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The 5 stories you can't skip

1 Global fossil-fuel CO_2 emissions expected to reach record 38.1 billion tonnes in 2025

Why it matters: The Global Carbon Budget 2025 report highlights that global fossil-fuel CO_2 emissions are projected to hit a record 38.1 billion tonnes in 2025, with China and the US leading as top emitters.

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2 CAQM enforces Stage 3 action plan as Delhi-NCR enters hazardous environmental phase

Why it matters: The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) enforced Stage 3 of the Graded Response Action Plan in Delhi-NCR due to hazardous air quality levels.

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3 RBI dismisses misleading claims about new cheque book security standards starting January 1, 2027

Why it matters: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a clarification to debunk social media claims regarding the implementation date of new cheque book security standards for the Cheque Truncation System.

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4 SDC unveils MyBharat2030 nationwide survey to assess progress toward UN Sustainable Development Goals

Why it matters: The Sustainable Development Council (SDC) launched 'MyBharat2030', a nationwide citizen-driven survey to assess progress toward UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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5 Cauvery Authority ratifies 3.88 tmcft water release for Karnataka despite Tamil Nadu's demand

Why it matters: The Cauvery Water Management Authority ratified a recommendation for Karnataka to release 3.88 tmcft of water despite Tamil Nadu's demand for 20.7 tmcft to mitigate a water crisis and declining rice production.

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What to know, in 60 seconds each

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Why in news: The Global Carbon Budget 2025 report highlights that global fossil-fuel CO_2 emissions are projected to hit a record 38.1 billion tonnes in 2025, with China and the US leading as top emitters.

REMEMBER

- Global fossil-fuel CO_2 emissions are projected to reach 38.1 billion tonnes in 2025.
- China accounts for 31.8% of global fossil-fuel CO_2 emissions as of 2024 data.
- The United States contributes 12.7% of global fossil-fuel CO_2 emissions.

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the challenges faced by emerging economies like India in balancing rapid industrial growth with the decarbonization targets set under the Paris Agreement.*

USE: Decarbonization | Paris Agreement | Carbon Budget | Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/149437

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CAQM enforces Stage 3 action plan as Delhi-NCR enters hazardous environmental phase

Why in news: The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) enforced Stage 3 of the Graded Response Action Plan in Delhi-NCR due to hazardous air quality levels.

REMEMBER

- CAQM: Commission for Air Quality Management responsible for air quality in Delhi-NCR
- Stage IV action plan is triggered when AQI breaches 450
- Stage 3 restrictions include bans on non-essential construction and BS-III petrol/BS-IV diesel four-wheelers

MAINS ANGLE *Critically analyze the effectiveness of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in mitigating seasonal air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region.*

USE: Air Quality Index | Graded Response Action Plan | Environmental Governance | Pollution Mitigation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/149433

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RBI dismisses misleading claims about new cheque book security standards starting January 1, 2027

Why in news: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a clarification to debunk social media claims regarding the implementation date of new cheque book security standards for the Cheque Truncation System.

REMEMBER

- RBI: The central bank responsible for regulating the Cheque Truncation System in India
- The RBI's draft directions on agricultural loans were open for public comment until November 26

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the significance of the Cheque Truncation System in enhancing the efficiency of the Indian banking sector and the role of RBI in ensuring information integrity.*

USE: Cheque Truncation System | Monetary Policy | Information Integrity | Agricultural Credit

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SDC unveils MyBharat2030 nationwide survey to assess progress toward UN Sustainable Development Goals

Why in news: The Sustainable Development Council (SDC) launched 'MyBharat2030', a nationwide citizen-driven survey to assess progress toward UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

REMEMBER

- Sustainable Development Council (SDC) is the body behind the MyBharat2030 survey
- The initiative was launched at the 2nd World Cities Day Connect 2026 in Chennai
- MyBharat2030 is a citizen-driven survey initiative to assess UN Sustainable Development Goals

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss how citizen-driven data collection can enhance the monitoring and evaluation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in India.*

USE: Citizen engagement | Sustainable Development Goals | Data-driven governance | Inclusive growth

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/149434

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Why in news: The Cauvery Water Management Authority ratified a recommendation for Karnataka to release 3.88 tmcft of water despite Tamil Nadu's demand for 20.7 tmcft to mitigate a water crisis and declining rice production.

REMEMBER

- Cauvery Water Management Authority ratified a release of 3.88 tmcft for 15 days starting November 7, 2026
- Tamil Nadu's Mettur dam holds 23 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft) of water
- Tamil Nadu received 240 mm of rainfall during the Northeast monsoon against an anticipated 236 mm

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the challenges of inter-state water sharing in India and the role of statutory bodies in balancing agricultural requirements with ecological sustainability.*

USE: Inter-state water dispute | Cauvery Water Management Authority | Samba-thaladi cultivation | Irrigation management

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Write one answer today

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USE: Decarbonization | Paris Agreement | Carbon Budget | Greenhouse Gas Emissions | Climate Mitigation

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