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COASTAL_EROSION (THE HINDU)**COVERED IN GS : 3 (GEOGRAPHY)****NEWS**

The Ministry of Earth Sciences informed the Lok Sabha that of the 6,907.18-km-long coastline of the Indian mainland, about 34% is under varying degrees of erosion, while 26% is of an accretional nature and the remaining 40% is in a stable state.

About:

- ❖ The National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR), Chennai, an attached office of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), is monitoring shoreline erosion since 1990 using remote sensing data and GIS mapping techniques.
- ❖ About 6,907.18 km long Indian coastline of mainland has been analysed from 1990 to 2018.
- ❖ In terms of percentage, West Bengal, located on the eastern coast of the country, with a 534.35-km-long coastline, suffered erosion along about 60.5% of the coast (323.07 km) over the period from 1990 to 2018.



- ❖ This is followed by Kerala on the west coast, which has 592.96 km of coastline and 46.4% of it (275.33 km) faced erosion.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu, with a long coastline of 991.47 km, recorded erosion along 42.7% of it (422.94 km).
- ❖ Gujarat, with the longest coastline of 1,945.6 km, recorded erosion along 27.06% (537.5 km) of it. In the Union Territory of Puducherry, with a 41.66-km-long coastline, about 56.2% of its coast (23.42 km) recorded erosion.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION :

1. Another organisation under the Ministry, the **Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)** has prepared and published an atlas of Coastal Vulnerability Index (CVI) maps for the entire coastline of India at a 1:100000 scale, the Ministry informed Parliament.



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ABHYAAS FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS (THE HINDU)

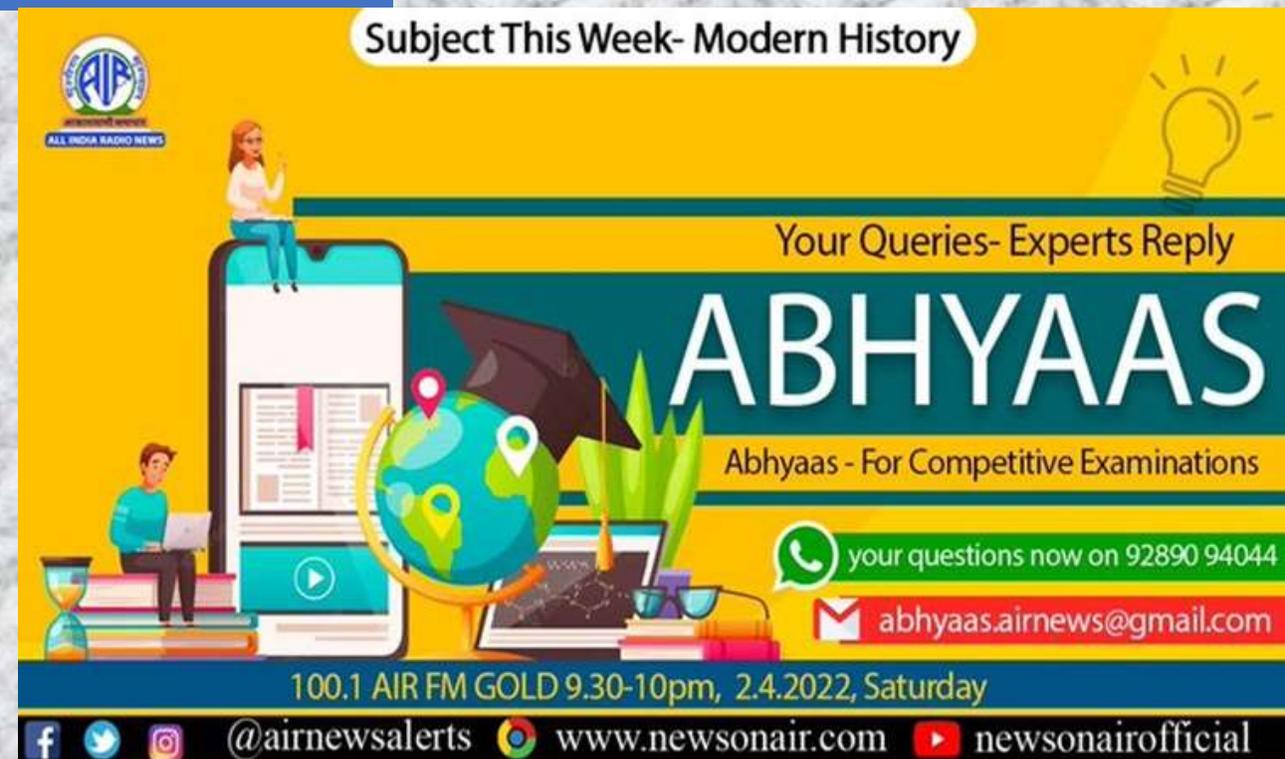
COVERED IN GS : 3 (EDUCATION)

NEWS

All India Radio News has launched a new weekly interactive programme, Abhyaas for Competitive Examinations.

About:

- ❖ It is aimed at reaching out to students and job-seekers preparing for competitive examinations.
- ❖ The programme is in Hindi and is broadcasted every Saturday between 9.30-10pm.
- ❖ Every week a subject is chosen. Students can ask questions through WhatsApp or email and a guest speaker or expert responds to their queries. Questions on each subject are selected on the basis of crowd sourcing from students across the country.
- ❖ The program also includes segments like explainer, factfile, examination calendar and question of the week.



The banner features a yellow background with a central illustration of a woman sitting on a large smartphone, a man sitting on a stack of books, a globe with a graduation cap, and a laptop. The text 'Subject This Week- Modern History' is in a white rounded box at the top. Below it, 'Your Queries- Experts Reply' is written in white. The word 'ABHYAAS' is prominently displayed in large white letters on a dark green background. Underneath, it says 'Abhyaas - For Competitive Examinations'. Contact information includes a WhatsApp icon with the number '92890 94044' and an email icon with 'abhyaas.airnews@gmail.com'. At the bottom, it states '100.1 AIR FM GOLD 9.30-10pm, 2.4.2022, Saturday' and lists social media handles: '@airnewsalerts', 'www.newsonair.com', and 'newsonairofficial'.

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VACCINE PRICES (THE HINDU)**COVERED IN GS : 3 (HEALTH)****NEWS :**

Pharma majors Serum Institute of India (SII) and Bharat Biotech announced a steep reduction in prices of their COVID vaccines — Covishield and Covaxin — available at private hospitals as the Union Health Ministry capped the service charges for the precautionary doses at ₹150.

About:

- ❖ SII has decided to revise the price of Covishield vaccine for private hospitals from ₹600 to ₹225 per dose. Bharat Biotech has decided to revise the price of Covaxin from ₹1,200 to ₹225 per dose.
- ❖ Private COVID vaccination centres must declare the price per dose charged by them on Co-WIN, in accordance with the prices declared by the manufacturers and can collect a maximum of ₹150 as service charges for vaccination over and above the cost of the vaccine.

Prices slashed | The price of Covishield and Covaxin for private hospitals was reduced to ₹225 per dose, a day before India's precautionary dose drive begins



Vaccine	Old price	Revised price
Covishield	600	225
Covaxin	1,200	225
Sputnik V	948	NA
Corbevax	800	NA

*Price excluding GST and service charge

So far, 2.29 crore precautionary doses have been administered to healthcare workers, frontline workers, and those aged above 60

- ❖ Also they must declare their correct stocks of vaccines on Co-WIN and must use the app's procurement module for vaccine stocks.

CARD-LESS CASH WITHDRAWAL

COVERED IN GS : 3 (ECONOMICS)

NEWS :

While announcing the monetary policy, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das said RBI has proposed to make card-less cash withdrawal facility available across all banks and ATM networks using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

About:

- ❖ RBI Governor said the absence of need for a card to initiate cash withdrawal transactions would help in containing frauds like card skimming, card cloning, etc.
- ❖ However, Governor Shaktikanta Das clarified credit & debit cards will be continued.
- ❖ Under the cardless cash withdrawal facility, individuals can withdraw cash without using any debit card at Automated teller machines (ATMs).



About:

- ❖ The cardless withdrawal request can be initiated for a minimum of ₹100 per transaction and up to a maximum of ₹10,000 per day or ₹25,000 per month for a beneficiary while the limits are subject to change as per regulatory guidelines.

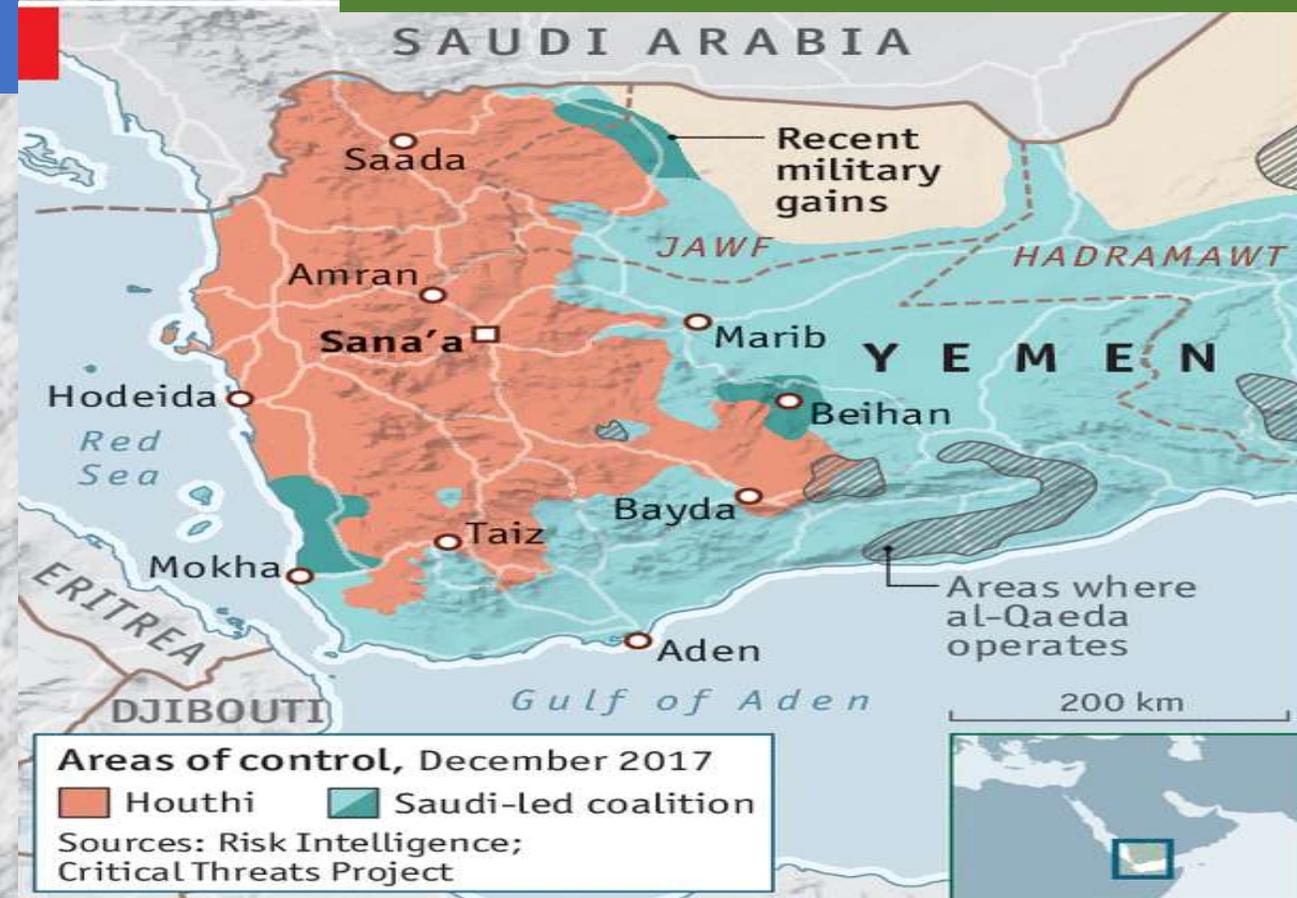
CIVIL WAR IN YEMEN (THE INDIAN EXPRESS)**COVERED IN GS : 3 (INTERNATIONAL RELATION)****NEWS :**

The civil war in Yemen — between the Saudi-led coalition and the Iran-backed Houthi rebels — saw a historic two-month truce deal last week, the first of its kind since 2016.

About:

- ❖ The parties agreed to halt all offensive military, air, ground and maritime operations inside Yemen and across its borders.
- ❖ Under the deal, commercial flights will now be able to operate from the Houthi-held capital of Sanaa, fuel ships will be allowed to pass into the port of al-Hudaydah.
- ❖ The ceasefire agreement, brokered by the United Nations came into effect on April 2. The deal also coincided with the first day of Ramzan, the Muslim holi month of fasting.
- ❖ The truce is the first nationwide cessation of hostilities agreed by all sides in over six years.

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BACKGROUND:

- The war began in 2014 when Iran-backed Houthi rebels seized Sanaa and the country's northwest, sending the ruling government into exile.

- ❖ Few months in, a military coalition led by Saudi Arabia intervened with a massive air campaign, hoping to drive back the Houthis and restore the government.
- ❖ Since the war escalated in 2015, Yemen has suffered from one of the world's worst humanitarian crises, witnessing mass hunger, poverty and civilian deaths. The UN estimates over 377,000 deaths due to the conflict as of late 2021.



SOWING MAIZE IN SPRING (THE IE)**COVERED IN GS : 1 & 3 (GEOGRAPHY & ECONOMICS)****NEWS :**

As per the initial field report of the Punjab Agriculture department, around 35,000 hectares (86,450 acres) are being used for the cultivation of spring/summer maize.

About:

- ❖ The ideal time for sowing maize is from January-end to February 15. But farmers continue to sow it till the end of February or even in early March.
- ❖ Utilizing more area for maize cultivation is always a welcome move in a state like Punjab where maize is seen as an alternative to the water-guzzling paddy crop.

Why do experts discourage sowing spring maize in the state?

- ❖ But growing maize during spring is not always a good choice in Punjab. From March to June, the temperature in the state is very high and the sunshine hours are also long.



- ❖ The temperature starts rising from March from 35 degree centigrade to 45 degree in June. Also, the average sunshine hours remain between 9 to 9.5 hours.
- ❖ Due to high temperature, the water gets evaporated soon and frequent watering of the maize crop is needed in peak summer season. This affects the water table drastically.