

# **DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS**

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- Bangladesh Supreme Court allows Jamaat-e-Islami to contest elections
- Musk retains plan to fly Starship to Mars in 2026 despite setbacks
- India and European Union set to conduct joint naval exercise

#### Rain batters Northeast India; lakhs affected

# **Severe Weather Impact**

- Continuous mild to heavy rainfall has caused massive floods and landslides across several northeastern states.
- Over 900 houses were damaged in Manipur and Mizoram.
- In **Sikkim**, **1,500** tourists were stranded due to blocked roads and landslips.
- In **Assam**, over **3.6 lakh people** across **19 districts** have been affected. Roads and railways have been badly hit.
- Total **death toll** since May 28: **34 people** (due to floods, landslides, lightning, etc.)



# Why Floods Occur in Northeast India:

- The northeastern region of India is prone to landslides and floods during the monsoon due to its hilly terrain and heavy rainfall.
- Urban centres like Guwahati face additional challenges from inadequate drainage systems and unplanned settlements on vulnerable slopes.
- The unprecedented rainfall recorded this year highlights the increasing severity and unpredictability of monsoon patterns.
- Experts have long warned about the need to improve early warning systems and disaster response infrastructure in these areas.

## Bangladesh Supreme Court allows Jamaat-e-Islami to contest elections

#### What happened?

On Sunday, Bangladesh's Supreme Court ordered the Election Commission to restore the registration of the right-wing Jamaat-e-Islami party, which means the party can now legally take part in future elections again.

# **Background**

 Jamaat-e-Islami is a conservative Islamic political party that opposed Bangladesh's independence from Pakistan in 1971.





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- In 2013, the Bangladesh Supreme Court cancelled Jamaat's registration and In 2018, the Election Commission officially banned Jamaat from elections.
- In 2024, Sheikh Hasina's government imposed a complete ban on Jamaat, just days before she was removed from office by a massive protest movement called Students Against Discrimination (SAD).

## What changed now?

- After Sheikh Hasina's removal, the **Supreme Court has ruled** that the **Election Commission must restore Jamaat's registration.**
- However, the Court also said it is **up to the Election Commission** to decide whether Jamaat can use its old election symbol (a **scale**) in future polls.

## Implication on india?

- 1. Security Concerns in Eastern India: If Jamaat regains influence, India may worry about increased radicalisation or cross-border extremist activity in states like West Bengal, Assam, and Tripura.
- 2. Moreover, the party's hardline Islamist ideology may contribute to rising communal tensions in Bangladesh, impacting the safety of minority Hindus a concern that often resonates politically and diplomatically in India.
- **3. Geopolitically,** the rise of Jamaat could offer strategic leverage to Pakistan in the region, undermining India's influence in South Asia.
  - Additionally, issues like water sharing, trade, and refugee management may face new friction.

# Musk retains plan to fly Starship to Mars in 2026 despite setbacks

- Elon Musk aims to launch the first uncrewed Starship mission to Mars by end-2026.
- The mission depends on solving technical challenges, especially **in-orbit refuelling.**
- 2026 offers a rare **Earth-Mars alignment**, ideal for space travel; next window is in **2028**.
- The first flight will carry **robotic humanoids** (Tesla's Optimus), with **humans to follow later.**
- Musk envisions launching 1,000–2,000 ships every 2 years to build a permanent Mars base.
- Recent test flights have failed, but Musk sees them as learning opportunities.
- NASA plans to use Starship for a manned Moon mission in 2027, ahead of its Mars goals.
- Musk is **stepping back from U.S. government advisory roles** to focus on SpaceX and Tesla.

# India and European Union set to conduct joint naval exercise

The Indian Navy and the European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) will hold a joint exercise at sea soon. Why is it relevant to India?

- Indian Ocean Security: EUNAVFOR's presence complements India's efforts in securing sea lanes.
- Anti-piracy coordination: India has coordinated with EUNAVFOR in anti-piracy patrols.
- The Indian Ocean is crucial for India's trade and energy needs. EUNAVFOR's operations help keep
- key shipping routes safe.
- India and the EU have expanded naval cooperation and may engage more formally with EUNAVFOR in the future.



