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Modi meets Xi, Putin; tackles terrorism with Pakistan at SCO summit

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20 million children globally face online sexual abuse, UNICEF reports

Why it matters: UNICEF released a report highlighting that 20 million children globally face online sexual abuse, emphasizing the urgent need for AI-driven safety measures and legal reforms.

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REMEMBER

- EOS-05: India's first imaging satellite in Geosynchronous orbit
- GSLV: Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle, a heavy-lift rocket developed by ISRO
- Satish Dhawan Space Centre: Located in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh (near Chennai)

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of achieving imaging capabilities in Geosynchronous orbit for India's space-based surveillance and disaster management capabilities.

USE: Geosynchronous orbit Earth observation
Space-based surveillance Strategic autonomy

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/117286

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Why in news: US Central Command launched strikes on Iranian IRGC targets following attacks on shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and US service members.

REMEMBER

- Strait of Hormuz: A strategic waterway connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
- IRGC: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, a branch of the Iranian Armed Forces.
- The Strait of Hormuz has remained closed for six months as of the report date.

MAINS ANGLE Examine the geopolitical significance of the Strait of Hormuz and the implications of escalating maritime tensions in the Middle East on global energy security.

USE: maritime chokepoint geopolitical instability
energy security asymmetric warfare

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/116401

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REMEMBER

- Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff: US envoys sent to negotiate the Russia-Ukraine war.
- Rzeszow, Poland: The location where the US envoys were reported to have arrived before proceeding to Kyiv.
- A three-day truce was agreed upon by Russia and Ukraine to facilitate negotiations.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the role of third-party mediation in resolving protracted interstate conflicts and the challenges of enforcing truces in active war zones.

USE: mediation geopolitics ceasefire multilateralism

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Modi meets Xi, Putin; tackles terrorism with Pakistan at SCO summit

Why in news: PM Modi engaged with leaders of China and Russia at the SCO summit in Bishkek to address regional terrorism and strengthen India's footprint in Central Asia.

REMEMBER

- SCO: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is a Eurasian political, economic, and security alliance.
- Bishkek is the capital of Kyrgyzstan.
- SCO members include China, Russia, India, Pakistan, and Central Asian nations.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in shaping India's strategic autonomy and security cooperation in Central Asia.

USE: Strategic Autonomy Counter-terrorism
Multilateralism Regional Connectivity

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/116387

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REMEMBER

- President Droupadi Murmu: Appointing authority for High Court Chief Justices
- Chief Justice of India: Consulted by the President for High Court appointments
- Eight judges were appointed as Chief Justices of High Courts on September 5, 2026

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the constitutional framework governing the appointment of High Court judges and the significance of the consultative role of the Chief Justice of India.

USE: Judicial Independence Constitutional Appointment

Collegium System Judicial Administration

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The World Meteorological Organization issued a forecast on Thursday predicting a nearly

Why in news: The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) predicted a record-breaking super El Niño, which could accelerate global warming beyond the 1.5°C threshold.

REMEMBER

- El Niño: Characterized by warmer-than-normal ocean temperatures in the eastern tropical Pacific.
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO): A specialized agency of the United Nations.
- The 1.5°C warming threshold is a key target in the Paris Agreement to limit global temperature rise.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how extreme climatic phenomena like 'Super El Niño' pose a threat to global climate targets and suggest measures to mitigate their impact on vulnerable regions.

USE: Climate Change El Niño Global Warming

Extreme Weather

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/116938

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Why in news: UNICEF released a report highlighting that 20 million children globally face online sexual abuse, emphasizing the urgent need for AI-driven safety measures and legal reforms.

REMEMBER

- UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund, a UN agency responsible for providing humanitarian and developmental assistance to children.
- Over one in five children aged 12 to 17 were affected by online sexual exploitation in the studied regions.
- AI-generated sexual content is identified as a growing threat to child safety in digital spaces.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges in regulating online safety for children in the era of AI-generated content and suggest measures to mitigate online sexual exploitation.

USE: digital safety online exploitation AI regulation

child protection

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/116973

Delhi High Court Orders Rs 10 Lakh Compensation for Maternity Demotion Retaliation

Why in news: Delhi High Court ordered compensation for a woman demoted after maternity leave, emphasizing that maternity protection includes professional status and career advancement.

REMEMBER

- Delhi High Court: A High Court in India.
- Compensation amount: ₹10 lakh for maternity demotion retaliation.
- Justice Sachin Datta: Presiding judge in the maternity protection ruling.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the importance of workplace protections for women during and after maternity leave in ensuring gender equality in the Indian workforce.

USE: gender equality workplace protections

maternity rights

professional status

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/116767

Early Census 2027 in Goa, UP, Punjab Kicks Off Amid Election Hopes

Why in news: The Registrar General of India announced the commencement of early population enumeration for Census 2027 in Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, and parts of Uttarakhand.

REMEMBER

- Registrar General of India: The official responsible for announcing and overseeing the census enumeration.
- Census 2027: The upcoming national population enumeration cycle.
- Self-enumeration: A census method available from November 16 to November 30, 2026.

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the significance of periodic census data in formulating socio-economic policies and infrastructure planning in India.*

USE : Demographic data Population enumeration

Socio-economic planning Data-driven policy

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/118106

Bomb blast at Red Fort kills 15; AQIS offshoot AGuH blamed

Why in news: The NIA and UNSC identified the al-Qaeda-linked group AQIS and its offshoot AGuH as responsible for a bomb blast at the Red Fort in Delhi.

REMEMBER

- AQIS: Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent, established in September 2014.
- NIA: National Investigation Agency, the body that filed the chargesheet against AGuH.
- UNSC: United Nations Security Council, released the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Report.

MAINS ANGLE *Examine the evolving tactics of transnational terrorist groups like AQIS in India and discuss the challenges faced by internal security agencies in preventing high-profile urban attacks.*

USE : transnational terrorism internal security

counter-terrorism intelligence gathering

Full note → satyadheesh.in/news/117521

Everything else, one line each

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US military strikes three Iranian oil tankers after IRGC missile attack on US warships

Nepal Needs \$5 Billion To Rebuild. World's Climate Fund Has Less Than 10% Of It

After American forces resumed strikes against Iran, Iran launched missile and drone

Putin Proposes SCO Development Bank to Counter Western Sanctions

Iran Strikes US Drone and Oil Tankers, Warning of Severe Retaliation

Leaders Discuss Tensions and Opportunities at SCO Summit in Kyrgyzstan

Indian FM Defends Trade with Russia: "Curtailling Purchases Won't End Conflict"

India demands UN map show Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh accurately

China releases 15th Five-Year Plan for renewable energy, advances Yarlung Zangbo hydropower project

UN Rights Office: Israel's Operation Iron Wall Displaced 33,362 Palestinians

Lieutenant Governor Saxena Approves LAHDCs in 7 Ladakh Districts

India's Jaishankar Meets Ukraine's Sybiha to Discuss Ending War Through Dialogue

Pakistan rallies support against India's suspension of Indus Waters Treaty

Supreme Court Seeks Explanation from Home Secretary on IPS Deputations

Modi's initiatives open 59 crore bank accounts, 32 crore for women

IST mandated by Centre for all legal and administrative purposes from March 2027

Delhi Chief Electoral Officer Publishes Draft Voter List Leaving Out 47.56 Lakh Names

Bihar orders CBI to seek permission before investigating state officials

Dr. Dinesh Sharma, 62, appointed Lt Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Vaccine Batch KE25012 Seized as "Not of Standard Quality"; Four Arrested

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ISRO Chief: Private Sector Needed as Satellite Demand Surges, GSLV Capabilities Boosted 40%

CERN's Large Hadron Collider Upgraded to Study Dark Matter and Higgs Boson

Japanese firms invest \$12.5bn in India, diversifying away from China risks

Banks face new RBI rules: Must verify overseas transactions or risk ED scrutiny

Banks rake in \$136.4 billion as RBI scheme boosts dollar inflows

NSE Set to Launch ₹31,000 Crore IPO, Second-Biggest in India After Jio Platforms

Nvidia to Acquire Hugging Face for Nearly \$13 Billion, Pushing Open AI Standards

Flooding Alerts: Odisha Warns of Subarnarekha River Overflow, Affects 137 Villages

Tamil Nadu CM unveils ₹33,066 crore plan for power upgrade, new thermal station

Ganga Hits Record High, Affects 16.8 Lakh in Bihar

Arctic Ice Can't Block This: Lab Tests 1.2 Kbps Data Transfer Through 3.6 Feet

Indian Army kills two UKNA militants in Manipur gunfight

CSIR-CRRI Demonstrates Road Rejuvenation: 1 km Stretch Laid Using 60% Old Material

Assured transit-time container train service launched between Bengaluru and Delhi

First woman from Zaskar joins Army as Stanzin Tsangyang is commissioned at 24

Overtaken Coal Truck Sparks Inquiry Into Illegal Mining in Meghalaya

Mains questions to practise

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USE : [Geosynchronous orbit](#) [Earth observation](#) [Space-based surveillance](#) [Strategic autonomy](#)

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USE : [mediation](#) [geopolitics](#) [ceasefire](#) [multilateralism](#) [diplomatic envoy](#)



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