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Polity & Governance

'One Nation, One Fertilizer (ONOF)' Initiative

The government recently said that ONOF Initiative Strengthens Fertilizer Availability.

'ONE NATION, ONE FERTILIZER' initiative strengthens fertilizer availability across India during Kharif 2026

Timely planning, digital monitoring and coordinated supply ensure farmers get fertilizers when they need them



Adequate
Fertilizer
Availability



Timely Supply
During Kharif
Season



Reduced Import
Dependence &
Cost Savings



Ease of Access
for Farmers



Sustainable
Agriculture,
Stronger India

One Nation, One Fertilizer – Ensuring Food Security and Prosperity for Every Farmer

- **Implemented under** – Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janurvarak Pariyojana (PMBJP)
- **Nodal ministry** – Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- It has secured adequate fertilizer availability across India during the ongoing Kharif 2026 cropping season.
- The government has eliminated local brand confusion, checked black marketing, and minimized inefficient crisscross rail logistics across states.
 - By marketing all subsidized fertilizers—Urea, DAP, MOP, and NPKS—under the single uniform brand name "BHARAT".

Central Vigilance Commission

Vigilance Commissioner A S Rajeev assumed charge as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)

- The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is India's apex anti-corruption body established in 1964.
- It operates independently of executive control to monitor vigilance administration within central government organizations, public sector undertakings, banks, and other federal authorities.
- **Establishment** - Formed in 1964 based on the recommendations of the **Santhanam Committee**, later granted statutory status through the CVC Act of 2003.
- **Composition** - Central Vigilance Commissioner (Chairperson) and up to 2 Vigilance Commissioners (Members).
- **Appointment** - Appointed by the President of India on the recommendation of a high-powered committee led by -
 - Prime Minister
 - Home Minister
 - Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.
- **Tenure** - 4 years or until the member turns 65 years of age, whichever comes first.

India's first AI and innovation city - 'Arivagam'

Tamil Nadu announced India's first dedicated artificial intelligence and innovation city, named 'Arivagam',

- **Features** -
 - AI University
 - Skill Development Center
 - Multi-domain innovation incubators to support deep-tech and AI start-ups.
 - Modern, self-contained residential and mixed-use spaces integrated within the district.

International Relations and Issues

Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC)

Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) was recognized by the WHO South-East Asia Regulatory Network (SEARN) as the Regional Centre of Excellence in Pharmacovigilance and Technical Centre in Quality of Medicines.

- IPC is a national coordination centre for monitoring and collecting adverse drug reaction (ADR) data across the country.
- **Headquartered in** - Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

South-East Asia Regulatory Network (SEARN)

- SEARN is a volunteer association of National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) of South-East Asia responsible for the regulation of medical products.
- **Formed in** - 2016
- **Established by** - World Health Organization (WHO) South-East Asia Regional Office (SEARO).
- **Member countries** - Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor-Leste.
- **Vision** - To support timely access to affordable medical products of assured quality, safety and efficacy in all countries of the South-East Asia region and beyond.
- **Mission** - To develop and strengthen regulatory collaboration, convergence and reliance in the South-East Asia region.

Environment

Dhauladhar Wildlife Sanctuary

First time snow leopard found inside the Dhauladhar Wildlife Sanctuary in Himachal Pradesh recently.

- **Location** - Himachal Pradesh's Kangra district.
- **Flora** -
 - Dominated by deodar cedar, pine, spruce, and mixed conifers.
 - Features broadleaved oak, rhododendron, and open alpine meadows above the tree line.
- **Fauna** -
 - Coexistence of the snow leopard, common Indian leopard, Asiatic black bear, and Himalayan brown bear.
 - Alpine musk deer, Himalayan tahr, serow, and goral.

SNOW LEOPARD

THE GHOST OF THE MOUNTAINS



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The snow leopard is often called the 'ghost of the mountains'.



It is a stealthy predator, found in snowy and rocky terrain at an altitude of **3,000 to 5,000 metres**.



The species is found in relatively high numbers in the **Spiti Valley**, and its presence reflects the health of the entire ecosystem.



POPULATION
4,000 to 6,000 individuals in wild.



IUCN RED LIST
VULNERABLE



Protecting the snow leopard means protecting the fragile high-altitude ecosystems we all depend on.

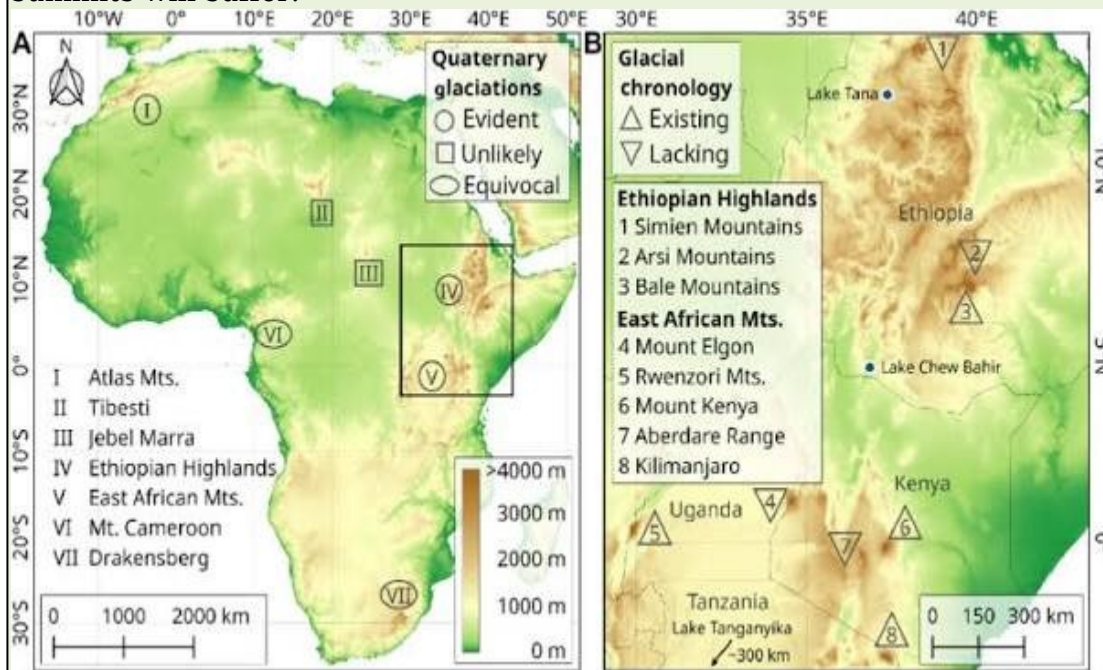


East Africa's snow peaks Melting

- East Africa's remaining mountain glaciers on Mount Kenya, Kilimanjaro, and the Rwenzori Mountains are vanishing rapidly.
- Over the past century, the region has lost over 90% of its glacial ice due to declining snowfall linked to Indian Ocean temperature shifts.
- *Their melting will not significantly impact regional freshwater supplies* due to direct evaporation (sublimation) rather than producing major river runoff.
 - East Africa's true water towers are its forests.

• Impacts –

- **Cultural loss** – as Mount Kenya's traditional association with white feathers.
- Natural climate records are erased permanently once melted.
- High-altitude microorganisms and fragile alpine zones face local extinction
- Travel and local economies tied to viewing East Africa's rare equatorial snow-capped summits will suffer.



Concerns over Forest Rights Plans

The Centre's communication on the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006 has raised concerns over weakening Gram Sabha powers.

- Government focus on Community Forest Resource Management Plans (CFRMPs) to align with Forest Department Working Plans.
- It aims to converge forestry funds and improve forest management.
- **Concerns -**
- It may dilute the statutory authority of Gram Sabhas over community forests.
- It could shift control from communities to the Forest Department.
- **Experts' View -** The rules are inconsistent with the FRA, 2006, which gives Gram Sabhas primary authority over Community Forest Resources.

Rights for the dwellers

What the Forest Rights Act, 2006, entails

- Tenurial security over the forestland under occupation prior to December 13, 2005
- Recognition of community right over forest and forest products
- Protection and conservation of community forest resources
- Conversion of all forest villages and habitation located inside the forestland into revenue villages
- In situ rehabilitation of displaced persons evicted without compensation prior to December 13, 2005
- Recognition of ancestral domain (habitat) right to



Residents of Gunduribadi village in Odisha's Nayagarh district get ready for mapping their land boundaries for the Forest Rights Act implementation. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

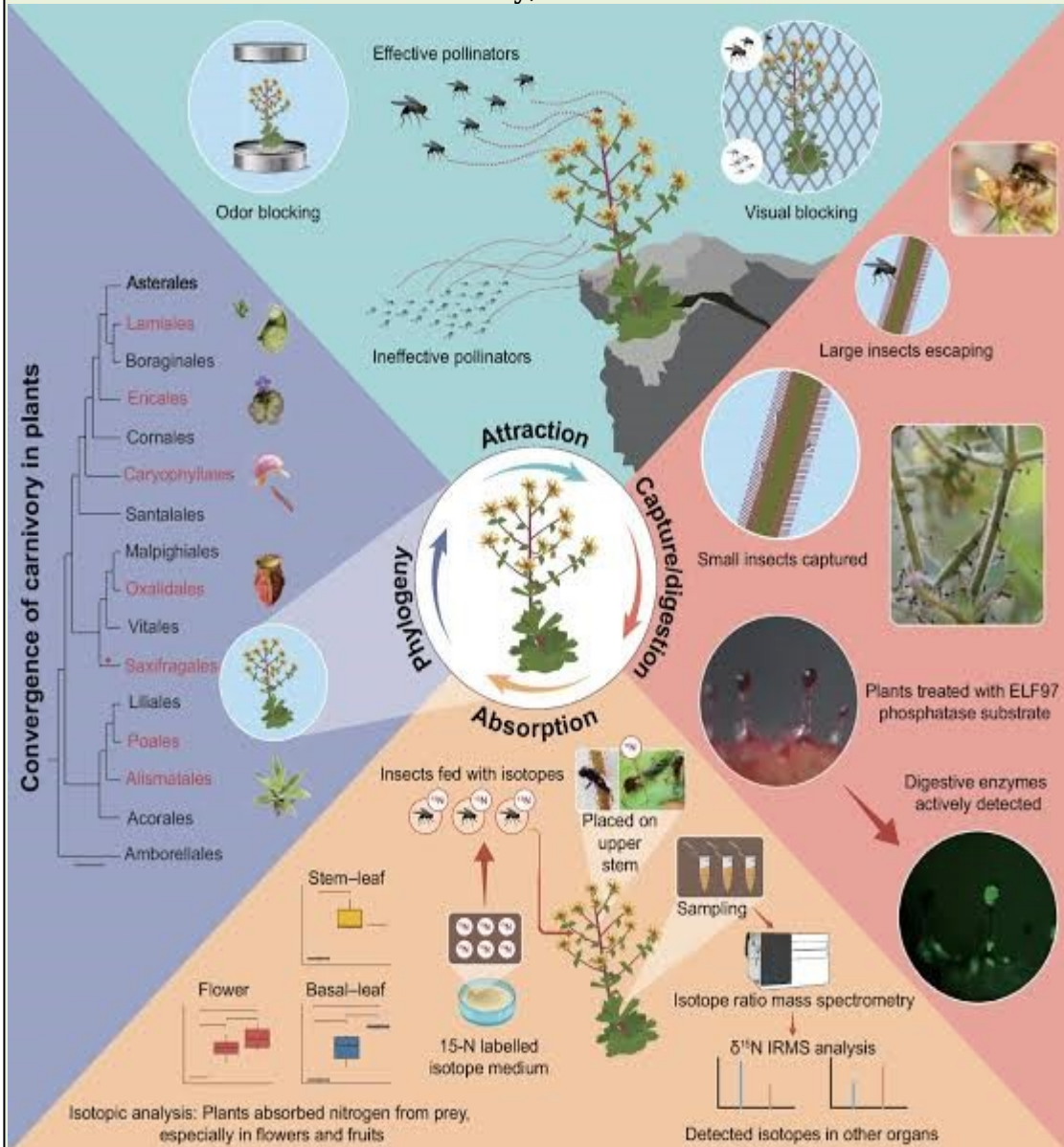
Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups

- Seasonal access to nomadic, pastoral and semi-nomadic communities over forestland

- Conversion of all leases granted by erstwhile governments, zamindars and king into permanent land records

Darwin's Theory on Carnivorous Plant

- In a study published in Nature Communications, researchers confirmed Charles Darwin's 1875 hypothesis on *Saxifraga candelabrum*.
- *Saxifraga candelabrum* is a true carnivorous plant, marking the first verified meat-eating species in the Saxifragaceae family.
- Nearly 150 years ago, Darwin suspected that certain species within the *Saxifraga* genus were insect eaters due to their sticky, hair-like structures.



10 Km Radius Buffer for Mining For All Wetland Reserves

Supreme Court clarified that a 10-km mining ban and restriction buffer around the Asan wetland conservation reserve in Uttarakhand applies nationwide.

- **Background** - Ruling emerged during a hearing involving Himachal Pradesh
- **SC observations** - No mining work can happen within a 10-km radius of notified wetland conservation reserves without prior clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change or the National Board for Wildlife.
- Shared terrains and fragile ecologies require uniform protective standards
- Exceptions are only permitted if an expert committee or official verification proves a specific wetland reserve does not impact or extend into the contested region.



Asan Conservation Reserve

Asan Conservation Reserve is located at the confluence of rivers Yamuna and Asan in the Dehradun District of Uttarakhand. The wetland is one of the best sites for the congregation of Brahminy Ducks. Asan has a year-round availability of freshwater owing to a constant inflow of water through the Yamuna canal and Asan River.



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