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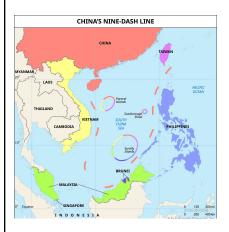


## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

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## **National and International News**

## South China Sea



## Why in the news?

- A Chinese vessel and a Philippine supply ship collided near the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea.
- The incident occurred when a Philippine supply ship entered waters near the Second Thomas Shoal, a submerged reef in the **Spratly Islands**, which is claimed by multiple nations.

## About South China Sea:

- Location: The South China Sea is a marginal sea of the Western Pacific Ocean, bordered by China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia, Singapore, and Vietnam.
- Trade Routes: It is one of the world's busiest sea lanes, with over one-third of global maritime trade passing through it, including vital oil and gas shipments.
- **Territorial Disputes:** 
  - o Claimants: The South China Sea is subject to overlapping territorial claims by China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, and Taiwan.
  - Nine-Dash Line: China's extensive claim marked by the "nine-dash line," which covers most of the South China Sea.
  - o Key Areas: Disputed regions include the Spratly Islands, Paracel Islands, Scarborough Shoal, and the Second Thomas Shoal.





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Solid	Waste	Management	(SWM)
Case			

## Why in the news?

• The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangara Palike (BBMP) proposes a Solid Waste Management (SWM) Cess of ₹100 per month per household.

## Key points:

- Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in India levy user fees or SWM cess as per the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
- SWM cess is usually collected along with property tax.

## About Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016:

- Objective:
  - To ensure proper collection, segregation, transportation, and disposal of solid waste.
  - o Promote recycling and reduce the environmental impact of waste.
- **Key Provisions:** 
  - Segregation at Source
  - Collection and Disposal
  - Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
  - User Fees
  - Waste Processing and Treatment
  - o Prohibition on Burning





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## Why in the news?

- The Union Council of Ministers (COM) led by the Prime Minister was sworn in on June 9, 2024.
- The current COM includes the Prime Minister, 30 Cabinet Ministers, 5 Ministers of State (MoS) with independent charge, and 36 MoS.

## About COM:

- The Council of Ministers (COM) in India is a body of ministers that includes the Prime Minister and other appointed ministers.
- It is responsible for the executive functions of the government.
- Formation: The Council of Ministers is formed by the President of India on the advice of the Prime Minister.
- Constitutional Provision: Article 74 and Article 75 of the Indian Constitution deal with the Council of Ministers.
- **Article 74** states that there shall be a **Council of Ministers** headed by the Prime Minister to aid and advise the President.
- **Types of Ministers:** 
  - o Cabinet Ministers: Senior ministers in charge of major ministries.
  - Ministers of State (Independent Charge): Ministers who manage specific portfolios independently without a cabinet minister.
  - o Ministers of State: Junior ministers who assist cabinet ministers in their portfolios.







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# National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

## Why in the news?

 NCERT chief says changes in textbook on Ayodhya dispute as per Supreme Court order.

#### **About NCERT:**

- **Establishment**: NCERT was established in **1961** by the Government of India.
- Objective: The primary aim of NCERT is to assist and advise the central and state governments on academic matters related to school education.
- Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Key Initiatives:
  - National Curriculum Framework (NCF): Guides the development of syllabi and textbooks.
  - National Talent Search Examination (NTSE):
    Identifies and nurtures talented students.
  - All India School Education Survey (AISES): Provides comprehensive data on school education in India.
  - NCERT Online Textbooks: Offers free access to NCERT textbooks online.

## **Prerna Sthal**



## Why in the news?

• The Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar inaugurates **Prerna Sthal**.

## **About Prerna Sthal:**

- 'Prerna Sthal' is a newly inaugurated area within the Parliament House Complex in India.
- It serves as a place of inspiration, housing statues of eminent leaders and freedom fighters who played pivotal roles in India's history, cultural renaissance, and the struggle for independence.
- The initiative aims to bring together statues that were previously scattered across the Parliament premises to a single dedicated space.
- The statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar were situated in prominent locations and of other major leaders.







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