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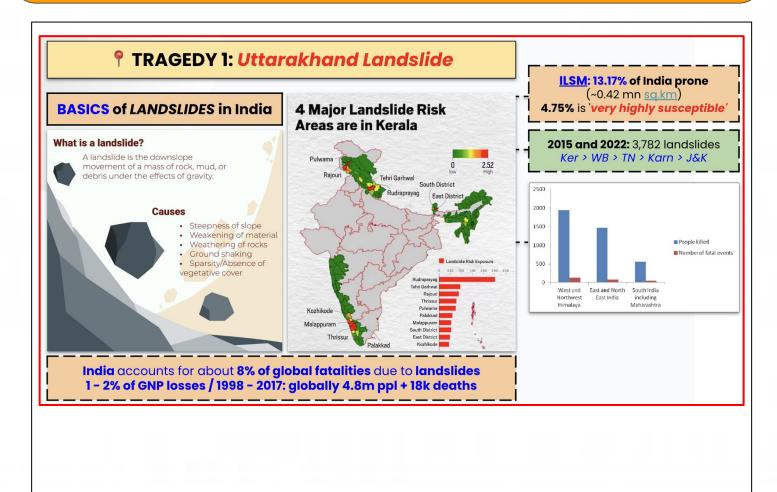
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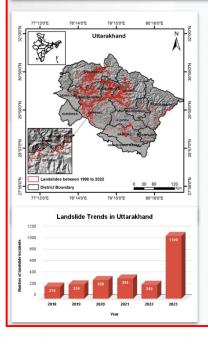


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P TRAGEDY 1: Uttarakhand Landslide



! 🔍 Underlying Man-made Causes		
Climate Vulnerability	 Fragile Himalayas Cloudbursts due to CC Urban encroachment 	
₩ Infra- structure Stress	 Seismic Zone IV High-altitude roads EIA Unsustainable Tourism 	
🔧 Labour	Hillside encampments!	
Ø Disaster Governance	 Past incidents Preparedness gaps Real-time weather alerts Evacuation planning ESAs 	

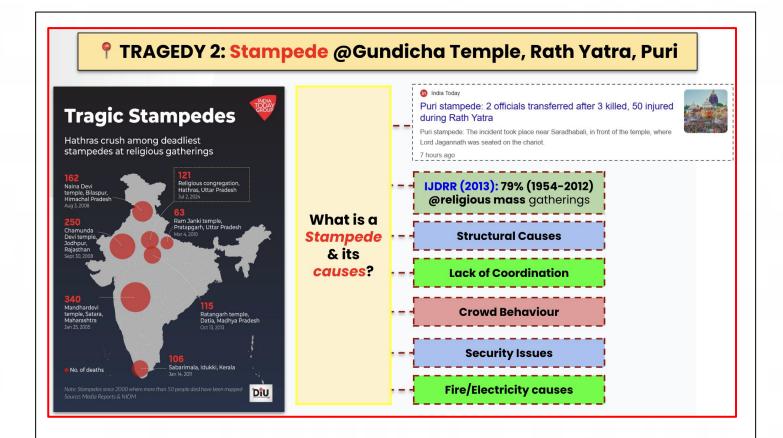


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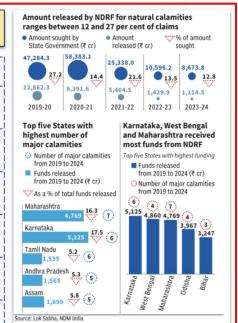
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▲ Challenges in Disaster Management in India

Infrastructure fragility	Lack of resilient design
Institutional coordination gaps	Confusion in roles between DDMA, SDMA, police, health
🐯 Weak early warning	Delay in disseminating alerts in remote regions
Hack of public awareness	Unaware of evacuation protocols
III Low local body involvement	ULBs and PRIs not trained or funded
Neglect of non-natural disasters	Industrial accidents, biological threats, etc
💰 Funding and CSR gaps	Limited private sector role



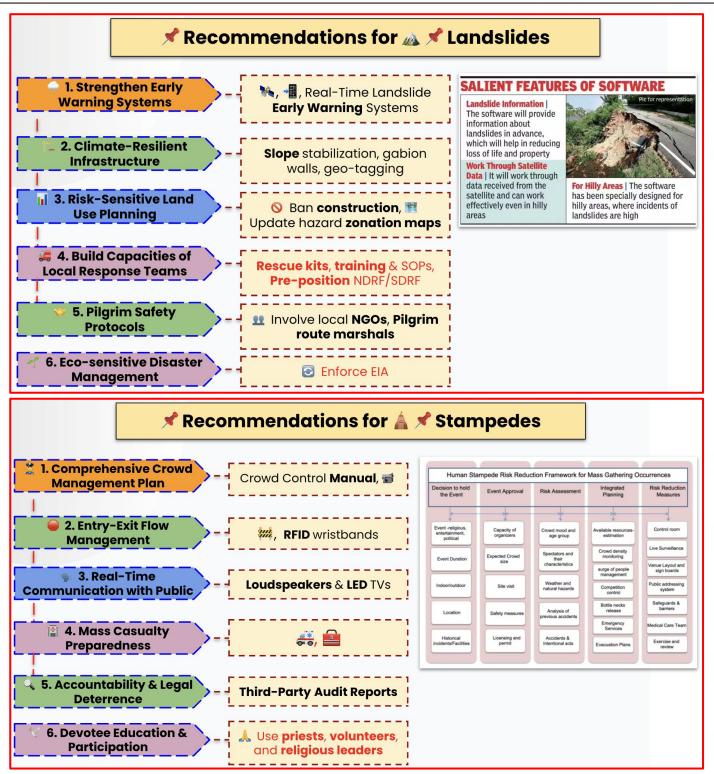


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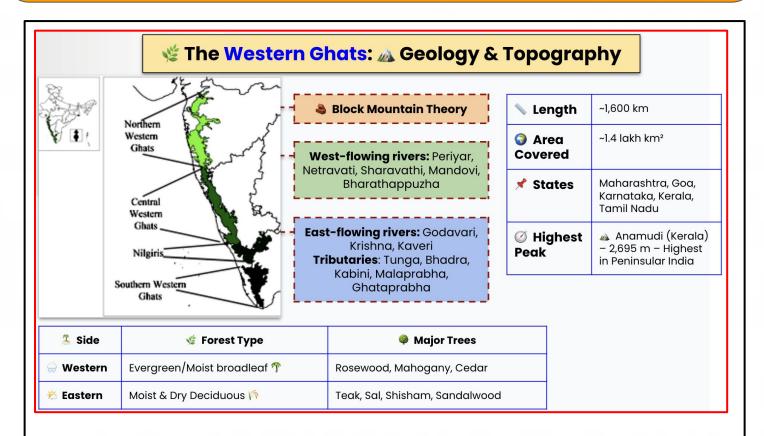
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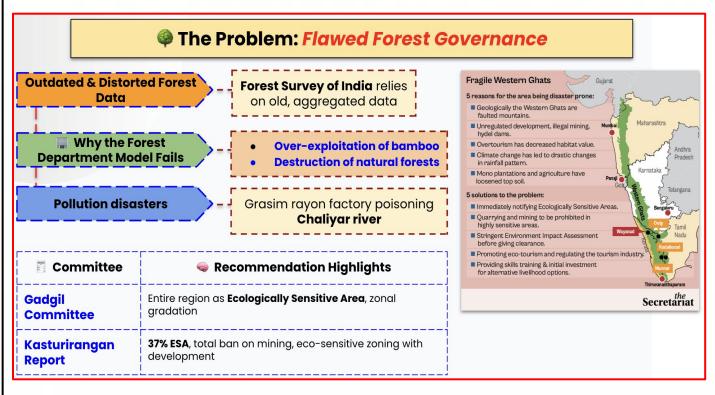
"Disasters are often termed 'natural', but their impact is magnified by systemic failures". Analyse."

Ecological renewal of Western Ghats



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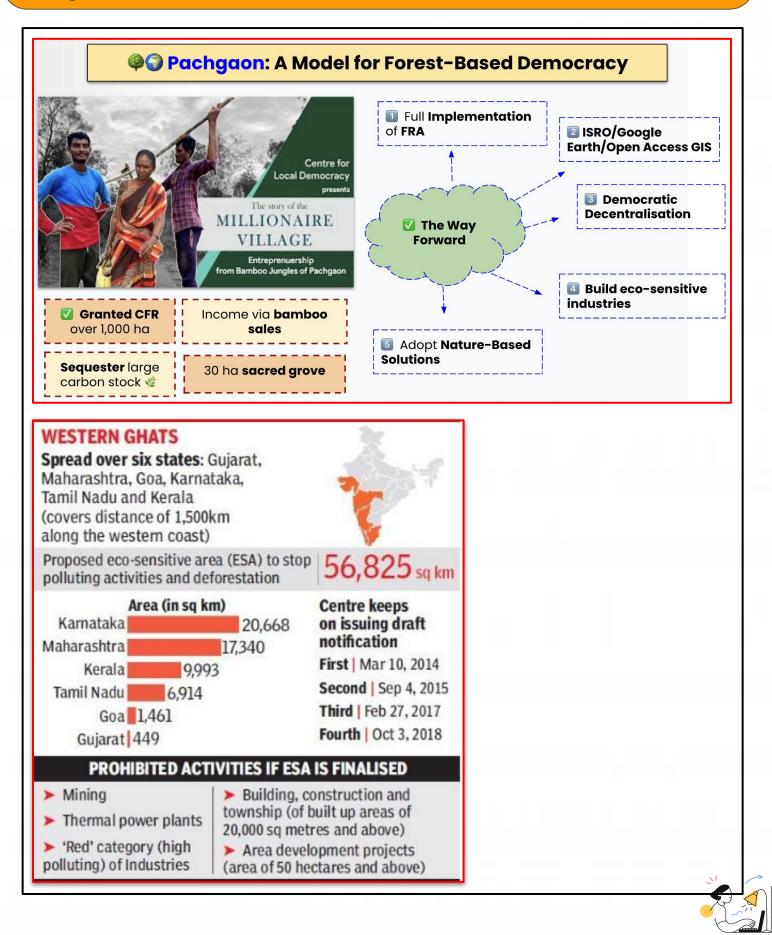




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Mains Practise Question

If forests are treated as mere resources, we lose both forests and communities. Comment with reference to the need for conservation of the Western Ghats.

(15 Marks, 250 words)

UPSC PYQ (P) 2023

Consider the following statements: 1. Amarkantak Hills are at the confluence

of Vindhya and Sahyadri Ranges

2. Biligirirangan Hills constitute the

easternmost part of Satpura Range

3. Seshachalam Hills constitute the

southernmost part of Western Ghats

How many of the above statements are correct?

- a) Only one
- b) Only two
- c) All thre

d) None

UPSC PYQ (P) 2016

'Gadgil Committee Report' and 'Kasturirangan Committee Report', sometimes seen in the news, are related to:

- a) Constitutional reforms
- b) Ganga Action Plan
- c) Linking of rivers
- d) Protection of Western Ghats

Which of the following hills are found where the Eastern Ghats and the Western Ghats meet?

UPSC PYQ (P) 2008

a) Anaimalai Hills c) Nilgiri Hills b) Cardamon Hills d) Shevoroy Hills



National Commission for Women



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SYLLABUS: Prelims: Indian Polity & Governance Newspaper: The Hindu Page No: 11

People take to the streets in Kolkata, add intensity to protests over gang rape

Shiv Sahay Singh KOLKATA

People from all walks of life on Sunday joined protests against the gang rape of a law college student in Kol-

aw conege student in Kor-kata. Protests were held out-side South Calcutta Law College where the alleged crime had taken place on June 25 and the Kasba pol-ice actions, where the FID

crime had taken place' on June 25 and the Kasba pol-ice station, where the FIR has been registered. By evening, protests spilled to different parts of the city, including ladav-pur, Rashbehari, and Harz-ra. Supporters of "Abhaya Mancha" a group created after the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at R.G. Kar Hospital and Medical College on August 9, 2024, participated in the prot-ests, along with students and the elderly. While activists of politi-cal parties have been prot-esting over the past few days since the incident came to light, common pe-ople joined the protests on Sunday. Earlier in the day, Na-tional Commission for Wo-men (NCW) member Ar-chana Majumdar visited the law college, and said the police could not rm?

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NCW member Archana Majumdar, centre, leaves after visiting the South Kolkata Law College, where a student was gang raped. PTI

The NCW member also said that some rooms at the law college, which is

Police have increased the number of officers in the



special investigation team to probe the crime to nine.



👷 National Commission for Women – Explained



constitutional and legal rights of women, and to ensure justice, equity, and empowerment.

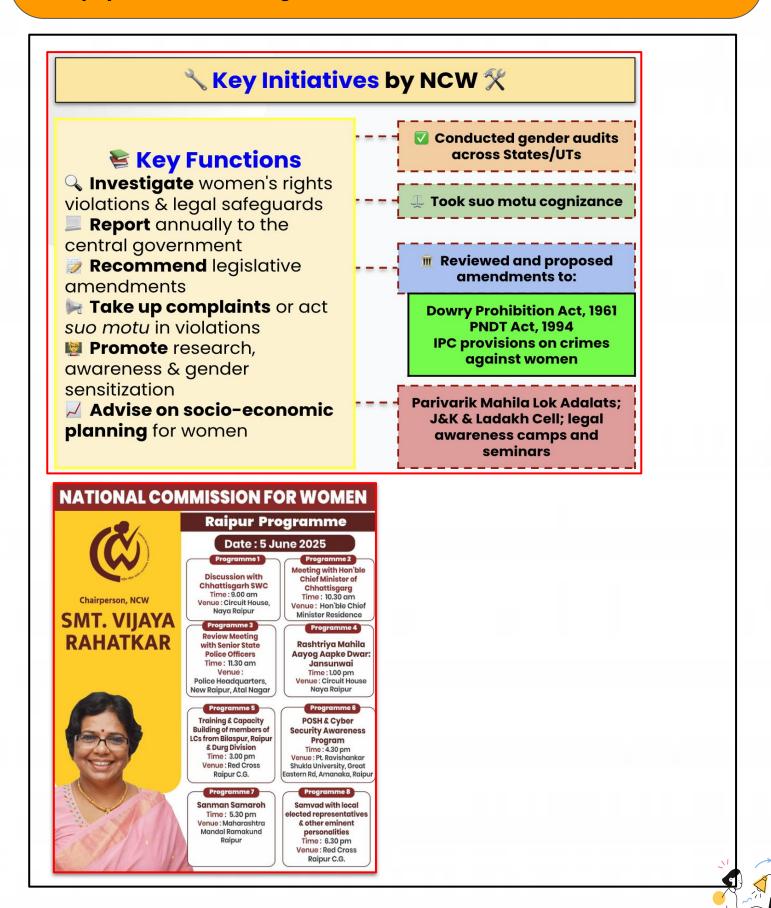


The Act (As per Section 3 of the Act)		
Must be committed to the cause of women		
Must have experience in law, trade unions, education, administration, health, or voluntary organisations - At least one from SC & one from ST		
Expert in management/sociology or a civil servant		
3 years		
Central Govt (insolvency, incapacity, misconduct, or moral turpitude)		



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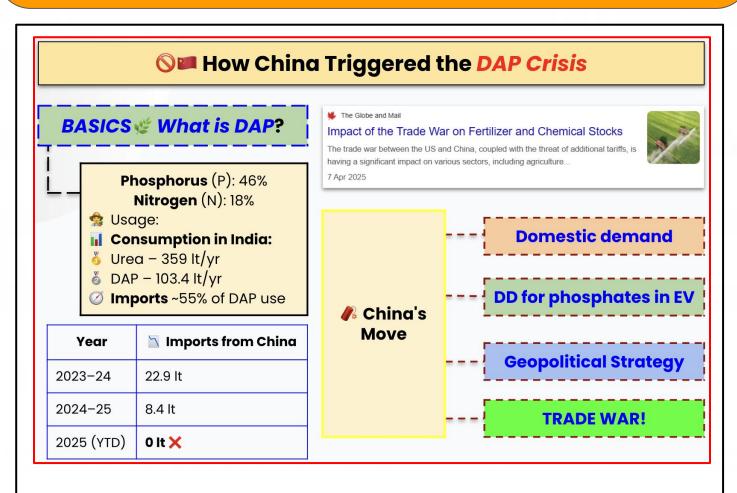


China's fertiliser supply squeeze



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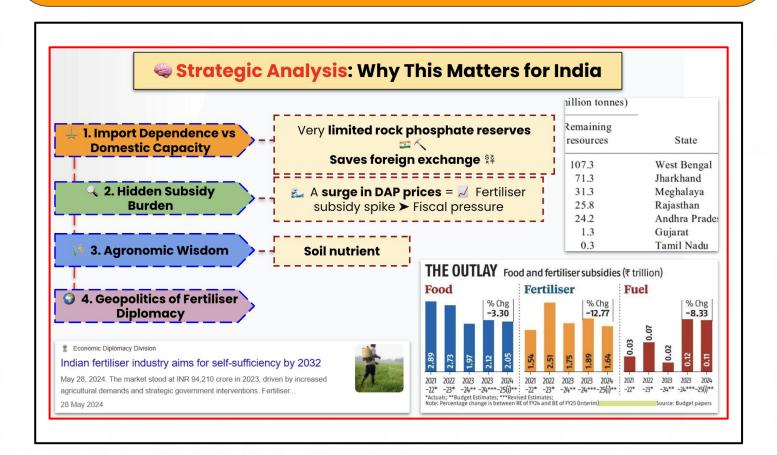


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		From 53.9 lt (2023-24) \rightarrow 69.7 lt (2024-25)	2013-14	306	73.57	33.37	38.79	22.8	72.6
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Phosphate Sulphate)	(N:P:K:S)		2015-16	306.35	91.07	37.82	42.53	24.67	88.
			2016-17	296.14	89.64	37.14	37.57	28.63	84.
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	(e.g., 10.20.20.0)		2019-20	336.95	101	42.25	44.03	27.87	98.
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GPS Interference



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Mid-air collisions, wrong landing

Ship collisions, groundings, port chaos

Self-driving cars misrouted, traffic jams

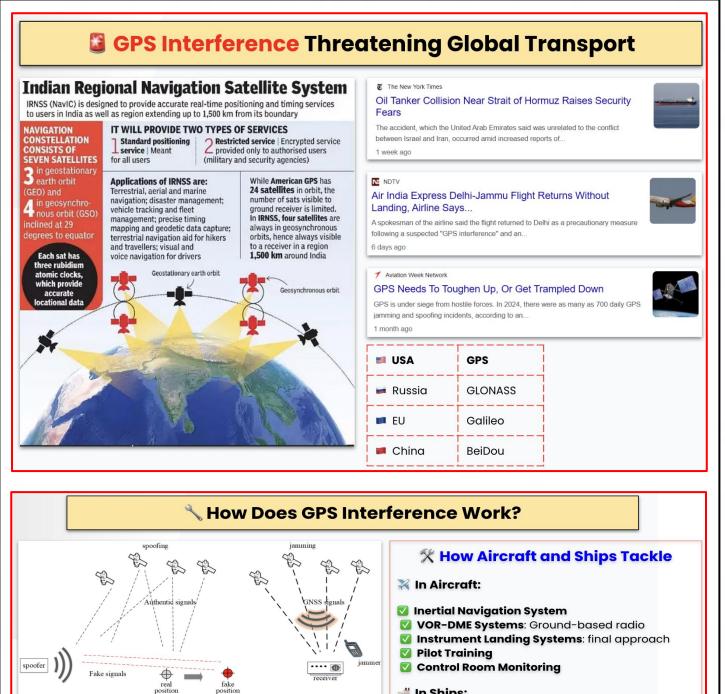
🔺 Why Is This Dangerous?

approaches

💥 Aviation

🚢 Maritime

🙈 Road Traffic



- 🚢 In Ships:
- 🗹 Manual Steering
- Terrestrial Navigation: lighthouses, buoys, radar

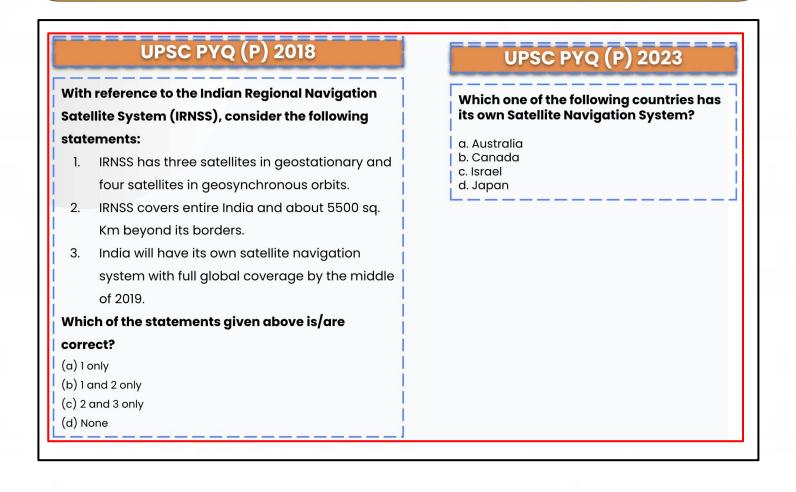
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- Automatic Identification System
- 🔽 Radar Plotting

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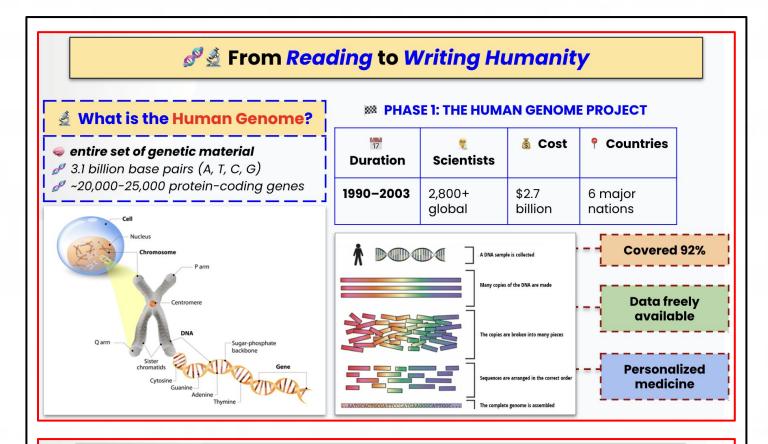
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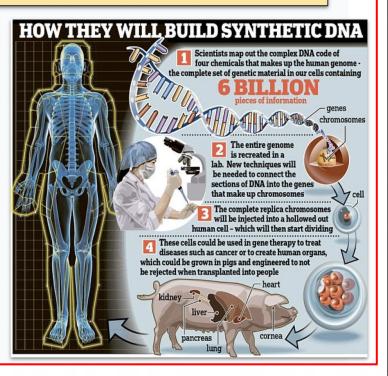
<u>SYLLABUS</u>: G.S. 3: Awareness in the fields of biotechnology Newspaper: The Hindu Page No: Science II



SPHASE 2: SYNTHETIC HUMAN GENOME PROJECT

🔧 SynHG	Building large segments of human DNA artificially
🏛 Led by	Univ. of Oxford, Univ. of Cambridge, Crick Institute, etc.
💷 Funding	GBP 10 million (Wellcome Trust)

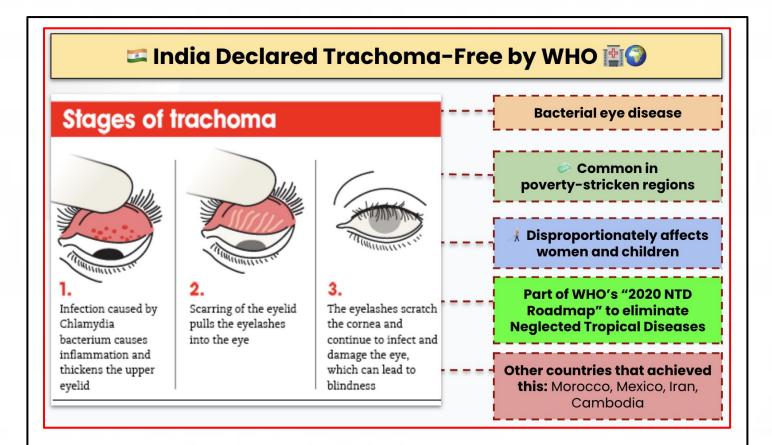
HGP 🔍	SynHG 羞
" Read " the genome	" Write " the genome
Mapped existing DNA	Builds synthetic DNA from scratch
Descriptive	Creative & engineering-focused
Passive	Active bio-design



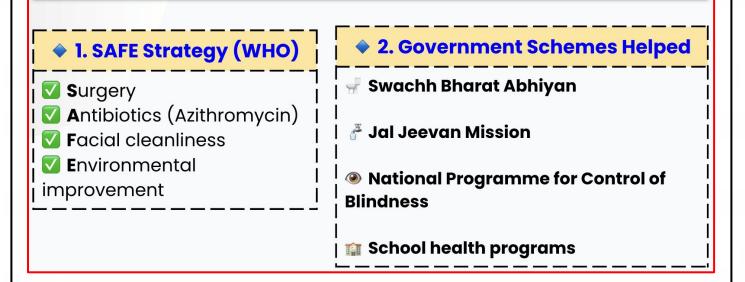
India Declared Trachoma-Free by WHO



<u>SYLLABUS</u>: G.S. 2: Issues relating to Health Newspaper: The Hindu Page No: 11











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Q1. Consider the following statements regarding landslides in India:

- 1. Around 25% of India's geographical area is prone to landslides, as per the Landslide Susceptibility Map.
- 2. Kerala reported the highest number of landslides between 2015 and 2022.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 Only
- b) 2 Only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: b

Q2. Which of the following rivers are west-flowing?

- 1. Periyar
- 2. Godavari
- 3. Sharavathi
- 4. Krishna

Select the correct answer using the codes given below.

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 2 and 4 only
- c) 1, 2 and 3 only
- d) 1, 3 and 4 only

Answer: a

Q3. Which of the following statements regarding the National Commission for Women is NOT correct?

- a) It is a statutory body, established in 1992.
- b) Its objective is to safeguard the constitutional and legal rights of women.
- c) Its members have a tenure of 3 years.
- d) It lacks suo motu powers to investigate women's rights violations.

Q4. Consider the following pairs:

Country	Satellite navigation systems
USA	GLONASS
Russia	GPS
EU	Galileo
China	BeiDou

How many of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- a) Only One
- b) Only Two
- c) Only Three
- d) All Four

Answer: b

Q5. Which of the following countries has been declared trachoma-free by the World Health Organisation?

- 1. India
- 2. Iraq
- 3. Mexico
- 4. Cambodia

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- c) 1, 3 and 4 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer: c





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