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HOW EACH NOTE READS

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

SHORT ON TIME?

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

Geography

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PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (LANDFORMS, OCEANS, CLIMATE)

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14 Sep · NDTV · satyadheesh.in/news/121426

Ladakh UT initiates project to revive Tso Kar lake

WHY IN NEWS The Union Territory administration of Ladakh launched a project to revive Tso Kar lake by channeling glacier water from Rupsho Kharnak to counter a 70% loss in lake area over the last decade.

PLACE	Tso Kar — A high-altitude lake located in the Union Territory of Ladakh
CONCEPT	Tso Kar restoration — Project to channel glacier water from Rupsho Kharnak into the lake using gravity
FIGURE	70% area loss — The amount of area Tso Kar lake has lost over the last decade
CONCEPT	Biodiversity and Livelihood — Project aims to restore grasslands for Pashmina goats and create wetland habitats for birds

MAINS Q Discuss the ecological and socio-economic implications of shrinking high-altitude lakes in the Himalayan region and evaluate the efficacy of nature-based restoration strategies.

USE: High-altitude wetlands Glacial retreat Nature-based solutions Pastoral livelihoods Ecological restoration

International Relations

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REGIONAL & GLOBAL GROUPINGS (QUAD, BRICS, SCO, G20...)

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14 Sep · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/121595

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.

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

MAINS Q 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

INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS

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14 Sep · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/121535

PM Modi discusses health and tech partnerships with African leaders at BRICS

WHY IN NEWS Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral meetings with leaders from Ethiopia, South Africa, Burundi, Uganda, and Nigeria during the 18th BRICS Summit to discuss health crises and technology partnerships.

- CONCEPT** | South-South Cooperation: India's engagement with African nations for global health and technological equity.
- PLACE** | Ethiopia: Host country of the 18th BRICS Summit.
- CONCEPT** | BRICS: Intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- DATE** | September 12–13, 2026: Dates of the 18th BRICS Summit.

MAINS Q Discuss the significance of India's deepening engagement with African nations in the context of South-South cooperation and global technological governance.

USE: South-South Cooperation Strategic Autonomy Technological Sovereignty Multilateralism Bilateral Diplomacy

POLICIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES AFFECTING INDIA

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14 Sep · The Hindu · satyadheesh.in/news/121513

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.

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

MAINS Q 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 Border Management

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.

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

MAINS Q 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

External Affairs Minister meets Saudi Prince to discuss West Asia conflict

WHY IN NEWS External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud discussed the West Asia conflict and Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia's oil pipeline during a meeting in New Delhi.

PLACE	New Delhi — Venue for the bilateral talks
CONCEPT	Houthi attacks — Targeted Saudi Arabia's oil pipeline infrastructure
INDEX	BRICS — Bloc including Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa

MAINS Q Examine the implications of the West Asia conflict on global energy security and India's strategic role in mediating regional stability.

USE: Strategic Autonomy Energy Security Regional Stability Bilateral Diplomacy Non-state Actors

India condemns attack on oil tanker MT El Gaia off Oman coast

WHY IN NEWS The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) condemned an attack on the Panama-flagged oil tanker MT El Gaia off the coast of Oman, which resulted in one Indian seafarer missing and 13 rescued.

CONCEPT	Seafarers' Emergency Support Network — a network proposed by India at the BRICS summit to address security risks.
PLACE	Oman — the location off whose coast the MT El Gaia was attacked.
BODY	Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) — the nodal ministry for maritime security and diplomatic responses.

MAINS Q Discuss the measures required to ensure the safety of Indian seafarers and the security of international maritime trade routes in conflict-ridden zones.

USE: Maritime Security Freedom of Navigation Seafarer Safety Diplomatic De-escalation International Waterways

South Africa's Ramola advocates dialogue and UN Charter at BRICS summit

WHY IN NEWS South Africa's Minister for International Relations and Cooperation, Ronald Ramola, advocated for dialogue and UN Charter adherence during the BRICS summit.

BODY	BRICS: An intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
BODY	ICJ: The principal judicial organ of the United Nations, located in The Hague.
PERSON	Ronald Ramola: Minister for International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa.
EVENT	South Africa filed a Gaza genocide case at the ICJ with support from BRICS and the UK.

MAINS Q *Discuss the role of BRICS as a platform for multilateral diplomacy in addressing global conflicts and promoting a rules-based international order.*

USE: Multilateralism Conflict Resolution Global South Rules-based Order Diplomatic Mediation

Economy

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CAPITAL MARKETS & SEBI

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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).

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

MAINS Q 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 capital market integrity

CAPITAL MARKETS & SEBI

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14 Sep · Economic Times · satyadheesh.in/news/121667

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.

CONCEPT	Conflict of interest: The primary reason for prohibiting an exchange from trading its own shares.
ACT	SEBI Stock Exchanges and Clearing Corporations Regulations, 2018: Governs listing and trading rules for exchanges.
BODY	SEBI: The primary regulator for securities and capital markets in India.
FIGURE	NSE IPO: Estimated between Rs 22,500–23,500 crore as an Offer for Sale.

MAINS Q 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 Governance

Science & Technology

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IT, AI, SEMICONDUCTORS & COMPUTING

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2 REPORTS MERGED

14 Sep · Wired · satyadheesh.in/news/121648

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.

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

MAINS Q 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 Technological Sovereignty

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

WHY IN NEWS OpenAI CEO Sam Altman stated that the company will not go public in 2026 due to safety concerns, citing a 10% risk of AI-driven human extinction by 2030.

- POST** | Sam Altman: CEO of OpenAI
- FACT** | OpenAI cited a 10% chance of AI causing human extinction by 2030
- S&T** | Anthropic: An AI research company issuing safety warnings

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 development.

USE: Existential risk AI Governance Precautionary principle Technological ethics Regulatory framework

Internal Security

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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.

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

MAINS Q 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 De-escalation

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.

- CONCEPT** | FATF: An intergovernmental organization that sets global standards to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing.
- BODY** | FIA: The primary agency in Pakistan responsible for investigating financial crimes and terrorism-related funding.
- FIGURE** | PKR 70 lakh: The updated bounty on Masood Azhar, increased from PKR 50 lakh in 2021.
- CONCEPT** | Red Book: Pakistan's list where Masood Azhar is currently listed as a fugitive.

MAINS Q 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 Counter-terrorism financing

10 questions, 10 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

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- 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
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- 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
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- 3** Which country hosted the 18th BRICS Summit where PM Modi met with African leaders?
- ☐ a Ethiopia ☐ b Ghana
☐ c Kenya ☐ d Egypt
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- 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
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- 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
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- 6** With reference to the bounty on Masood Azhar, consider the following statements:
1. The bounty was increased to PKR 70 lakh to comply with FATF requirements.
 2. The bounty on Masood Azhar was increased from PKR 60 lakh in 2021.
 3. The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) is the primary agency responsible for investigating financial crimes in Pakistan.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- ☐ a 1 only ☐ b 1 and 2 only
☐ c 1 and 3 only ☐ d 1, 2 and 3
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- 7** Which of the following is a trading window designed to provide liquidity outside of regular market hours?
- ☐ a Block Trade Window ☐ b Spot Market Session
☐ c Continuous Trading Session (CTS) ☐ d Intraday Trading Window
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- 8** Which regulation prohibits a recognized stock exchange from listing its own securities on its platform?
- ☐ a RBI Act, 1934 ☐ b SEBI Investment Advisers Regulations, 2013
☐ c Companies Act, 2013 ☐ d SEBI Stock Exchanges and Clearing Corporations Regulations, 2018
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- 9** Which international bloc hosted the summit where the bilateral talks on West Asia conflict took place?
- ☐ a BRICS ☐ b G20
☐ c SCO ☐ d QUAD
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10 Which network did India propose at the BRICS summit to address security risks for seafarers in international waterways?

- (a) Seafarers' Emergency Support Network
- (b) Global Shipping Safety Protocol
- (c) Oceanic Defense Initiative
- (d) Maritime Security Alliance

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



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