish cellular activity systemic biology biotechnology

OpenAI uses agentic AI to solve 90-year-old math problem

WHY IN NEWS OpenAI used tens of thousands of agents to solve a 90-year-old math problem, sparking a debate over the potential obsolescence of human mathematicians and the ethics of credit attribution.

- CONCEPT** | Agentic AI: Systems where AI agents can perform multi-step tasks to achieve a goal.
- FIGURE** | \$1 million: The prize value associated with the math problem solved by AI.
- CONCEPT** | Intellectual Obsolescence: The fear of AI replacing human intellectual labor in specialized fields.

MAINS Q Discuss the implications of Generative AI and autonomous agents on human intellectual labor and the ethical challenges regarding intellectual property in AI-driven research.

USE: Artificial Intelligence Autonomous Agents Intellectual Property Human-AI Collaboration Cognitive Labor

AI industry leaders and 1,000 staffers call for voluntary slowdown

WHY IN NEWS Over 1,000 AI company staffers signed a petition calling for a slowdown in AI development as OpenAI and other labs face internal and external pressure over safety risks.

- CONCEPT** | AI Safety — mechanisms to manage risks of superintelligent AI breaching containment
- CONCEPT** | Large Language Models (LLMs) — models developed by research labs like OpenAI
- FIGURE** | Over 1,000 staffers — number of industry workers who signed a petition for a development slowdown
- BODY** | OpenAI — a leading AI research laboratory
- BODY** | Anthropic — an AI safety and research company

MAINS Q Discuss the ethical and safety implications of the rapid development of superintelligent AI and the necessity of international regulatory frameworks to mitigate existential risks.

USE: Superintelligence AI Safety Algorithmic Transparency Containment Breach Ethical Governance

10 questions, 10 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

6 Which technology is being leveraged in the Demat 2.0 pilot to automate interest and redemption payments while eliminating settlement risk?

- ☐ a Distributed Ledger Technology ☐ b Smart Contract Mining
☐ c Proof of Stake ☐ d Blockchain Mining

7 Which specific trading session component is included in the 'Blended VWAP' settlement price option proposed by SEBI?

- ☐ a Call Auction Session ☐ b Over-the-Counter Trading
☐ c Dark Pool Trading ☐ d Block Trade Session

8 With reference to the expanded BRICS bloc, consider the following statements:

1. The expanded BRICS bloc includes 11 member states.
2. Masoud Pezeshkian is the current President of Iran.
3. The expanded BRICS bloc includes 15 partner countries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

9 Which strategic maritime chokepoint connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden?

- (a) Suez Canal (b) Strait of Hormuz
(c) Bab al-Mandab Strait (d) Malacca Strait

10 With reference to the US Entity List and hack-for-hire allegations, consider the following statements:

1. The US lawmakers urged the blacklisting of these firms due to allegations of cyber-security consulting services.
2. The Entity List is a tool used by the US Department of Commerce to restrict the export of sensitive technologies.
3. The three Indian firms accused of espionage are BellTroX, CyberRoot, and Sunkissed Organic Farms Pvt Ltd.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

ANSWERS · 1 (d) 2 (d) 3 (b) 4 (c) 5 (c) 6 (a) 7 (a) 8 (b) 9 (c) 10 (c)



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