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The 6 stories you can't skip

- 1** **India Supreme Court Declares Right to Safe Footpaths a Fundamental Right**
Why it matters: The Supreme Court declared the right to safe footpaths as a fundamental right to address pedestrian safety and urban planning failures.
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- 2** **India Unveils First Privately Built 800 kN FFSC Rocket Engine, Joining Elite Global Club**
Why it matters: Astrobase Space Technologies unveiled India's first privately built 800 kN FFSC rocket engine, making India the fourth nation to possess this technology.
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- 3** **On August 5, Narendra Modi's administration revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status**
Why it matters: The revocation of Article 370 and the subsequent loss of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood marks a significant constitutional shift in India's federal structure.
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- 5** **Iran, Oman Close to Finalizing Strait of Hormuz Reopening Agreement**
Why it matters: Iran and Oman are nearing an agreement on shipping routes in the Strait of Hormuz to ensure safe navigation for global oil supplies.
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- 6** **Indian government clarifies: UPI person-to-person transactions will remain free**
Why it matters: The Indian government clarified that person-to-person UPI transactions will remain free to ensure the sustainability of the digital payment ecosystem.
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What to know, in 60 seconds each

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India Supreme Court Declares Right to Safe Footpaths a Fundamental Right

Why in news: The Supreme Court declared the right to safe footpaths as a fundamental right to address pedestrian safety and urban planning failures.

REMEMBER

- Fundamental Rights are enshrined in Part III of the Indian Constitution
- Pedestrians account for up to 40% of road deaths in India
- Approximately 45 million Indians walk to work daily

MAINS ANGLE *Examine how the judicial recognition of pedestrian rights can reshape urban planning and infrastructure development in rapidly urbanizing Indian cities.*

USE: Right to Life Urban Governance Judicial Activism

Pedestrian Safety

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/97909

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On August 5, Narendra Modi's administration revoked Jammu and Kashmir's special status

Why in news: The revocation of Article 370 and the subsequent loss of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood marks a significant constitutional shift in India's federal structure.

REMEMBER

- Article 370 originally provided special autonomous status to the state of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The revocation of special status occurred on August 5, followed by the loss of statehood on August 9.
- Jammu and Kashmir is a Union Territory following the reorganization of its statehood.

MAINS ANGLE *Critically analyze the constitutional implications of the revocation of Article 370 on India's federal structure and the integration of Jammu and Kashmir.*

USE: Federalism Constitutional Amendment Integration

Internal Security

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/96831

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India Unveils First Privately Built 800 kN FFSC Rocket Engine, Joining Elite Global Club

Why in news: Astrobase Space Technologies unveiled India's first privately built 800 kN FFSC rocket engine, making India the fourth nation to possess this technology.

REMEMBER

- FFSC: Full-Flow Staged Combustion is a high-efficiency rocket engine cycle.
- India is the 4th nation to possess FFSC technology, joining Russia, USA, and China.
- The EVEREST engine utilizes LOX (Liquid Oxygen) and Methane as propellants.

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the significance of private sector participation in India's space exploration and its role in achieving self-reliance in high-end aerospace technologies.*

USE: SpaceTech FFSC technology Self-reliance

Private participation

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Turkish FM: New Mecca Pact Mirrors NATO's Article 5, Aims to Counter Aggression

Why in news: Turkish FM Hakan Fidan announced the 'Mecca Joint Defence Agreement' between Turkey, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia, modeled after NATO's Article 5.

REMEMBER

- NATO Article 5: The principle of collective defense where an attack against one member is considered an attack against all.
- The Mecca Joint Defence Agreement was under development for approximately 32 months (two years and eight months).
- Saudi Arabia: Host country for the alliance's general secretariat.

MAINS ANGLE *Analyze the implications of emerging regional collective security pacts in the Middle East and South Asia on the existing global security architecture.*

USE: Collective Security Geopolitical Alignment

Regional Hegemony

Defense Cooperation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/99617

Iran, Oman Close to Finalizing Strait of Hormuz Reopening Agreement

Why in news: Iran and Oman are nearing an agreement on shipping routes in the Strait of Hormuz to ensure safe navigation for global oil supplies.

REMEMBER

- Strait of Hormuz: Connects the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman.
- The Strait of Hormuz is a primary maritime corridor for global oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.
- Maritime security in the strait involves monitoring of shipping lanes and coastal state rights.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Strait of Hormuz in global energy security and the implications of maritime navigation rights for regional stability.

USE: Chokepoint Energy Security Maritime Navigation

Geopolitics

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/97661

Indian government clarifies: UPI person-to-person transactions will remain free

Why in news: The Indian government clarified that person-to-person UPI transactions will remain free to ensure the sustainability of the digital payment ecosystem.

REMEMBER

- NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) is the body responsible for overseeing UPI operations.
- Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 is the primary legislation governing electronic payment systems in India.
- MDR (Merchant Discount Rate) is the fee paid by a merchant to a bank or payment processor for processing a transaction.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in promoting financial inclusion and the challenges of ensuring its long-term fiscal sustainability.

USE: Financial Inclusion Digital Public Infrastructure

Merchant Discount Rate

Sustainable Ecosystem

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/99818

Scientists at Stanford and Arc Institute Create 16 New Viruses Using AI

Why in news: Scientists at Stanford and Arc Institute used AI models (Evo 1 and Evo 2) to design 16 new, functional bacteriophages to combat antibiotic resistance.

REMEMBER

- Bacteriophages: Viruses that specifically infect and replicate within bacteria.
- Evo 1 and Evo 2: AI models developed for computational biology to identify evolutionary patterns.
- The study involved the creation of 16 new functional viruses based on genetic sequences from millions of organisms.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the dual-use dilemma of AI in biotechnology, focusing on its potential to revolutionize healthcare and the risks of biological weaponization.

USE: dual-use technology antibiotic resistance

computational biology

biosecurity

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/98317

Bangladesh marks two years since student protests ousted Sheikh Hasina's government

Why in news: Bangladesh is marking the second anniversary of the student-led protests that ousted Sheikh Hasina, leading to a diplomatic reset between India and the new government under PM Tarique Rahman.

REMEMBER

- Sheikh Hasina fled to India on August 05, 2024, following the ousting of her government.
- Tarique Rahman is the current Prime Minister of Bangladesh.
- The new Bangladesh government has invited PM Modi to BRICS.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the impact of internal political shifts in Bangladesh on India's 'Neighborhood First' policy and the security dynamics of the Northeast region.

USE: bilateral relations geopolitical shift neighborhood first

sovereignty

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/96714

U.S. LPG supply to India soars to 67%, up from 10% target

Why in news: Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri announced that U.S. LPG imports have surged to 67% of India's total, significantly exceeding the initial 10% diversification target.

REMEMBER

- U.S. LPG supply to India currently stands at 67%.
- Strait of Hormuz: A critical maritime chokepoint for oil and gas transit.
- Domestic LPG production capacity increased to 55,000 metric tonnes daily during crisis.

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the strategic importance of diversifying energy import sources for India's energy security and economic stability.*

USE : Energy Security Diversification Strategic Reserves

Supply Chain Resilience

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/98851

Centre Forms High-Level Committee to Study Illegal Immigration Led by Justice Navlekar

Why in news: The Union Cabinet approved a High-Level Committee led by Justice Navlekar to study illegal immigration and demographic changes to strengthen border management.

REMEMBER

- Justice Prakash Prabhakar Navlekar: Chairperson of the High-Level Committee on Demographic Change.
- The committee's report is due within one year, with a possible six-month extension.
- Jammu: Site of the committee's initial three-day study visit (August 10–12, 2025).

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the challenges posed by illegal immigration on India's demographic profile and suggest measures to strengthen border management and national security.*

USE : demographic change border management

illegal immigration national security

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/98537

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Gandhi launches Quit India Movement, demanding immediate independence in 1942

Census to Enumerate Castes in Ladakh and Snow-Bound Areas from September 1

GS2 · POLITY · GOVERNANCE · SOCIAL JUSTICE · IR

U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance Calls PM Modi to Deepen India-U.S. Ties

India's Defence Minister Moves to Join France-Led 6G Fighter Aircraft Program Amid Parliamentary Push

Lok Sabha passes Bankers' Books Evidence Bill despite opposition protests

NEET-UG may shift to computer tests after paper leak scandal, task force formed

Heatstroke kills 20, 4853 cases reported since March 1: Rai

The second phase of the Census in Ladakh, starting August 17

BRICS Summit: Xi Jinping, Putin set to attend in New Delhi next week

High Court Orders Google to Hide Woman's Name from Old Prostitution Case Records

Russian strikes near Kyiv kill three, including a child, as US tightens sanctions

India's Defence Minister OKs career reforms for women in Indian Coast Guard

MP Moves Supreme Court to Halt Delhi Police's Facial Recognition Use on Protesters

India Maps 27 Places in Arunachal Pradesh, Counters China's Naming Claims

82.2% of Indian teens use smartphones, but only 57% for education: ASER 2024

Myanmar, Thailand Pledge to Boost Trade with Key Highway and Maritime Links

India cuts unlawful content removal time to 3 hours for platforms

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) fined nine digital platforms, including Zepto

States cannot cite financial burden to oppose raising retirement age of judicial officers: Supreme Court

Modi to visit Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan for SCO Summit, bilateral talks

Hamas Demands Withdrawal First, Israel Insists on Disarming: Standoff Threatens Trump's Gaza Peace Plan

According to the World Bank and WHO, per capita public

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Lok Sabha passes Bill to allow fees on UPI and other electronic payments

SOPs, Compensation Framework: Top Court's New Directions On 'Digital Arrest'

Dedicated team fast-tracks military theatre commands as CDS Raja Subramani takes charge

India's Defence Committee Demands Roadmap for Sixth-Generation Fighter Aircraft

SSB reserves 50% constable posts for ex-Agniveers, sparks recruitment drive

Lok Sabha passes bill exempting Foreign Institutional Investors from tax on Indian bonds

RBI Restricts Loan Recovery Calls to 8 am-7 pm, Bans Threats and Online Harassment

Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv shares fall up to 5% on RBI's new proposal for NBFCs

India's Defence Exports Soar 62.66% to Rs 38,424 Crore in FY26

NEET Overhaul: Centre Proposes AI, Blockchain, and 10-Year Jail Terms to Curb Exam Leaks

Global Warming Accelerates: Could Exceed 1.5°C Limit by 2030

Supreme Court: Mining Ban within 10 km of Asan Wetland Applies Nationwide

ICRISAT secures CRISPR rights to boost crop yields, ease India's food security

Meta Assures India It Will Tackle Deepfakes, Child Abuse Content in Compliance Talks

Mains questions to practise

GS2 · POLITY & CONSTITUTION

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USE : [Right to Life](#) [Urban Governance](#) [Judicial Activism](#) [Pedestrian Safety](#) [Infrastructure Development](#)

GS3 · SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Discuss the significance of private sector participation in India's space exploration and its role in achieving self-reliance in high-end aerospace technologies.

USE : [SpaceTech](#) [FFSC technology](#) [Self-reliance](#) [Private participation](#) [Aerospace innovation](#)



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