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01 — TODAY IN 2 MINUTES

The 5 stories you can't skip

1 Russia and Ukraine to begin US-mediated peace talks in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday

Why it matters: Russia and Ukraine are scheduled to begin US-mediated peace talks in Abu Dhabi to establish a post-war security framework for Europe.

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2 Sariska Tiger Reserve expands population to 58 following world's first tiger relocation program

Why it matters: The Press Information Bureau announced that Sariska Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan reached a population of 58 tigers following the world's first tiger relocation program.

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3 ECI imposes Model Code of Conduct restrictions on retired government officials and state-engaged individuals

Why it matters: The Election Commission of India announced that Model Code of Conduct restrictions will apply to retired government officials and state-engaged individuals to ensure political neutrality.

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4 RBI reportedly intervenes to limit rupee appreciation as it hits 93.92 a dollar

Why it matters: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reportedly intervened in the forex market to limit the rupee's appreciation to 93.92 per dollar amid significant capital inflows.

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5 Telangana government allows gram panchayats to manage revenue through dedicated bank accounts

Why it matters: The Telangana government amended the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, to allow gram panchayats to manage their own revenue through dedicated bank accounts instead of the government treasury.

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Russia and Ukraine to begin US-mediated peace talks in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday

Why in news: Russia and Ukraine are scheduled to begin US-mediated peace talks in Abu Dhabi to establish a post-war security framework for Europe.

REMEMBER

- Abu Dhabi is the venue for the US-mediated peace talks.
- The Russian delegation consists of 11 members including two deputy foreign ministers.
- Representatives from France, Britain, Germany, the EU, NATO, and Italy are expected to attend.

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the significance of a 'comprehensive and indivisible security architecture' in resolving the Russia-Ukraine conflict and ensuring European regional stability.*

USE: Security Architecture | Multilateralism | Regional Stability | Diplomatic Mediation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/150484

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Sariska Tiger Reserve expands population to 58 following world's first tiger relocation program

Why in news: The Press Information Bureau announced that Sariska Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan reached a population of 58 tigers following the world's first tiger relocation program.

REMEMBER

- Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in the Alwar district of Rajasthan
- The tiger population in Sariska Tiger Reserve reached 58 as of October 2026
- The relocation program involved moving tigers from Ranthambore to Sariska

MAINS ANGLE *Examine the ecological and logistical challenges associated with tiger relocation programs in India to ensure long-term population viability and genetic diversity.*

USE: In-situ conservation | Habitat fragmentation | Genetic diversity | Wildlife translocation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/150533

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ECI imposes Model Code of Conduct restrictions on retired government officials and state-engaged individuals

Why in news: The Election Commission of India announced that Model Code of Conduct restrictions will apply to retired government officials and state-engaged individuals to ensure political neutrality.

REMEMBER

- ECI: The body responsible for enforcing the Model Code of Conduct during elections
- The ECI directive applies to both retired government officials and individuals engaged by State and Union Territory governments
- The primary objective of the restriction is to maintain political neutrality during upcoming polls

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the significance of maintaining the neutrality of retired government officials in the electoral process to ensure a level playing field.*

USE: Model Code of Conduct | Political Neutrality | Election Commission of India | Administrative Integrity

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/150441

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RBI reportedly intervenes to limit rupee appreciation as it hits 93.92 a dollar

Why in news: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reportedly intervened in the forex market to limit the rupee's appreciation to 93.92 per dollar amid significant capital inflows.

REMEMBER

- Rupee exchange rate: 93.92 per dollar as of Monday (November 2026).
- RBI forward book: Net short dollar position of $239 billion as of September 2026.
- Foreign equity investment: ₹38,971 crore net purchase in the current fiscal year.

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the role of the Reserve Bank of India in managing exchange rate volatility and the strategic importance of maintaining foreign exchange reserves.*

USE: Exchange Rate Management | Forex Reserves | Capital Inflows | Monetary Policy

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/150301

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Telangana government allows gram panchayats to manage revenue through dedicated bank accounts

Why in news: The Telangana government amended the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, to allow gram panchayats to manage their own revenue through dedicated bank accounts instead of the government treasury.

REMEMBER

- Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018
- Gram panchayats are permitted to open zero-balance savings accounts for revenue management

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss how the decentralization of fiscal powers to gram panchayats can enhance local governance and grassroots development in India.*

USE: Fiscal Decentralization | Grassroots Governance | Financial Autonomy | Local Body Empowerment

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/150503

GS3 · ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY P

Diwali 2026 records 257 µg/m³ PM2.5, fourth most polluted since 2016

Why in news: Dr. Manoj Kumar of the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air reported that Diwali 2026 recorded a PM2.5 concentration of 257 µg/m³, ranking as the fourth most polluted Diwali since 2016.

REMEMBER

- Diwali 2026 PM2.5 concentration: 257 µg/m³
- Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air: Body providing the pollution data

MAINS ANGLE *Critically analyze the structural drivers of Delhi's persistent air pollution, evaluating the effectiveness of seasonal measures against year-round industrial and vehicular emissions.*

USE: PM2.5 concentration | atmospheric pollution | industrial emissions | vehicular pollutants

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/150499

GS2 · INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS P

India and US agree on coordinated action to address emerging narcotic threats

Why in news: India and the United States agreed to coordinate actions to address emerging narcotic threats and disrupt transnational trafficking networks during a high-level meeting in New Delhi.

REMEMBER

- Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB): The host body for the Drug Policy Executive Working Group Meeting.
- The meeting held was the 2nd India-United States of America Drug Policy Executive Working Group Meeting.
- New Delhi: Location of the high-level meeting between India and the US.

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the significance of bilateral cooperation between India and the US in combating transnational drug trafficking and the role of precursor control in this effort.*

USE: transnational trafficking | precursor control | intelligence sharing | drug demand reduction

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/150468

GS1 · HISTORY & CULTURE P

Oxford returns ancestral remains of 39 Naga people to India after colonial-era theft

Why in news: The University of Oxford returned the ancestral remains of 39 Naga people to India following a formal request by a Naga delegation in 2025.

REMEMBER

- Nagaland is a mountainous state in north-eastern India
- The Pitt Rivers Museum holds over 6,000 objects associated with Naga culture
- The museum's website lists 219 items as human remains

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the significance of the repatriation of colonial-era artifacts and human remains in the context of decolonization and restorative justice.*

USE: decolonization | repatriation | restorative justice | cultural heritage

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/150446

03 — IN BRIEF

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U.S. State Department serves India notice over alleged assassination plot against Gurpatwant Singh Pannun

Barefoot College founder Sanjit Bunker Roy dies at home in Tilonia at 81

LG gives assent to Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2026 in Jammu and Kashmir

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China proposes export restrictions on 12 solar manufacturing technologies, potentially hindering India's goals

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Mapping Malnad wrote an open letter to the Urban Development Department objecting to proposed

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BSNL reduces villages without 4G access by three-fourths through saturation scheme

36 Delhi air monitoring stations stop reporting PM2.5 readings during Diwali pollution spike

Meta expands automated age-estimation technology globally to identify Instagram teenagers after billion-dollar settlements

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

GS2 · INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Discuss the significance of a 'comprehensive and indivisible security architecture' in resolving the Russia-Ukraine conflict and ensuring European regional stability.

USE: Security Architecture | Multilateralism | Regional Stability | Diplomatic Mediation | Geopolitical Realignment

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