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₹25 lakh

minimum ticket size for PRIM investments.

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POCSO Act

Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 *In the news: Supreme Court mandates expert evaluations to curb POCSO Act misuse.*

What to know, in 60 seconds each

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Supreme Court mandates expert evaluations to curb POCSO Act misuse

Why in news: The Supreme Court directed that no immediate arrests should be made in matrimonial disputes involving alleged false sexual-assault complaints under the POCSO Act without prior psychological evaluation of the child.

REMEMBER

- POCSO Act — Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012
- Expert evaluation — Mandated psychological or psychiatric assessments to prevent trauma and public stigma
- Supreme Court — Highest judicial body in India

MAINS ANGLE Critically examine the judicial balance required to prevent the misuse of stringent criminal laws like the POCSO Act in matrimonial disputes while ensuring the protection of children.

USE: Judicial activism Presumption of innocence

Procedural safeguards Best interests of the child

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/125715

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SEBI introduces PRIM to widen investment avenues for portfolio managers

Why in news: Sebi introduced the PRIM route to allow portfolio managers to invest client funds in mutual fund direct plans and other diverse assets to broaden investment avenues.

REMEMBER

- PRIM (Portfolio Manager Investment Route) — framework allowing investment in mutual fund direct plans, ETFs, and index funds.
- ₹25 lakh — minimum ticket size for PRIM investments.
- 1% of AUM — maximum cap on management fees for PRIM.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the expansion of investment avenues through regulated frameworks like the PRIM route can enhance retail investor participation in India's capital markets.

USE: Capital Market Regulation Asset Allocation

Portfolio Management Retail Participation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/125859

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IRDAI proposes capping insurance commissions and restricting loan bundling

Why in news: The IRDAI proposed capping insurance commissions for agents and brokers and restricting the bundling of insurance with loans to enhance transparency and reduce costs.

REMEMBER

- IRDAI — The statutory body regulating the insurance sector in India
- Commission Caps — Proposed limits on agent and broker commissions to enhance transparency
- Expense Ratios — Proposed lower expense limits for insurers to reduce consumer costs

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how regulatory interventions in insurance commission structures can balance consumer protection with the accessibility of insurance products in rural and semi-urban markets.

USE: Regulatory oversight Consumer protection

Market penetration Transparency

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/125988

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Google to launch Project Suncatcher for orbital AI data centers

Why in news: Google (Alphabet Inc.) is launching its first orbital test satellite, Project Suncatcher, to assess AI hardware durability and the feasibility of solar-powered data centers in space.

REMEMBER

- Project Suncatcher: Google's initiative to test orbital AI data centers and hardware durability.
- SpaceX Transporter-18: The mission vehicle for the prototype satellite launch.
- Orbital AI data centers: Aim to utilize near-continuous sunlight for high-energy computing.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the potential of space-based computing and orbital data centers in addressing the escalating energy demands of global AI infrastructure.

USE: Orbital Computing Space Infrastructure

AI Energy Demand Space-based Solar Power

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/125998

First okapi calf born in Southeast Asia at Rainforest Wild Adventure

Why in news: A rare okapi calf was born at Rainforest Wild Adventure in Singapore, marking the first such birth in Southeast Asia as part of the EAZA Ex situ Programme.

REMEMBER

- Ex-situ conservation: Conservation of endangered species outside their natural habitats.
- Okapi: A forest-dwelling mammal native to the Congo Basin, often called the 'forest giraffe'.
- EAZA: European Association of Zoos and Aquaria, involved in the Ex situ Programme.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of ex-situ conservation measures in preserving endangered species and the role of international cooperation in biodiversity conservation.

USE : Ex-situ conservation Biodiversity loss
Endangered species Habitat fragmentation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/125986

Delhi High Court Notices Four CJP Leaders Over AI-Morphed Image During Protest

Why in news: The Delhi High Court issued notices to four Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) leaders following a woman's allegation that her image was morphed using AI technology during a protest at Jantar Mantar.

REMEMBER

- Delhi High Court: Judicial body overseeing the issuance of notices to CJP leaders.
- Meta: Social media platform ordered by the court to remove morphed content within 24 hours.
- Jantar Mantar: Location in Delhi where the protest and alleged morphing occurred.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the legal and ethical challenges posed by AI-driven deepfakes and image morphing in the context of individual privacy and freedom of expression.

USE : Deepfakes Digital Privacy Algorithmic Accountability
Judicial Intervention

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/125941

Karnataka expands BWSSB jurisdiction to entire Bengaluru Urban District

Why in news: The Urban Development Department notified an expansion of the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board's (BWSSB) jurisdiction to cover the entire Bengaluru Urban District.

REMEMBER

- BWSSB: State body responsible for water supply and sewerage in Bengaluru
- Bengaluru Urban District: Includes North, East, South, Yelahanka, and Anekal taluks
- Master Plan: A combined plan for drinking water and sewage needs outside Greater Bengaluru Authority limits

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges of managing urban water infrastructure and groundwater depletion in rapidly expanding metropolitan regions like Bengaluru.

USE : Urban Infrastructure Groundwater Depletion
Master Planning Water Governance

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/125962

Supreme Court upholds disqualification of MLA for violating anti-defection laws

Why in news: The Supreme Court upheld the disqualification of Danam Nagender as Khairatabad MLA for violating defection laws after switching between BRS and Congress parties.

REMEMBER

- Anti-defection provisions — contained in the Tenth Schedule of the Indian Constitution
- Supreme Court — has the power to hear Special Leave Petitions (SLP) against High Court orders
- Danam Nagender disqualification — occurred following a switch from BRS to Congress and back

MAINS ANGLE Examine the role of anti-defection laws in maintaining political stability and the challenges in curbing opportunistic party switching in Indian politics.

USE : Tenth Schedule Anti-defection law Political morality
Legislative integrity

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/125912

Everything else, one line each

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Motor insurance: IRDAI proposed capping commissions at 0% for third-party and 5% for own-damage covers.

Forex reserves: India's reserves stand at \$781 billion, managed by RBI focusing on safety, liquidity, and return.

PMS rules: SEBI updated regulations to allow portfolio advisors to offer a broader range of investment products.

Market volatility: Nifty 50 and Sensex dropped sharply as US 10-year Treasury yields surpassed 5.10% and Brent crude stayed above \$102.

NSE growth: NSE reached a \$47 billion market capitalization, ranking as the world's sixth-largest bourse.

MLFF tolling: NHAI introduces Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling for 4 and 6-lane highways to eliminate stops and improve traffic flow.

5 questions, 5 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 Which specific type of evaluation did the Supreme Court mandate before making arrests in matrimonial child abuse cases?

- (a) Psychological or psychiatric (b) Sociological impact
(c) DNA profiling (d) Forensic medical

2 With reference to the IRDAI's proposed regulatory changes, consider the following statements:

1. The proposal includes restrictions on bundling insurance products with loan disbursements.
2. The proposal aims to increase the expense ratios for insurance providers.
3. The proposal seeks to cap commissions for agents and brokers.

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

3 With reference to the proposed IRDAI motor insurance rules, consider the following statements:

1. Bima Sugam is a proposed digital platform for insurance distribution and management.
2. Dealers selling insurance products will be designated as Insurance Distribution Entities (IDEs).
3. The proposed commission cap for third-party premiums is set at 5%.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4 What is the maximum cap on management fees under the newly introduced PRIM framework?

- (a) 0.5% of AUM (b) 5% of AUM
(c) 2% of AUM (d) 1% of AUM

5 With reference to Project Suncatcher, consider the following statements:

1. Google plans to launch the prototype satellite via SpaceX's Transporter-20 mission.
2. The project aims to test the feasibility of solar-powered AI data centers in orbit.
3. The initiative explores using near-continuous sunlight for high-energy computing.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

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Write one answer today

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(c) 5 (d) 4 (c) 3 (b) 2 (a) 1 · ANSWERS



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