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Over 1,300

number of Palestinians killed in Gaza since the October ceasefire began

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What to know, in 60 seconds each

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PM Modi hosts BRICS summit in Delhi with joint declaration on conflict restraint

Why in news: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted the BRICS summit in Delhi where leaders agreed on a joint declaration emphasizing 'maximum restraint' in conflicts.

REMEMBER

- BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- Delhi, India: Host city for the recent BRICS summit.
- Iran and UAE: New members reflecting the bloc's expanding geopolitical reach.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of BRICS as a platform for reshaping global ties and its role in challenging Western-centric global governance.

USE: multipolarity geopolitical alignment non-alignment collective security

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121269

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Israeli strikes in Gaza cause humanitarian crisis and fuel shortages

Why in news: Hamas accused Israel of violating a US-brokered ceasefire and obstructing a plan to end the conflict in Gaza, following an Israeli air strike in the Tal al-Hawa neighbourhood.

REMEMBER

- Tal al-Hawa — a neighborhood in Gaza City targeted in recent air strikes
- Over 1,300 — number of Palestinians killed in Gaza since the October ceasefire began
- Fuel shortage — hospitals require 2,500 litres of oil monthly but face limited supplies

MAINS ANGLE Examine the humanitarian implications of restricted resource access and the challenges of enforcing international ceasefires in the Gaza conflict.

USE: ceasefire humanitarian crisis asymmetric warfare diplomatic mediation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121397

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Iranian President and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince hold talks in New Delhi

Why in news: Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi held talks in New Delhi to discuss de-escalation of regional hostilities and support peace efforts.

REMEMBER

- New Delhi — Host city for the 18th BRICS Summit and bilateral talks.
- 18th BRICS Summit — The summit where the New Delhi Declaration was issued.
- Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan — Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the significance of multilateral platforms like BRICS in mediating regional conflicts in West Asia and fostering de-escalation between competing regional powers.

USE: de-escalation multilateralism regional stability geopolitics

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121086

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India and Russia aim for \$100 billion trade by 2030

Why in news: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin met in Delhi to discuss the Programme for Economic Cooperation 2030, aiming for \$100 billion in bilateral trade by 2030.

REMEMBER

- Programme for Economic Cooperation 2030: A framework to achieve \$100 billion in bilateral trade by 2030.
- BRICS: A grouping of five countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) for economic cooperation.
- INNOPROM India: An exhibition platform for industrial and technological cooperation.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of India's deepening economic and defense cooperation with Russia amidst evolving global geopolitical uncertainties and sanctions.

USE: Strategic Autonomy Bilateral Trade Geopolitical Uncertainty Maritime Security

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121175

Xi and Modi meet in Delhi to de-escalate border tensions

Why in news: Former India's envoy to China, Gautam Bambawale, stated that President Xi Jinping's visit to Delhi for a meeting with PM Modi during the BRICS summit is a crucial step toward easing years of border tensions.

REMEMBER

- Galwan Valley and Ladakh — key sites of recent India-China border confrontations
- Bilateral relations — the meeting aims to restore ties to pre-2019 levels
- BRICS — a multilateral grouping including Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the complexities of managing the India-China border relationship and the significance of multilateral forums like BRICS in facilitating bilateral de-escalation.

USE: bilateral diplomacy border de-escalation
strategic autonomy regional stability

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/120981

CIA Reveals Bin Laden Planned Attacks on India, 7 Other Nations Before 9/11

Why in news: The CIA released 70 presidential intelligence briefs from 1998–2001 revealing that Osama bin Laden had planned attacks on India and seven other nations prior to 9/11.

REMEMBER

- CIA released over 70 presidential intelligence briefs from 1998 to 2001
- Bin Laden's planned targets included India, Pakistan, Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Uganda, and Nigeria
- The August 28, 1998 brief noted bin Laden's intent to resume attacks post-US strikes in Afghanistan

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the evolution of global counter-terrorism strategies in the face of non-state actors' ability to plan multi-national coordinated attacks.

USE: Counter-terrorism Intelligence Briefing
Non-state actors Asymmetric warfare

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121120

Anthropic CEO advocates slowing AI development to mitigate risks

Why in news: Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei called for slowing AI advancements to mitigate risks of misinformation and weaponization, highlighted by the 2026 International AI Safety Report.

REMEMBER

- Anthropic: An AI safety and research company known for developing large language models.
- International AI Safety Report (2026): Identifies AI as a threat to job security and a source of harmful content.
- AI Risks: Includes high energy consumption, weaponization, and job losses for early-career workers.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the socio-economic risks of rapid AI advancement and evaluate the necessity of international safety frameworks to balance innovation with human security.

USE: AI Safety Weaponization Labor Displacement
Misinformation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121369

Shehbaz Sharif to meet Donald Trump in New York to discuss regional issues

Why in news: Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is scheduled to meet Donald Trump in New York on September 23 to discuss the Indus Waters Treaty and Pakistan's security partnerships.

REMEMBER

- Lotte New York Palace Hotel — Venue for the meeting in New York.
- Indus Waters Treaty — A water-sharing treaty between India and Pakistan.
- UN General Assembly — The primary deliberative body of the United Nations.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the impact of transboundary water disputes and shifting regional security alliances on the stability of South Asian diplomacy.

USE: Hydro-politics Regional Security Architecture
Bilateral Diplomacy Transboundary Water Management

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121335

Everything else, one line each

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Mental health centers: Tripura government issued show-cause notices to 19 unregistered centers for infrastructure and staffing violations.

BRICS Summit: The New Delhi summit avoided condemning the US-Israel war on Iran due to internal member disagreements.

NSA detention: Allahabad High Court quashed the detention of a student, calling the state's version a concocted story.

Robotic surgery training: Telangana proposes mandating 6 months of training for postgraduate medical students to decentralize advanced healthcare.

OPT program: Trump administration proposed a \$100,000 fee for Optional Practical Training impacting international students.

Strait of Hormuz: Iran's blockade and transit fees in the Strait of Hormuz have pushed oil prices above \$100 per barrel.

GS3 · ECONOMY · S&T · ENVIRONMENT · SECURITY

Species relocation: Relocation of Tasmanian devils to Maria Island caused the disappearance of a 3,000-pair little penguin colony.

MAP WORK

Places in news

Delhi, India	Host city for the recent BRICS summit.
New Delhi	Host city for the 18th BRICS Summit and bilateral talks.
Tal al-Hawa	a neighborhood in Gaza City targeted in recent air strikes
INNOPROM India	An exhibition platform for industrial and technological cooperation.
Galwan Valley and Ladakh	key sites of recent India-China border confrontations

Tata Sons listing: RBI requires Tata Sons to list on stock exchange due to its classification as a systemic risk.

AI Leaders Call for Slowing Development Amid Loss of Control Fears

AI Agents: Tech giants are building data centers to power AI agents capable of performing complex autonomous tasks.

Glaciology units: India merged the Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment and shut down the Centre for Glaciology.

Civil service conduct: Rajasthan High Court rejected a civil servant's plea to undo resignation after losing an election.

Wildlife report: Ladakh LG rejected a boundary report for Hemis and Changthang, citing lack of statutory process.

Namma Chennai app: GCC launched a volunteer registration drive to streamline disaster relief coordination during the Northeast monsoon.

AI existential risk: Anthropoc researcher Jacob Coxon resigned citing concerns that AI poses an existential threat to humanity.

5 questions, 5 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 Which of the following countries were notably included in the recent BRICS summit to reflect the bloc's expanding reach?

- (a) Germany (b) Japan
(c) France (d) UAE

2 With reference to the 18th BRICS Summit, consider the following statements:

1. The summit was the 15th BRICS meeting.
2. The New Delhi Declaration was issued during the summit.
3. The summit was hosted in New Delhi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

3 Which neighborhood in Gaza City was the site of recent Israeli air strikes targeting a vehicle?

- (a) Rafah (b) Tal al-Hawa
(c) Khan Yunis (d) Jabalia

4 Which exhibition platform was discussed for industrial and technological cooperation between India and Russia?

- (a) GlobalTech Summit (b) INNOPROM India
(c) Expo India (d) TradeFair Delhi

5 Which of the following locations was a key site of recent India–China border confrontations?

- (a) Galwan Valley (b) Tawang
(c) Demchok (d) Pangong Tso

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

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Discuss the significance of BRICS as a platform for reshaping global ties and its role in challenging Western-centric global governance.

USE: (multipolarity) (geopolitical alignment) (non-alignment) (collective security) (global governance)

(a) 5 (b) 4 (c) 3 (d) 2 1 • ANSWERS



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