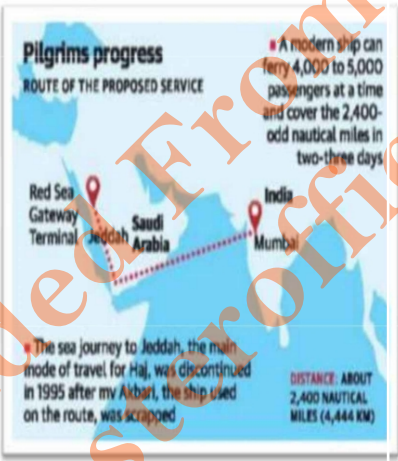



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Special Events And Places In News

EVENT	Place	Details
1. Haj via sea route	Saudi Arabia gave nod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India's plan to ferry Haj devotees to Jeddah 

2. Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tari ni/Navika Sagar Parikrama	received at INS-Indian Navy Ship Mandovi jetty at Verem in Goa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> first Indian vessel with all-woman crew to successfully circumnavigate world <p>CIRCUMNAVIGATION UNDER SAIL, WHAT IT ENTAILS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start-finish at same port covering distance of 21,600 NMs Sail south of three great capes of Southern Hemisphere <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cape Leeuwin, Australia Cape Horn, Chile Cape of Good Hope, Argentina Cross all longitudes in same direction and <u>equator twice</u> Not use any canal or engine for propulsion
		
3. Golden Globe Race, 2018	Started from Les Sables-d'Olonne, France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sailing race around world, started on 1 July 2018 celebrates 50th anniversary of original Sunday Times Golden Globe Race Except for safety equipment, no modern technology is allowed Indian sailor attended it with Yacht called Thuriya
		

4. National Police Memorial in augural	Chanakyapuri, Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> commemorates 34,844 police personnel from all of central and state police forces in India died in line of duty since nation's Independence in 1947 heavy black granite central sculpture, a museum and 'Wall of Valour' bearing names of all personnel died in line of duty underground museum is first police museum of its kind in India, and showcases over 2000 years of policing in region, since time of Kautilya's system of law and order in 310 BCE
		 <p>MEMORIAL TO KHAKI AT A GLANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.3 Acres Area 1,600 sqm Museum 1,600 sqm Parade ground 30 ft x 8 ft x 8 ft Central sculpture Wall of Valour with capacity of engraving 50,000 names of those dying in the line of duty Museum exhibits to include brass insignia, ceremonial and operational insignia and uniforms, jackets, belts, distinctive photographs of dog squads, mounted columns and old copies of the Indian Police Act.
5. Rashtriya Smriti Sthal	New Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee accorded a state funeral here Designated spot for last rites of <u>presidents, vice-presidents and prime ministers</u>
6. Carmichael coal mine	Galilee Basin, Central Queensland, Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed thermal coal mine both open-cut and underground methods Proposed by Adani Mining, a wholly owned subsidiary of India's Adani Group mine has drawn immense controversy about its claimed economic benefits, financial viability, government subsidy, damaging environmental impacts potential impact upon Great Barrier Reef, groundwater at its site and its carbon emissions emissions from burning amount of coal expected to be produced from this one mine, whether sourced from it or elsewhere, would, in a "worst-case

7. highest peaks on all seven continents	7 Continents of the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Army officer, Colonel Ranveer Singh Jamwal first Indian to summit seven highest mountains across seven continents, including climbing Mount Everest three times

Seven Summits

- well-known mountaineering objective
- highest peaks on each of seven continents
- Seven Summits, from highest to lowest, are:
 - Asia: **Mount Everest** 29,035 feet (8850 meters)
 - South America: **Aconcagua** 22,829 feet (6962 meters)
 - North America: **Denali AKA Mount McKinley** 20,320 feet (6194 meters)
 - Africa: **Kilimanjaro** 19,340 feet (5895 meters)
 - Europe: **Mount Elbrus** 18,510 feet (5642 meters)
 - Antarctica: **Mount Vinson** 16,067 feet (4897 meters)
 - Australia: **Mount Kosciuszko** 7,310 feet (2228 meters) OR Australasia/Oceania: **Carstensz Pyramid** 16,023 feet (4884 meters)

RIVERS, SEAS AND OCEANS IN NEWS

1. Nautical Mile

Unit of measurement used in

- both air and marine navigation, and
- for definition of territorial waters

Figure: Visual comparison of a kilometre, statute mile, and nautical mile



2. Mahanadi river

- Conflict over sharing waters between Odisha and Chhattisgarh
- Tribunal will be made now by central Government to decide on share and conflict of water

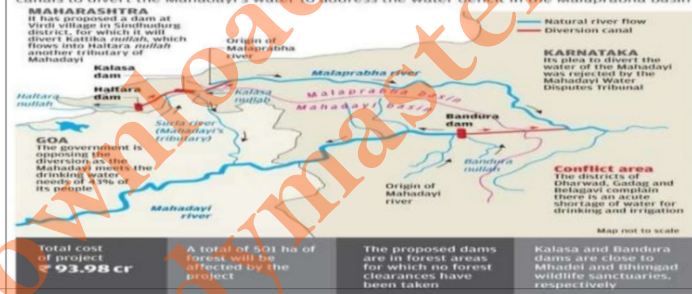


3. Mahadayi/Mandovi/Mhadei river conflict

- Lifeline of Goa; Mandovi and Zuari are two primary rivers in Goa
- Mandovi joins with Zuari at Cabo Aguada, forming Mormugao harbour
- Rises in Western Ghats, from Bhingad Wildlife Sanctuary of Karnataka, enters Goa
- Conflict over Karnataka channelling river water into basin of Malaprabha, a tributary of Krishna to meet requirements of its water-scarce districts
- Kalasa-Banduri Nala Dam project by Karnataka to improve drinking water
- Mahadayi river conflicts involves states of Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra

Controversial water diversion plan

Under the Kalasa Bandura project, the Karnataka government has proposed dams and canals to divert the Mahadayi's water to address the water deficit in the Malaprabha basin



4. Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) on National Waterways-1

PM Modi receives country's first container consignment to be sent on an inland waterways after 1947, at a function in Varanasi-first multi-modal terminal on Ganga as part of Jal Marg Vikas project.

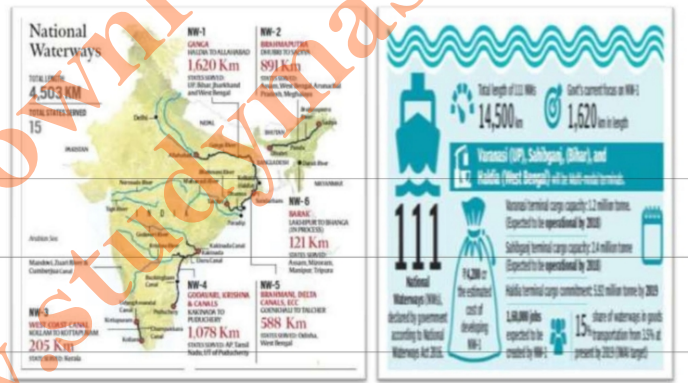
Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) on National Waterways-1

- Financial and technical support of World Bank
- Project entails development of fairway with 3 meters depth
- between Varanasi and Haldia (Phase-I)
- covering a distance of 1380 km



National Waterways-1

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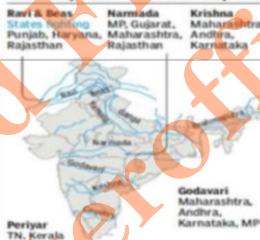


Cauvery water dispute

- 122 years old
- Centre recently (2018) notifies formation of Cauvery Water Management Authority and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee
- **Cauvery Water Management Authority**
 - at its first meeting in New Delhi
 - directs Karnataka to release 34 tmcft of water to Tamil Nadu
- **Supreme Court in 2018 Cauvery Verdict**
 - cut Tamil Nadu's quota of Cauvery water by 14.75 tmcft and
 - increased Karnataka's share
 - to meet Bengaluru's drinking water needs
 - 2007 tribunal award of 30 tmcft to Kerala and 7 tmcft water to Puducherry will remain




Other major inter-state river disputes



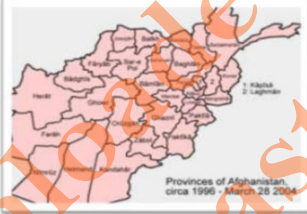
Indian Places In News


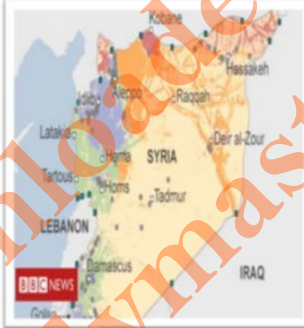
Location	State?	Why in news?
1. Northern Angami	Nagaland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vidhan Sabha/Lok Sabha constituency • Angamis- major Naga ethnic native tribe to Nagaland • listed as a Scheduled Tribe, in 5th schedule of Constitution • known for Sekrenyi celebrations every February • Angami Nagas are settled in Kohima & Dimapur Districts
2. Garo Hills	Meghalaya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bandh and protests • part of Garo-Khasi range in Meghalaya • inhabited mainly by tribal majority of Garo • one of wettest places in world • range is part of Meghalaya



		subtropical forests ecoregion
3. Saurashtra	Gujrat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Droughts and agriculture/farmers suicide issues • Saurashtra/Sorath/Kathia war is a peninsular region of Gujarat, located on Arabian Sea coast • Covers about a third of Gujarat state, notably 11 districts of Gujarat, including Rajkot District.
		
4. Kancheepuram + Melur + Madurai	Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temple cities/Maths of Hinduism
5. Sagar Bhushan	Cochin Shipyard, Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ONGC drill rig 'Sagar Bhushan', a blast in which killed five workers • first indigenously-built drill ship in India
6. Jangala in Bihar district	Chhattisgarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First health centre under Ayushman Bharat scheme(largest health care government scheme in world)
7. Kurangani/Bodi hills	Theni district, Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to forest fires related tourists death • Indian Neutrino Project was also proposed there earlier
8. Sukma	Chhattisgarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maoist/Naxalism affected region
9. Yavatmal district	Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers suicide and drought prone areas • Yavatmal is one of major producer of cotton in state • About half of gross cropped area in district is under cotton cultivation • located in region of Vidarbha, in east-central part of state • Vidarbha's third-largest district by population, after Nagpur and Amravati
10. Aluva, Perumbavur,	Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood ravaged areas while Kerala Flood

Thrissur and Pathanamthitta		
11. Point Calimere bird sanctuary	Tamil Nadu, along Palk Strait where it meets Bay of Bengal at Point Calimere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanctuary was created in 1967 for conservation of near threatened blackbuck antelope, an endemic mammal species of India famous for large congregations of water birds, especially greater flamingos protected area
12. Bodhi Gaya temple complex	Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mahabodhi Temple UNESCO World Heritage Site, is an ancient, but much rebuilt and restored Buddhist temple in Bodhi Gayawhere Buddha is said to have attained enlightenment
13. Moreh	located on India-Myanmar border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town seen commercial capital of Manipur India's Gateway to South-East Asia
14. Salem-Chennai green corridor expressway project	Tamilnadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> project aims to develop a six/eight-lane Greenfield highway connecting Chennai and Salem highway is for a total distance of 277.3 km A major portion of the corridor runs through Tiruvannamalai district and will destroy both agricultural land and forest areas
15. Tinsukia	Assam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Liberation Front of Asom (Independent) (ULFA-I) radical organisation operates here among other areas Tinsukia is an industrial town Situated 480 kilometres north-east of Guwahati and 84 kilometres away from border with Arunachal Pradesh

MAPS Foreign Places In News


Location	Country	Why in news?
1. Aden	Yemen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tropical Cyclone Sagar formed in Gulf of Aden, in 2018 • Sea piracy and Indian operations related to that • Aden is a port city and temporary capital of Yemen • located by eastern approach to Red Sea, some 170 km east of Bab-el-Mandeb
2. Nairobi	Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First global - Sustainable Blue Economy Conference in Nairobi, in 2018. Over 18,000 participants from around world are coming together to learn how to build a blue economy
3. Provinces of- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jalalabad • Lakshkar Gah • Helmand • Kunduz • Nangarhar • Kandahar • Ghazni • Sar-i-Pul 	Afghanistan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddha of Bamiyan- Buddhism was widespread before the Islamic conquest of Afghanistan • Recent years instability in country due to Al Qaeda and Taliban terrorism • USA mission in process of leaving the country-Resolute Support Mission or Operation Resolute Support is a NATO-led train, advice and assist mission consisting of over 13,000 troops in Afghanistan, which began on January 1, 2015. It is a follow-on mission to International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) which was completed on December 28, 2014 • Peace process with Taliban started • Earlier in 2017 USA Weapon known as Mother of All Bombs (MOAB) struck a tunnel complex in Achin district reported to have killed at least 90 people
4. Quetta+ • Balochistan	Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quetta is provincial capital and largest city of Balochistan, Pakistan, where secessionist tendencies are erupting; Located in northern Balochistan near Pakistan-Afghanistan border
5. Raiwind+ • Lahore+ • Murree hill district		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other places were also in the

		news sue to ethnic conflicts, rebellions against government etc.
6. Badush+ • Mosul+ • Tayran Square+ • Baghdad+ • Basra	Iraq 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These places are in news especially due to IS terrorism and respective military response by authorities of west Asian nations or UN or USA etc. Tayran Square was in news in 2018 due to suicide bombings
7. Saraqib+ • Idlib+ • Deir Ezzor+ • Douma+ • Eastern Ghouta+ • Hmeimim m airbase+ • Latakia	Syria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.N. says: Syrian government committed war crimes in Ghouta through heavy bombardment and deliberately starving 2.65 Lakh people Douma, Syria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> alleged 'chemical weapons attack' killing hundreds of people Since March 2011, Syria has been embroiled in an armed conflict, with a number of countries in region and beyond involved militarily or otherwise. Related instability and governance issues are forcing huge migrants to go outside, creating challenges for European nations in particular
8. Santiago	Chile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Santiago is capital and largest city of Chile; largest cities in the Americas Santiago will host the 2023 Pan American Games
9. Tripoli+ • Coast of Zuwara	Libya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Libya is a country in Maghreb region in North Africa 84 illegal migrants including women and children were rescued off the coast of Zuwara, west of Tripoli.

		
10. Orsk	city in Ural Mountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Russian airliner has crashed after leaving Moscow's Domodedovo airport in 2018 Ural Mountains are a mountain range that runs approximately from north to south through western Russia, from coast of Arctic Ocean to Ural River and north-western Kazakhstan
11. Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ho Chi Minh City's Department of Tourism hold a ceremony to welcome and give presents to first visitors to city, which is an annual activity to show city's hospitality and promote tourism services
12. Brussels	Belgium	
13. Ouagadougou	Burkina Faso's capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ouagadougou, also Wagadugu, is capital of Burkina Faso and administrative, communications, cultural, and economic centre Political and ethnic tensions as well as jihadists attacks are common here
14. Golan Heights	Between Syria and Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internationally recognized as Syrian territory occupied by Israel
		
15. Surabaya	Indonesia	Earthquakes
16. Punggye-ri	North Korea	N. Korea demolishes its nuclear test site

17. Cairo	Egypt's Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cairo is set on the Nile River At its heart is Tahrir Square and vast Egyptian Museum, a trove of antiquities including royal mummies and gilded King Tutankhamun artefacts
18. Borno State	northeast Nigeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terrorist outfit Boko Haram jihadists operates in northeastern Nigeria, members of a militia force
19. Pantheon	Paris, France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pantheon is a building in Latin Quarter in Paris, France
20. European Court of Human Rights	Strasbourg- France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supranational or international court established by European Convention on Human Rights Convention was adopted within the context of Council of Europe, and all of its 47 member states are contracting parties to the Convention
21. Meskel Square	Addis Ababa/Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meskel Square is most central and main square of Addis Ababa huge importance for locals- site where Ethiopian Christianity followers celebrate Meskel (foundation of True Cross of Jesus Christ) every year on September 27th or 28th
22. Asmara	Eritrean capital	Ethiopia and Eritrea restore relations, ending 20 years of enmity after talks
23. Hodeidah	Yemen	main port city
24. Cyprus	Mediterranean sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyprus, officially the Republic of Cyprus, island country in Eastern Mediterranean -located south of Turkey.




		
25. Mankachar sector	Assam-Meghalaya-Bangladesh tri-junction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much-awaited complete draft of the updated National Register of Citizens (NRC), expected to take Assam a step closer to segregating genuine citizens from illegal migrants • Clamping of prohibitory orders coincided with deportation of 52 Bangladeshis through Mankachar sector on Assam-Meghalaya-Bangladesh tri-junction.
26. Harare	Zimbabwe capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zimbabwe's Capital on Edge as Account of Violent Protests Unfolds related to election frauds, economic and political instability
27. Caracas	Venezuela capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venezuela is especially dangerous toward foreign travelers and investors who are visiting; due to Venezuela's economic problems • United States State Department and Government of Canada warned foreign visitors may be subjected to armed robbery, kidnapping and murder
28. Saada	Yemen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Houthi stronghold • Yemeni government and Houthi rebels agree on a ceasefire in Hodeida port at peace talks in Sweden • U.N. evacuates wounded 50 Houthi rebels from Yemeni capital Sana'a for treatment
29. Lake Victoria	Tanzania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 136 people died after a ferry carrying hundreds of people capsized on Lake Victoria, Tanzania • With a surface area greater than

		<p>Switzerland, Lake Victoria is world's second-biggest lake and largest in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared by Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania, some 30 million people depend on its resources Challenges include pollution and falling water levels - biodiversity in Lake Victoria has dropped by 50% since 1980s
30. Tel Aviv	Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tel Aviv is a city on Israel's Mediterranean coast Narendra Modi becomes first Indian PM to visit Israel Russia-led forces have dug a long trench closer to Ukrainian positions near village of Pervomaiske in Donetsk region
31. Donetsk region	Ukraine	
32. Kerch	Crimea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 19 people have been killed and dozens more wounded in a shooting at a college in Russian-annexed Crimea Kerch is a strait connecting Black Sea and Sea of Azov, separating Kerch Peninsula of Crimea in west from Taman Peninsula of Russia's Krasnodar Krai in east
33. Macau-Zhuhai Bridge	Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> world's largest sea-crossing bridge will be at heart of integrated Greater Bay Area, from Zhuhai port in mainland China

Disasters Specific Areas

Disasters	City/State/Country	Details
1. Earthquake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hualien city, Taiwan Papua New Guinea 	<p>More frequent earthquakes on these places due to nearby Ring of Fire zone of earth</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sigi and Balaroa, Indonesian • Island of Lombok, Indonesia • Palu city on Sulawesi Island, central Indonesia (A powerful earthquake hits causing Tsunami) 	<p>All these and several others earthquakes happens in Indonesia due to earth active volcano and earthquake zone near Ring of Fire</p>
<p>2. Tsunami</p>	<p>Sunda Strait, Indonesian islands of Java and Sumatra</p>	<p>triggered by eruption of Anak Krakatoa volcano</p>
<p>3. Fuego volcano erupts</p> 	<p>Guatemala</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guatemala's Fuego volcano erupted • It is one of Central America's most active volcanoes • but 2018 eruption caused more fatalities than any of those previously recorded at Fuego
<p>4. Hurricane Mario</p>	<p>Puerto Rico</p>	
<p>Hurricane Michael</p>	<p>Florida, USA</p>	
<p>Hurricane Florence</p>	<p>North Carolina, USA</p>	
<p>Typhoon Mangkhut</p>	<p>Island of Cebu, Philippines; China, Hong Kong, Macau, Philippines, Luzon</p>	
<p>Typhoon Jebi</p>	<p>Japan</p>	
<p>Cyclone Phethai</p>	<p>Andhra Pradesh as it crosses coast between Kakinada and Yanam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • destroys crops on thousands of hectares in
<p>Cyclone Gaja</p>	<p>Tamil Nadu</p>	
<p>Cyclone Titli</p>	<p>Andhra Pradesh and Odisha</p>	<p>Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha's Gajapati and Ganjam districts</p>
<p>5. Kurangani forest fire</p>	<p>Tamil Nadu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Areas (Regulation of Trekking) Rules,

		2018 enacted banning trekking between February 15 and April 15 every year
6. Dust storm/Thunder showers	Wreak havoc in Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pressure difference between the Arabian Sea and Pakistan can create wind anomalies that add to the westerly winds blowing into India and carrying the desert dust.
7. Torrential rain	Kerala	triggering flash floods and landslips
8. Flood situation along course of Cauvery	Tamil Nadu	in western and delta districts
Kerala Floods	Kerala -Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Ernakulum and Thrissur districts rescue operations Ravaged by massive floods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 89,540 tonnes of additional grains under National Food Security Act Centre releases ₹600 crore aid for relief work in UAE offers ₹700 crore
Rain havoc and Flood-ravaged	Kodagu & Dakshina Kannada district Karnataka	Many coffee plantations in the District totally destroyed
9. Dam Rehabilitation Improvement Project	across seven states of India, namely Jharkhand (DVC), Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Uttarakhand (UJVNL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Govt. of India has taken up DRIP with financial assistance of World Bank for repair and rehabilitation of dam projects CCEA also gave its ex-post facto approval for two-year time extension from 1st July, 2018 to 30th June, 2020
10. Central Ammunition Depot	Wardha district, Maharashtra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Military area and second largest ammunition depot in Asia It is located near Pulgaon in Wardha district
11. Ebola outbreak	DR Congo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ebola has earlier

		also erupted in several Western African countries; it's a deadly disease
12. Environmental norms	Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	Sterling Biotech Limited, a pharmaceutical company is served with a closure notice by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board

Projects related to Geography Of India

Projects	State	Details
1. Zojila tunnel project	J&K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14.2 km long road tunnel under Zoji La pass on Himalayas between Sonmarg and Dras town of Kargil district Zoji La is 15 km from Sonamarg and provides a vital link with Drass and Kargil in Ladakh but remains closed during winters Zojila tunnel project, Asia's longest bidirectional road tunnel, which will provide all-weather connectivity to Srinagar, Kargil and Leh
2. Mullaperiyar dam Mullaiperiyar dam/Munnar town in Idukki/Sabari mala in Pathanamthitta	SC directs Centre, TN, Kerala for special panels to prepare DM plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A masonry gravity dam on Periyar River in Kerala It is located on Cardamom Hills of Western Ghats in Thekkady, Idukki District of Kerala Periyar National Park in Thekkady is located around the dam's reservoir Dam is located in Kerala on river Periyar, but is operated and maintained by Tamil Nadu state
3. Sadhu Bet	overlooking Narmada, Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 182-metre tall 'Statue of Unity' of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel built at a cost of ₹2,989 crore
4. Kartarpur Sahib gurdwara	Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India and Pakistan exchange letters, committing to build infrastructure for visa-free direct travel by Indian Sikh pilgrims from Dera Baba Nanak to Pakistan
5. Mekedatu dam project	Cauvery, By Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Water Commission gives nod to Karnataka to prepare a detailed project report on Mekedatu dam project across Cauvery, after approving feasibility Tamil Nadu government challenges Central Water Commission order on Mekedatu project in Supreme Court. A special session of Tamil Nadu Assembly passes a resolution against permission to Karnataka to prepare a project report for a dam across Cauvery at Mekedatu
6. Visveswaraya Canal	Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vishweshwaraya Canal is one of the major canal that originates at KRS reservoir on Cauvery River

- canal is a major irrigation project that facilitates water for Mysore and Mandya Districts of Karnataka
- Canal was envisaged and constructed by great engineer Sir. M. Vishweshwaraya himself

Terrorist Networks In News

Terror Outfits	Country/Areas	Why in news?/Details
1. Jamat-ul-Mujahideen	Bangladesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ an Islamic terrorist organisation operating in Bangladesh ◦ also listed as a terror group by the UK
2. Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army	Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Rohingya insurgent group active in northern Rakhine State, Myanmar.
3. Haqqani Network (Taliban affiliated)	Kabul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Afghan guerrilla insurgent group using asymmetric warfare to fight against US-led NATO forces and government of Afghanistan ◦ offshoot of Taliban & thought to be based in town of Miramshah in Pakistan
4. Indian Mujahideen + Students Islamic Movement of India	Indian states	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ suspected of 2008 Gujarat serial blasts
5. Houthis movement	Yemen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Operation Golden Victory</u>-A Saudi Arabia-led alliance of Arab states launches air strikes on Yemeni port city of Hodeidah
6. IS (Islamic State)	Mosul, Iraq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 38 Indians killed by them
7. Afrin	Syria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Turkish troops & Ankara-backed rebels seize control of area after driving out Kurdish militia forces
8. Muslim Brotherhood/Society of the Muslim Brothers	Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ transnational Sunni Islamist organization founded in Egypt by Islamic scholar and schoolteacher Hassan al-Banna in 1928 ◦ organization gained supporters throughout Arab world and influenced other Islamist groups such as Hamas

KIDNAPPED NIGERIAN GIRLS KEY TERRORIST GROUPS IN AFRICA

AL QAEDA IN THE ISLAMIC MAGHREB (AQIM)

MEMBERSHIP: Less than 1,000

EXTREMISM: Sunni Islamist
GOAL: Establishment of an Islamic kingdom in north Africa

LINKS TO AL QAEDA: AQIM is a formal ally and affiliate of "core" al Qaeda

RECENTLY: After being pushed out of northern Mali by the French and West African militaries last year, AQIM has reportedly regrouped in the desert and is preparing its violent comeback

AL SHABAB

MEMBERSHIP: Several thousand

EXTREMISM: Sunni Islamist
GOAL: Destabilize, potentially overthrow the government of Somalia; fighting against regional neighbors for their military intervention in Somalia

LINKS TO AL QAEDA: Al-Shabab is a formal ally and affiliate of "core" al Qaeda

RECENTLY: Terror group claimed responsibility for the September 2011 attack on Kenya's Westgate mall, in which dozens were killed. Up a year ago, group of burned men. A purported explosion on the al-Shabab battlefield the afternoon would be "only the beginning."

BOKO HARAM

MEMBERSHIP: Hundreds to a few thousand

EXTREMISM: Sunni Islamist
GOAL: Overthrow the Nigerian government, establishment of an Islamic state

LINKS TO AL QAEDA: U.S. intelligence officials say Boko Haram enjoys support from different al-Qaeda branches. The group of money, weapons, and cross-training, but Boko Haram is not a formal ally of the international terror organization.

RECENTLY: Boko Haram kidnapped nearly 300 Nigerian school girls on April 15. Some thought to be kidnapped, but the group's leader claimed the plan was to "teach" the others.

LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY

MEMBERSHIP: Approximately 100

(as of 2012)

EXTREMISM: Fundamentalist Christian
GOAL: Installation of a regime in Uganda, based on leader Joseph Kony's interpretation of the Ten Commandments

LINKS TO AL QAEDA: No public links

RECENTLY: In 2011, President Obama sent about 100 American special operations soldiers to Uganda to help capture Kony, but so far they have come up empty. Last November the BBC reported Kony, believed to be in the Central African Republic, could be willing to surrender, but to avoid death.

Disclaimer: This map is based on information provided by the U.S. National Intelligence Community and does not include unconfirmed or suspected groups, also operating in Africa. The various countries and regions, a Boko Haram splinter group and suspected in Nigeria, in most cases, membership statistics were derived from the State Department's 2013 Country and Area Reports.

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NEWS

PYQs 2017-UPSC-CSE-Prelims(GS-P-1)

Q. Consider the following pairs:

Community sometimes mentioned in the news In the affairs of

1. Kurd : Bangladesh
2. Madhesi : Nepal
3. Rohingya : Myanmar

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 (d) 3 only

Answer-c All the three community are in news for recent past, Like kurds in Iraq and Syria are in news for their massacre by ISIS terrorists. Madhesi peoples are in news because of constitutional deadlock and conflict between them and Nepali government. Rohingya muslims in myanmar are in news for their conflict with Myanmar majority buddhist population and thousands of ethnic Rohingya are fleeing persecution.


Airports and Ports



Location	State/Nation	Why in news?/Events/Explanation
1. Satish Dhawan Space Centre	Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Rocket launch centre operated by ISRO o will be main base for Indian human spaceflight program o A new third Launchpad will be built specifically to meet the target of launching a manned space mission
2. Mitiga airport	Tripoli, Libya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o falling of a shell inside airport o "Hirak Shabab Tarabulus" (Tripoli's Youths Movement) claimed firing of rocket on airport
3. Mehrabad airport	Iran/Tehran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Plane was reportedly travelling from Tehran to small town of Yasuj in Isfahan province o All 66 people on board Iranian passenger plane o feared dead on Sunday after it crashed into country's

		Zagros mountains
4. Chabahar port/railway line from Chabahar to Hajigaj in Afghanistan	Iran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India, China, Japan among 8 nations granted relief as U.S. reimposes sanctions against Iran following 180-day cool-off period after Washington withdrew from Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action these listed works on Chabahar port are exempted from USA Sanctions
5. Kamarajar Port	Ennore, Chennai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil tanker MT Coral Stars
6. Tribhuvan Airport	Kathmandu, Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several airplane crashes in 2018 in Nepal
7. Boufarik airbase	Algeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> military airport On 11 April 2018, Ilyushin Il-76 operated by Algerian Air Force crashed just after take-off from this airport, killing about 257 passengers on board
8. Pakyong	About 30 km from capital Gangtok	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First airport in Sikkim
9. Soekarno-Hatta airport	Jakarta, Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> airport ranked as 2nd most connected Low-Cost Megahub airport in world in 2018 by air travel intelligence company OAG

Internal Security Issues In News



Location/ Organisation	State/Nation	Issues Explained
1. Greyhounds commando	Chhattisgarh-Telangana border	<p><u>Greyhounds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> police special forces unit operating in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and belongs to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Police departments specialises in anti-insurgency operations against Naxalites and Maoists specialises in anti-Maoist operations + jungle warfare
2. COBRA Battalion	Central Government, Home Ministry controlled	<p><u>Commando Battalion for Resolute Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> specialised unit of CRPF of India proficient in guerrilla tactics and jungle warfare Originally established

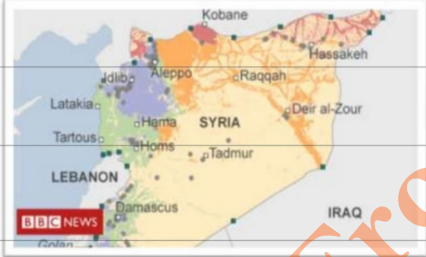
	 <p>CRPF THE elite COBRA unit of CRPF comprises of its best fighters. The Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (COBRA) has soldiers who specialising in jungle warfare and are used for high intensity operations against the Naxals. Amongst the best paramilitary unit in the country, these soldiers are well-trained in guerrilla warfare. They are also responsible for providing security in the Rashtrapati Bhawan. A parliament protection group that is in the pipeline is likely to include commandos from CRPF.</p>	<p>to counter Naxalites problem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deployed to address any –insurgent –group engaging in asymmetrical warfare • Currently numbering ten battalions • ranked among one of India's most experienced and successful law enforcement units
3. Dantewada and Kanker districts	Chhattisgarh	Maoist affected area
4. Gadchiroli	Maharashtra	Maoist affected area
5. Kandy	Central Province of Srilanka	Sri Lanka declares an island-wide state of emergency to curb growing anti-Muslim violence
6. Pasighat airport	Arunachal Pradesh	becomes last of seven north eastern states to be on nation's commercial flight service map

7. Gilgit-Baltistan issue		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India protested against a recent order of Supreme Court of Pakistan that brought region of Gilgit-Baltistan within its ambit A press note from India External Affairs Ministry said that region was, and would remain, an integral part of India Pakistan in recent months had taken a series of steps to ensure full constitutional and legal guarantees to region strategically important especially in view of passage of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor(CPEC) through region
8. Assumption Island	<p>Indian Ocean</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seychelles cancels agreement with India for development of this island due to Chinese factor
9. Hawaii	USA/Pacific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. renames its strategically important Pacific Command as U.S. Indo-PacificCommand
10. Sagaing region	Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khaplang(K) faction of National Socialist Nagaland

		(NSCN) • central headquarters of NSCN(K) is deep inside Sagaing
11. European Union	Europe	• to set up a payment system to allow oil firms to continue trading with Iran

Border Conflicts and Autonomy Issues in News

Places in News	Why in news?	Status
1. Catalonia, Spain	• Catalonia separatist government in Barcelona formed after 2017 referendum 	• Separatist movement still going on as Spain don't want to give autonomy to Catalonia
2. Israel-Gaza border	• Due to Palestine-Israel occupation of areas 	• Contentious issues prevails
3. South Pacific archipelago of New Caledonia	• votes against independence from France in a referendum	• Still part of France

		
7. Golan Heights frontier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syria's "White Helmet" civil defence group are evacuated to Jordan • over Golan Heights frontier • with help of Israeli soldiers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contentious area remains
8. Greece and Macedonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both sign an accord to rename former Yugoslav republic • To "Republic of North Macedonia." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New name drawn
9. U.S.border with Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA President signs an executive order to "keep families together" • amid protests over separation of children from parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contention over border wall continues
10. 'Battle of Longewala'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • during 1971 war between India-Pakistan for Bangladesh independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical commemoration
