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PKR 70 lakh

The updated bounty on Masood Azhar, increased from PKR 50 lakh in 2021.

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What to know, in 60 seconds each

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India hosts 18th BRICS Summit to push for global governance reforms

Why in news: India hosted the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on September 14, 2026, where it positioned itself as a diplomatic bridge to push for global governance reforms.

REMEMBER

- 18th BRICS Summit — Hosted in New Delhi in September 2026
- New Delhi Declaration — Primary outcome document focusing on trade and global governance reforms
- BRICS — Intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa

MAINS ANGLE Discuss India's role as a 'diplomatic bridge' in the context of reforming global governance and fostering multilateral cooperation within the BRICS framework.

USE : Multilateralism Global Governance

South-South Cooperation Diplomatic Bridge

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UN Secretary General clarifies UN does not publish border-defining maps

Why in news: UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres clarified that the UN does not publish border-defining maps following India's criticism of a UN Geospatial map used during the 'Correct the Map' resolution.

REMEMBER

- Arunachal Pradesh and Aksai Chin — disputed territories between India and China
- Correct the Map — a resolution at the UN where the geospatial map was used
- UN Geospatial — the body responsible for the map used in consultations

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of international organizations' cartographic representations on India's territorial integrity and diplomatic stance regarding disputed borders.

USE : Territorial Integrity Cartographic Sovereignty

Diplomatic Friction Geospatial Data

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121513

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Defence Ministry reports reduction in Chinese forces near LAC

Why in news: The Defence Ministry reported a reduction in Chinese forces along the northern borders following India's deployment of 10 brigade-size forces and sustained bilateral interactions.

REMEMBER

- Line of Actual Control (LAC) — the de facto border between India and China
- WMCC (Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination) — bilateral mechanism for border issues
- 10 brigade-size forces — deployed by India, each comprising approximately 3,000 soldiers

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the significance of bilateral diplomatic mechanisms and troop deployments in maintaining stability along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

USE : Line of Actual Control Strategic Deterrence

Bilateral Diplomacy Border Management

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121577

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India and Bangladesh discuss Ganges Water Sharing Treaty expiration

Why in news: Indian High Commissioner Dinesh Trivedi met with Bangladeshi officials to discuss normalizing ties and the upcoming expiration of the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty in December 2026.

REMEMBER

- Ganges Water Sharing Treaty — a bilateral agreement between India and Bangladesh regarding the sharing of Ganges river water
- December 2026 — the date the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty is set to expire
- Dinesh Trivedi — Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of transboundary water-sharing agreements in fostering regional stability and bilateral cooperation between India and Bangladesh.

USE : transboundary water management bilateral diplomacy

regional cooperation hydro-politics

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121426

Pakistan increases bounty on JeM chief Masood Azhar

Why in news: Pakistan increased the bounty on Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Masood Azhar to PKR 70 lakh and listed him as a fugitive in its Red Book to meet FATF requirements.

REMEMBER

- FATF: An intergovernmental organization that sets global standards to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing.
- FIA: The primary agency in Pakistan responsible for investigating financial crimes and terrorism-related funding.
- PKR 70 lakh: The updated bounty on Masood Azhar, increased from PKR 50 lakh in 2021.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges faced by international bodies like FATF in monitoring state-sponsored terrorism and the efficacy of bounty systems in neutralizing terror leadership.

USE : Terror financing FATF compliance
State-sponsored terrorism Extradition hurdles

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121698

Dario Amodei, chief executive of Anthropic, called on the US government

Why in news: Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei, supported by Sam Altman and Elon Musk, called on the US government to regulate AI companies and slow technology development.

REMEMBER

- Dario Amodei: Chief Executive of Anthropic
- President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology: US advisory body
- Sam Altman and Elon Musk endorsed the call for AI regulation

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the trade-offs between proactive government regulation and industry self-regulation in the development of Artificial Intelligence to ensure national security and economic leadership.

USE : Artificial Intelligence Regulatory Framework
National Security Antitrust Laws

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121648

SEBI proposes new settlement mechanisms to curb expiry-day derivatives volatility

Why in news: Sebi proposed two options to determine expiry-day settlement prices for index and stock derivatives to mitigate volatility during the Continuous Trading Session (CTS).

REMEMBER

- SEBI — Statutory body established to regulate the securities market and protect investors
- Continuous Trading Session (CTS) — A trading window designed to provide liquidity outside regular market hours
- Derivatives — Financial contracts whose value is derived from underlying assets like stocks or indices

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the measures required to ensure market integrity and reduce extreme volatility in the Indian derivatives market.

USE : market volatility derivative settlement
liquidity enhancement regulatory framework

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/121671

NSE prohibited from trading its own shares to prevent conflict of interest

Why in news: NSE will not trade its own shares on its platform to comply with SEBI regulations and avoid conflict-of-interest traps.

REMEMBER

- Conflict of interest: The primary reason for prohibiting an exchange from trading its own shares.
- SEBI Stock Exchanges and Clearing Corporations Regulations, 2018: Governs listing and trading rules for exchanges.
- SEBI: The primary regulator for securities and capital markets in India.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the importance of regulatory frameworks in preventing conflicts of interest and market manipulation within India's capital markets.

USE : Conflict of Interest Market Manipulation
Regulatory Compliance Capital Markets

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Tso Kar restoration: Ladakh UT project to revive Tso Kar lake by channeling glacier water to restore grasslands and wetlands.

GS2 · POLITY · GOVERNANCE · SOCIAL JUSTICE · IR

BRICS Summit: PM Modi met African leaders to discuss health crises and technology partnerships during the 18th summit.

West Asia conflict: S. Jaishankar and Saudi Prince discussed Houthi attacks on oil pipelines and bilateral ties during BRICS summit.

MAP WORK

Places in news

Line of Actual Control (LAC)	the de facto border between India and China
Ethiopia	Host country of the 18th BRICS Summit.
Arunachal Pradesh and Aksai Chin	disputed territories between India and China
New Delhi	Venue for the bilateral talks
Oman	the location off whose coast the MT El Gaia was attacked.

MT El Gaia attack: India condemned an attack on a Panama-flagged oil tanker off Oman, resulting in one Indian seafarer missing.

BRICS Summit: South Africa's Minister for International Relations advocated for peace talks and adherence to the UN Charter.

GS3 · ECONOMY · S&T · ENVIRONMENT · SECURITY

OpenAI CEO: 10% Chance AI Could Cause Human Extinction by 2030

5 questions, 5 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

- 1 Which document was the primary outcome of the 18th BRICS Summit hosted in New Delhi?

(a) BRICS Charter
(b) Delhi Pact

(c) New Delhi Declaration
(d) Mumbai Accord
- 2 Which bilateral mechanism is used for consultation and coordination regarding border issues between India and China?

(a) SCO
(b) QUAD

(c) WMCC
(d) BRICS
- 3 Which country hosted the 18th BRICS Summit where PM Modi met with African leaders?

(a) Ethiopia
(b) Ghana

(c) Kenya
(d) Egypt
- 4 Which territories were depicted without specified Indian and Chinese claim lines on the UN Geospatial map?

(a) Kerala and Goa
(b) Arunachal Pradesh and Aksai Chin

(c) Gujarat and Rajasthan
(d) Ladakh and Sikkim
- 5 With reference to the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty between India and Bangladesh, consider the following statements:
 1. The treaty is set to expire in December 2025.
 2. The treaty is a bilateral agreement regarding the sharing of Ganges river water.
 3. The treaty is intended to foster people-to-people relations and normalize ties.
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only
(b) 2 only

(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

GS2 • INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Discuss India's role as a 'diplomatic bridge' in the context of reforming global governance and fostering multilateral cooperation within the BRICS framework.

USE : Multilateralism Global Governance South-South Cooperation Diplomatic Bridge New Delhi Declaration

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