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International Relations

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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS & AGENCIES (UN, WTO, IMF...)

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Russia vetoes MINURSO mandate renewal, sparking UN security warnings

WHY IN NEWS UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned of security risks in Western Sahara after the UN Security Council failed to renew the MINURSO mandate due to a Russian veto.

- **CONCEPT** MINURSO: United Nations peacekeeping mission in Western Sahara
- **PLACE** Western Sahara: Region involving Morocco, Algeria, and the Polisario Front
- **FIGURE** 35 years: Duration of the MINURSO peacekeeping mission
- **DATE** November 1, 2026: Start date for the UN-initiated liquidation phase of the mission

MAINS Q *Examine the implications of the expiration of the MINURSO mandate on regional stability in Western Sahara and the role of the UN Security Council's veto power in peacekeeping.*

USE: UN Security Council | Veto Power | Peacekeeping Mandate | Western Sahara | Geopolitical Stability

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INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS P

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UN General Assembly passes resolution to end U.S. economic embargo on Cuba

WHY IN NEWS The UN General Assembly passed a resolution on October 30 calling for an end to the U.S. economic embargo on Cuba, despite a significant drop in supporting votes compared to previous years.

- **BODY** United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) — Passed the resolution on October 30
- **CONCEPT** Unilateral Sanctions — The U.S. economic embargo on Cuba is the subject of the resolution
- **FIGURE** 130 in favour, 25 abstentions, and 17 against — The voting breakdown for the resolution
- **PLACE** Costa Rica, Ecuador, Argentina, and Colombia — Countries that switched votes due to downgraded ties with Havana

MAINS Q *Analyze the impact of geopolitical pressures and bilateral ties on the voting patterns of member states in UN General Assembly resolutions regarding unilateral economic sanctions.*

USE: Unilateral Sanctions | Multilateralism | Geopolitical Pressure | Economic Embargo | Diplomatic Realignment

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INDIA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS P

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King of Bhutan dedicates Buddhist stupa to PM Modi at Gelephu

WHY IN NEWS King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuk of Bhutan dedicated a Buddhist stupa (Jangchub Chorten) to Indian PM Narendra Modi at the Gelephu Mindfulness City to signify strong bilateral ties.

- **PLACE** Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC) — a planned urban project in Bhutan based on ancient Bhutanese principles.
- **CONCEPT** Jangchub Chortens — 108 Buddhist Stupas consecrated by Bhutan.
- **PERSON** Kiren Rijiju — represented the Government of India at the consecration ceremony.

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of cultural and spiritual diplomacy in strengthening the India-Bhutan bilateral relationship in the contemporary era.*

USE: Soft Power | Bilateral Relations | Cultural Diplomacy | Strategic Partnership | Geopolitical Synergy

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GS3 Economy · S&T · Environment · Security

3 NOTES

Economy

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EMPLOYMENT & INCLUSIVE GROWTH P M

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India's Decent Work Index rises to 0.302 as informal workforce persists

WHY IN NEWS A study by Anukriti Negi et al. analyzed the Periodic Labour Force Survey to highlight that while India's Decent Work Index rose to 0.302, 90% of the workforce remains in informal employment.

- CONCEPT | Decent Work Index: A metric to assess job quality and labor market trends
- FIGURE | Decent Work Index: Rose from 0.247 in 2017-18 to 0.302 in 2023-24
- FIGURE | Informal employment: Nearly 90% of the Indian workforce
- REPORT | Periodic Labour Force Survey: The primary source used to assess labor market trends

MAINS Q *Discuss the structural challenges in transitioning India's massive informal workforce toward 'decent work' and job quality standards.*

USE: Decent Work Index | Informal Economy | Job Quality | Labor Market Dynamics | Social Security

Agriculture

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CROPPING PATTERNS & IRRIGATION P

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Ladakh experiment yields saffron flowers in 30 days on difficult terrain

WHY IN NEWS Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena initiated a saffron cultivation experiment in Leh, Ladakh, demonstrating the feasibility of high-value crop cultivation in difficult terrains.

- PLACE | Leh, Ladakh: Site of the saffron cultivation experiment on restored land
- CONCEPT | High-value horticulture: Cultivation of high-value crops to enhance economic landscape in high-altitude regions
- FIGURE | 90,000 Iranian saffron corms: Total corms weighing 800 kg used in the experiment

MAINS Q *Discuss the potential of high-value horticulture to enhance the economic landscape of high-altitude regions like Ladakh while addressing ecological constraints.*

USE: High-value crops | Economic diversification | Arid zone agriculture | Sustainable horticulture | Livelihood enhancement

Science & Technology

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SPACE TECHNOLOGY (ISRO, MISSIONS) P M

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ISRO launches GSLV-F18 to deploy NVS-03 satellite for NavIC programme

WHY IN NEWS ISRO successfully launched the GSLV-F18 mission to deploy the NVS-03 satellite to rescue the NavIC programme after 18 months of launch failures.

- MISSION | GSLV-F18: The rocket used by ISRO to deploy the NVS-03 satellite.
- CONCEPT | NavIC: A regional navigation programme that has been short one functional satellite for six months.
- FIGURE | ₹17,000 crore: The estimated amount required in the 2027-28 Union Budget to sustain NavIC progress.

MAINS Q *Discuss the significance of the NavIC programme in enhancing India's strategic autonomy and its role in supporting domestic infrastructure and security.*

USE: Strategic Autonomy | Regional Navigation | Space Infrastructure | Fiscal Allocation | Technological Sovereignty

PRACTICE

6 questions, 6 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 With reference to MINURSO, consider the following statements:

1. The UN initiated a liquidation phase for the mission on November 1, 2025.
2. The mission is located in a region involving Morocco, Algeria, and the Polisario Front.
3. The MINURSO peacekeeping mission lasted for 35 years.

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

2 What is the estimated amount required in the 2027-28 Union Budget to sustain the progress of the NavIC programme?

(a) ₹50,000 crore
(b) ₹10,000 crore
(c) ₹25,000 crore
(d) ₹17,000 crore

3 Which countries switched their voting position on the Cuba embargo resolution due to downgraded ties with Havana?

(a) Mexico, Chile, and Peru
(b) France, Spain, and Brazil
(c) Japan, South Korea, and Canada
(d) Costa Rica, Ecuador, Argentina, and Colombia

4 With reference to the Gelephu Mindfulness City and the recent consecration ceremony, consider the following statements:

1. Bhutan consecrated 150 Buddhist Stupas during the ceremony.
2. Jangchub Chorten number 76 was specifically dedicated to PM Narendra Modi.
3. Bhutan consecrated a total of 108 Buddhist Stupas known as Jangchub Chortens.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

5 Which specific type of corms were used in the saffron cultivation experiment in Leh?

(a) Spanish saffron corms
(b) Dutch saffron corms
(c) Iranian saffron corms
(d) Kashmiri saffron corms

6 With reference to India's labor market and the Decent Work Index, consider the following statements:

1. The Decent Work Index increased from 0.247 in 2017-18 to 0.302 in 2023-24.
2. Nearly 90% of the Indian workforce is currently employed in the informal sector.
3. The Decent Work Index rose to 0.302 in 2023-24 while 50% of the workforce remains informal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

ANSWERS · 1 (c) · 2 (d) · 3 (d) · 4 (d) · 5 (c) · 6 (c)

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