

Meghalaya on Uranium mining

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Why is in news?

Meghalaya state legislative assembly adopts resolution against uranium mining.

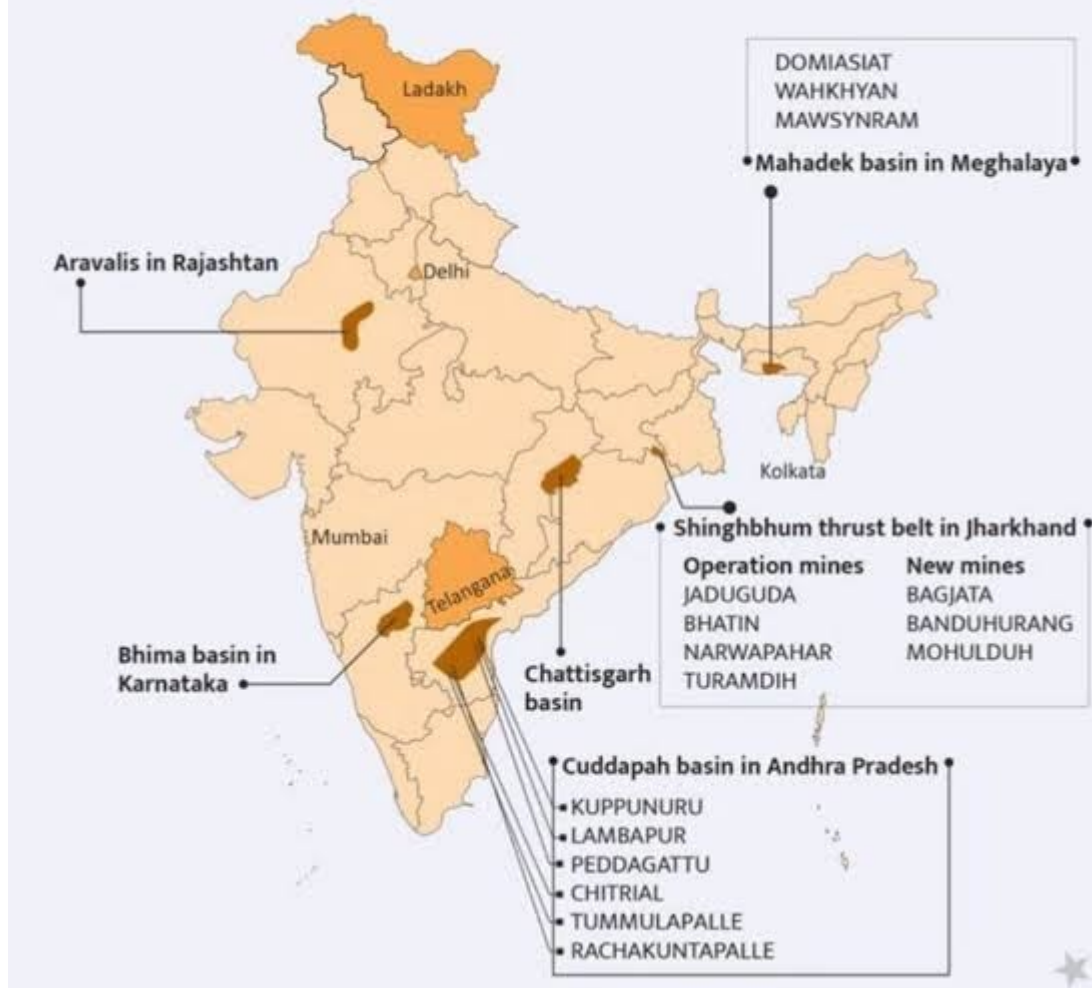
News In detail

- Local communities have been resisting the proposed exploration of the radioactive mineral in the **South West Khasi Hills district**.
- Supreme Court's 2019 order - State of Meghalaya versus the All-Dimasa Students' Union - recognised the rights of private and community landowners over both the surface and the minerals beneath their land
- Meghalaya is governed by a distinctive constitutional and customary framework under the **Sixth Schedule of the Constitution**.
- It protects community, clan, and individual ownership of land and resources.

Uranium in India

- Meghalaya has one of the country's **largest reserves of high-grade uranium** in South West Khasi Hills.
- The estimated 9.22 million tonnes of uranium deposits in the State are 16% of the country's total reserves
- And it is the third highest, after Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh.

Uranium Reserves in India



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