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01 – TODAY IN 2 MINUTES

The 5 stories you can't skip**1****Election Commission directs special drive to enroll voters after 13.3 crore deletions****Why it matters:** Electoral integrity and administrative procedures: a key GS2 topic regarding the democratic process.

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2**India identifies 28 strategic places and geographical features on SoI map****Why it matters:** Cartographic sovereignty and territorial integrity: a key GS1 geography and internal security theme.

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3**UNFCCC praises Rs 1.86 lakh crore Green Energy Corridor Phase-III scheme****Why it matters:** Renewable energy infrastructure and grid stability: a key GS3 topic on energy transition.

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4**Jessica Watkins leads first Black woman-led crew to orbit in record flight****Why it matters:** Space exploration and diversity in STEM: a relevant GS3 Science & Technology and Ethics case study.

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5**India and Canada aim to scale bilateral trade to USD 70 billion by 2031****Why it matters:** Trade liberalization and supply chain diversification: a key GS2 International Relations topic.

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NUMBER OF THE DAY

13.3 crore

the approximate number of names deleted from voter lists.

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What to know, in 60 seconds each

8 of 44 notes · picked for exam value

GS2 · POLITY & CONSTITUTION

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Election Commission directs special drive to enroll voters after 13.3 crore deletions

Why in news: The Election Commission directed Chief Electoral Officers to conduct a special drive to enroll eligible voters following the deletion of approximately 13.3 crore names from voter lists.

REMEMBER

- Election Commission — directed Chief Electoral Officers to conduct a special drive for voter enrollment.
- 13.3 crore — the approximate number of names deleted from voter lists.
- Form 6 — the specific form used for enrolling eligible voters.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the importance of maintaining an accurate and inclusive electoral roll in ensuring the integrity of the democratic process in India.

USE: Universal Adult Franchise Electoral Integrity

Constitutional Mandate Voter Awareness

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/129344

GS1 · GEOGRAPHY

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India identifies 28 strategic places and geographical features on SoI map

Why in news: The Government of India, in consultation with the Union Territory of Ladakh administration, formally identified 28 strategic places and geographical features on the official Survey of India (SoI) map.

REMEMBER

- Survey of India (SoI) — official body responsible for mapping and geographical identification in India
- Gogra, Hot Spring, Alisha Giri, and Brangsa — identified strategic features in Ladakh
- Kanishka Peak, Karun Pir mountain, and Zorawar Peak — included in official SoI map update

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of accurate cartographic representation in maintaining territorial integrity and managing border security in the Himalayan region.

USE: Cartographic sovereignty Territorial integrity

Strategic mapping Border management

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/129419

GS3 · SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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UNFCCC praises Rs 1.86 lakh crore Green Energy Corridor Phase-III scheme

Why in news: UNFCCC Executive Secretary Simon Stiell praised the Centre's approved Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III) scheme for its scale in renewable energy evacuation.

REMEMBER

- Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III) — A project to evacuate 135 GW of renewable energy.
- Rs 1.86 lakh crore — Total project outlay for GEC-III.
- 50 GWh — Capacity of battery energy storage systems under the scheme.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of large-scale battery energy storage systems in achieving India's renewable energy targets and ensuring grid stability.

USE: Renewable Energy Grid Stability Energy Storage

Decarbonization

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/129406

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Jessica Watkins leads first Black woman-led crew to orbit in record flight

Why in news: SpaceX launched a crew to the International Space Station (ISS) led by Jessica Watkins, the first Black woman to lead a crew to orbit, setting a U.S. speed record.

REMEMBER

- Jessica Watkins — NASA commander and first Black woman to lead a crew to orbit
- Cape Canaveral Space Force Station — Launch site located in Florida, USA
- Eight hours — The duration of the flight to the International Space Station (ISS)

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of private-public partnerships in expanding human space exploration and the socio-cultural implications of diversifying space missions.

USE: Space Exploration Public-Private Partnership

Orbital Logistics

Diversity in STEM

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/129382

India and Canada aim to scale bilateral trade to USD 70 billion by 2031

Why in news: India and Canada aim to scale bilateral trade from USD 30 billion to USD 70 billion by 2031, initiating the fifth round of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) negotiations in Ottawa.

REMEMBER

- Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) — trade agreement between India and Canada
- USD 30 billion — current bilateral trade volume between India and Canada
- USD 70 billion — target bilateral trade volume between India and Canada by 2031

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of diversifying supply chains and securing critical minerals in strengthening India's bilateral trade relations with North American partners.

USE : bilateral trade supply chain diversification

critical minerals trade liberalization

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/129278

Tamil Nadu launches Vettri Payanam for free bus travel for women and transgender persons

Why in news: Tamil Nadu CM C. Joseph Vijay launched the 'Vettri Payanam' scheme to provide free bus travel for women and transgender persons across seven State Transport Corporations.

REMEMBER

- Vettri Payanam — Tamil Nadu state government scheme providing no-fare travel for women and transgender persons.
- 12,695 buses — Total number of buses covered across seven State Transport Corporations.
- Chengalpattu and Tiruppur — Districts excluded from the scheme due to bypolls.

MAINS ANGLE Examine how targeted free public transport schemes can facilitate women's economic participation and social mobility in rural and urban India.

USE : Social Inclusion Gender Equality Public Transport

Mobility Rights

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/129461

Andhra Pradesh CM announces rural development and Rayalaseema horticulture funds

Why in news: Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu announced a ₹1.30 lakh crore rural development fund and a ₹1 lakh crore horticulture investment for Rayalaseema during the Swarnandhra-Swachhandhra Awards-2026.

REMEMBER

- ₹1.30 lakh crore — Amount allocated for rural development in Andhra Pradesh
- ₹1 lakh crore — Amount allocated for horticulture in Rayalaseema
- Rayalaseema — A region in Andhra Pradesh

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of targeted regional investments in horticulture and rural infrastructure for achieving balanced regional development in India.

USE : Regional Development Horticulture Net-Zero Goals

Rural Infrastructure

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/129664

Putin praises Modi's ideas for Ukraine conflict settlement

Why in news: Vladimir Putin stated at the Valdai International Discussion Club that Narendra Modi offered 'very good ideas' for a mutual settlement of the Ukraine conflict during talks preceding the BRICS summit.

REMEMBER

- New Delhi — Venue of the BRICS summit
- February 2022 — Start date of the Ukraine war
- Valdai International Discussion Club — Forum where Putin's statement was made

MAINS ANGLE Analyze India's role as a mediator in the Ukraine conflict and the significance of its 'multi-aligned' diplomacy in global peace-building efforts.

USE : Strategic Autonomy Multi-alignment

Conflict Resolution Diplomatic Mediation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/129373

Everything else, one line each

GS1 · HISTORY · SOCIETY · GEOGRAPHY

Mahatma Gandhi led Non-Cooperation and Dandi March movements before assassination in Delhi

GS2 · POLITY · GOVERNANCE · SOCIAL JUSTICE · IR

Gujarat UCC Bill: Gujarat becomes the second state after Uttarakhand to receive presidential assent for a bill unifying personal laws.

Mahanadi water dispute: CMs of Odisha and Chhattisgarh met Union Home Minister to discuss a resolution supported by the Central Water Commission.

Global Alliance: Formed in Bengaluru to address 18.6 million annual diabetic foot cases and high mortality rates.

Kerala housing: Separate housing scheme for SC/ST communities and ₹500 crore for welfare schemes announced.

Traffic fine enforcement: Supreme Court ordered blocking services and blacklisting vehicles for motorists with ₹49,194.05 crore in unpaid fines.

Birth record correction: Kerala High Court ruled children should not undergo DNA tests to correct records when paternity is undisputed.

MLA Disqualification: Kerala High Court directed Speaker to disqualify Mani C. Kappan following conviction in four cheque-bounce cases.

Kerala High Court orders Travancore Devaswom Board to provide water and washrooms for pilgrims

GS3 · ECONOMY · S&T · ENVIRONMENT · SECURITY

Equity derivatives: SEBI study shows 87.7% of individual traders suffered net losses, with options trading causing 92% of losses.

Climate reparations: Economists propose OECD countries pay Global South individuals directly for climate damage caused by their emissions.

MAP WORK

Places in news

Gogra, Hot Spring, Alisha Giri, and Brangsa identified strategic features in Ladakh

Kanishka Peak, Karun Pir mountain, and Zorawar Peak included in official Sol map update

Cape Canaveral Space Force Station Launch site located in Florida, USA

Ottawa location for the fifth round of CEPA negotiations

Vande Bharat Sleeper: Railway Board approved the first Vande Bharat Sleeper Express connecting KSR Bengaluru and Mumbai (CSMT).

Wildlife corridors: Idukki administration and Forest department clearing natural passages in Devikulam forest range to reduce fatalities.

CURE Act: Replaces GHMC Act 1955 to shift property tax to a Capital Value System, potentially doubling CMC taxes.

Hyderabad infrastructure: ₹52,000 crore package for Metro Rail expansion and Regional Ring Road to be completed by October 2026.

GaN fabrication: Spintronics AI and CSIR-CEERI signed an MoU to establish an indigenous Gallium Nitride facility in India.

Vulture survey: A synchronous survey in Wayanad recorded 65 distinct vultures, providing baseline data for the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

CCMB scientists develop India-specific Severity Score to improve clinical assessment concordance to 85%

PNGRB launches National PNG Drive 3.0 to enroll 50 lakh domestic-piped gas connections

Booth-less toll plaza: Tamil Nadu launched its first booth-less facility at Paranur using FASTag, RFID, and ANPR technology.

Dearness Allowance: Telangana to release two out of five pending DA instalments worth ₹2,500 crore to address arrears since July 1, 2023.

Tiger translocation: Tigress T138 relocated from Valmiki Tiger Reserve to Buxa Tiger Reserve as part of a five-year project.

FAO Food Price Index: Averaged 136.0 points in September as logistics disruptions and El Nino drove prices to multi-year highs.

Manipur assistance: Cabinet approved one-time ₹10 lakh aid for kin of 49 people missing since May 3, 2023 ethnic conflict.

5 questions, 5 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 With reference to the voter enrollment drive by the Election Commission, consider the following statements:

1. The special drive was initiated to enroll voters after 5 crore names were deleted.
2. Booth Level Officers are required to use Form 5 to enroll eligible voters.
3. Approximately 13.3 crore names were deleted from the voter lists.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

2 Which of the following geographical features was identified as part of the 28 strategic locations in the Ladakh region?

- (a) Tso Moriri (b) Pangong Tso
(c) Lingszi Glacier (d) Skamri Glacier

3 With reference to the Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III) scheme, consider the following statements:

1. The scheme aims to evacuate 135 GW of renewable energy.
2. The scheme provides for a battery energy storage system capacity of 100 GWh.
3. The total project outlay for the GEC-III scheme is Rs 1.86 lakh crore.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

4 With reference to the recent SpaceX mission to the International Space Station (ISS), consider the following statements:

1. Jessica Watkins became the first Black woman to lead a crew to orbit.
2. The flight to the International Space Station lasted ten hours.
3. The flight was launched from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.

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

5 With reference to the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and Canada, consider the following statements:

1. The fifth round of CEPA negotiations is scheduled to take place in Mumbai.
2. The two nations aim to scale their bilateral trade volume to USD 70 billion by 2031.
3. Key focus areas of the negotiations include energy, critical minerals, and supply chain diversification.

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

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

GS2 · POLITY & CONSTITUTION

Discuss the importance of maintaining an accurate and inclusive electoral roll in ensuring the integrity of the democratic process in India.

USE: Universal Adult Franchise Electoral Integrity Constitutional Mandate Voter Awareness Administrative Efficiency

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



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