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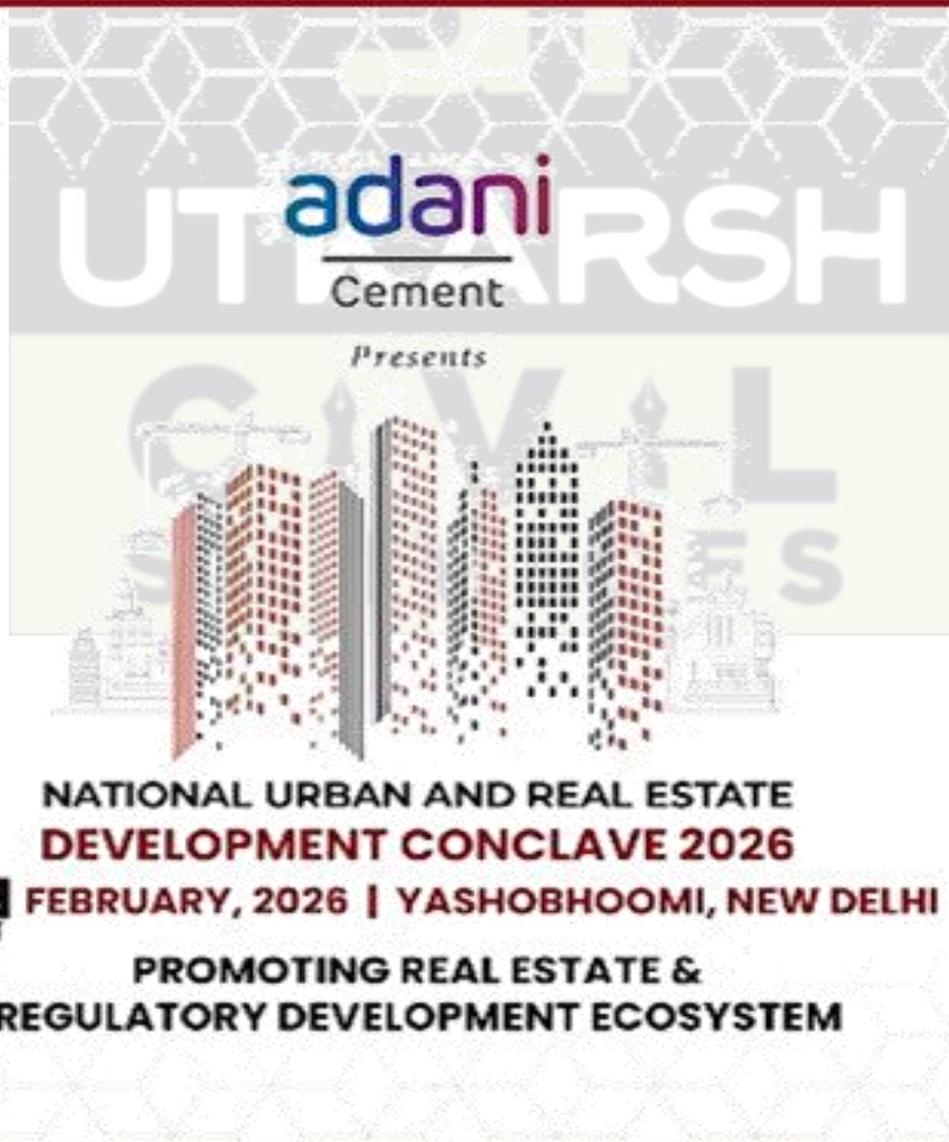


Rajasthan at the National Urban and Real Estate Development Conclave



Why in News?

- Recently, the National Urban and Real Estate Development Conclave – 2026 was held in New Delhi. The conclave commended the Rajasthan government's affordable housing, quality improvement, and skill development initiatives.





Key Points:

- At the conclave, the Rajasthan Housing Board Commissioner highlighted the Board's key initiatives, prioritizing quality, timely delivery, and worker training in housing construction. In the sustainable development session, the Jaipur Development Authority Secretary described transit-based urban development as a defining model for the future.

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Policy:

- The Rajasthan Cabinet has approved the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Policy. In the initial phase, the provisions of this policy will be implemented in Jaipur by the Urban Development and Housing Department.
- This policy is being implemented in response to increasing pollution, congestion, and haphazard expansion in the state's major cities.
- TOD is a modern urban development model that aims to develop compact, mixed-use, high-density areas around public transport stations. It makes cities more accessible, environmentally friendly, and livable by encouraging pedestrian and non-motorized transport (NMT).
- This policy will not only promote accessible and smart mobility but will also provide a new direction to the economic potential and quality of life of cities.

Facts for Prelims:

National Urban and Real Estate Development Conclave – 2026

- **Event duration:** February 13 and 14, 2026
- **Venue:** Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi.
- **Organized by:** National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

Priority Sectors Identified by NABARD in Rajasthan

Why in News?

- Recently, the NABARD State Focus Paper 2026-27 was released by Chief Secretary V. Srinivas in Jaipur.



Key Points:

- The NABARD State Focus Paper for Rajasthan estimates a priority sector lending potential of ₹4.88 lakh crore for the financial year 2026-27.
- This estimate includes ₹2.24 lakh crore for agriculture and allied activities and ₹2.27 lakh crore for the MSME sector, reflecting a balanced development strategy across the agriculture and non-agriculture sectors.
- NABARD is implementing several important projects in Rajasthan to strengthen the rural economy; Such as –
- Tribal Development (WADI):** Over 51,000 tribal families in 15 districts, including Udaipur, Banswara, and Baran, have been linked to livelihood options such as fruit orchards (mango, guava) and goat rearing.

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- **Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs):** Emphasis is being placed on creating new FPOs to organize small farmers and ensure they receive better prices for their produce.
- **Modernization of Cooperative Societies:** Computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and construction of warehouses for grain storage.
- **Water and Soil Conservation:** Watershed projects are being implemented to conserve water and improve soil fertility in arid areas.
- **Microfinance and Skill Development:** Linking Self-Help Groups (SHGs) with banks and conducting skill development training programs for rural youth and artisans.

Facts for Prelims:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

- **Established:** On July 12, 1982, as a statutory body under the NABARD Act, 1981.
- **Committee:** It was established on the recommendations of the B. Sivaraman Committee.
- **Plan:** Established during the Sixth Five-Year Plan (1980-85).
- **Objective:** To act as the apex funding agency for institutions providing investment and production credit to promote agriculture, cottage, and rural industries.
- **Ministry of Finance:** Ministry of Finance (Government of India)
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **Chairman:** Shaji K.V.

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Latest Data on Rajasthan's Export Sector

Why in News?

- According to recent data released by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), Rajasthan's exports in the first half of 2025-26 exceeded ₹50,900 crore.



Exports from Rajasthan in the first half of the year 2025-26 were more than **₹50,900 crore**: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan's total exports in 2024-25 exceeded ₹97,171 crore, an increase of ₹13,467 crore compared to 2023-24's total exports (₹83,704 crore).
- Rajasthan's top five export commodities are engineering goods, gems and jewellery, metals, textiles, and handicrafts. Together, these commodities account for more than 67 percent of the state's exports.

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- Textile exports from Rajasthan were more than ₹9,700 crore in 2024-25, compared to ₹8,819 crore in 2023-24. Meanwhile, the gems and jewellery sector had exports of more than ₹17,567 crore in 2024-25. The engineering sector exported more than ₹19,849 crore in 2024-25, compared to ₹16,592 crore in 2023-24. (As per data from the Economic Survey 2025-26)
- In the metals sector, exports from both ferrous and non-ferrous categories exceeded ₹1,024 crore in 2024-25. In 2023-24, exports from both categories of this sector totaled ₹9,857 crore.
- Handicraft items will be exported for over ₹8,444 crore in 2024-25. This figure was ₹7,986 crore in 2023-24.

Facts for Prelims:

Key export promotion policies of the Rajasthan Government:

- Rajasthan Industrial Development Policy 2019
- Rajasthan Handicraft Policy, 2022
- Rajasthan Export Promotion Policy, 2024
- Rajasthan Trade Promotion Policy - 2025
- RIICO Direct Allotment Policy - 2025
- Rajasthan Textile and Apparel Policy - 2025
- Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS), 2024

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NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	<p>National Institutional Leadership Summit-2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The National Institutional Leadership Summit (NSIL) 2026 will be held in Jaipur on February 16 and 17, 2026.■ This summit is a premier platform for senior leaders of higher education institutions to discuss the future of Indian higher education, the impact of artificial intelligence (AI), and institutional development in line with the vision of a 'Developed India @ 2047'.■ Venue: Rajasthan International Centre (RIC), Jaipur.
2.	<p>Riyan Parag - New Captain of Rajasthan Royals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Rajasthan Royals (RR) has appointed Riyan Parag as its new captain for the upcoming IPL 2026 season.■ Riyan Parag will replace Sanju Samson, who has been acquired by Chennai Super Kings (CSK).
3.	<p>State's First 'NAFED Bazaar'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Recently, Minister of State for Cooperation (Independent Charge) Gautam Kumar Dak inaugurated the 'NAFED Bazaar', a retail outlet launched by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), at Nehru Sahakar Bhawan, Jaipur.■ Based on the concept of 'From Farmer to Kitchen', this 'NAFED Bazaar' will provide farmers with fair prices for their produce and provide quality products to consumers.

4.	<p style="text-align: center;">Mona Jat – Selected for Shooting Ball World Cup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Jaipur's Mona Jat has been selected in the Indian women's team for the 2nd Shooting Ball World Cup 2026.■ The competition was held from February 1 to 3, 2026.■ Venue: Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.■ Note: The Indian women's team won the gold medal by defeating Nepal in the final of this World Cup.
5.	<p style="text-align: center;">Architect Pramod Jain: All India Stone Architectural Award (AISA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Architect Pramod Jain was awarded the prestigious 12th All India Stone Architectural Award (AISA)-2025 for his outstanding project, Marwar International Centre (MIC), Jodhpur.■ The award was presented to him by Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari during the 'India Stone Mart' held at JECC Sitapura, Jaipur.■ The MIC building in Jodhpur is constructed from local Sursagar sandstone, a perfect blend of Jodhpur's traditional heritage and modern architecture.

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Bacillus Subtilis



Why in News?

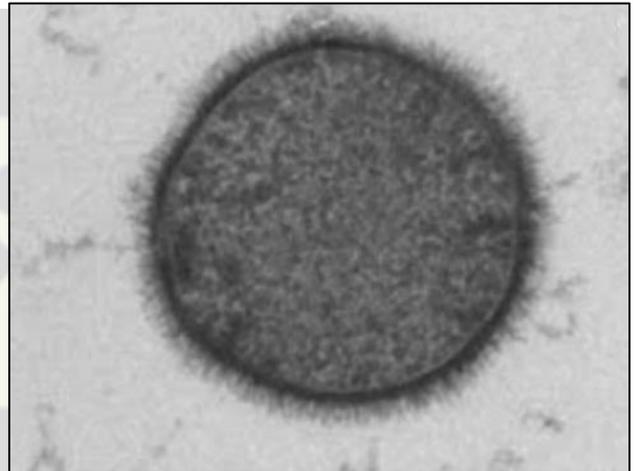
- Kerala has become the first state in the country to declare 'Bacillus Subtilis' as its state microorganism.



Key Points:

Bacillus Subtilis

- It is a type of probiotic (good bacteria) found widely in the environment.
- It is naturally present in the human intestine and is also found in fermented foods.
- **Industrial importance:** It is important for the production of enzymes (e.g., amylase, protease), and antibiotics.
- It is used as a probiotic in agriculture and animal feed.
- Its generally recognized as safe (GRAS) status makes it useful in the food and pharmaceutical sectors.





Geography and Geology



Mud Volcanoes



Why in News?

- A rare mud volcano eruption has been recorded in Diglipur, Andaman Islands.



Key Points:

- The Andaman Islands lie near the convergent boundaries of several tectonic plates. Therefore, it is a region prone to earthquakes and volcanoes.
- **Mud Volcanoes**
- These are geological formations that emit a mixture of mud, water, and gases (mainly methane) due to underground pressure.
- They do not erupt magma.
- **Origin:** These volcanic eruptions are associated with tectonic activity, sediment compression, and hydrocarbon-rich areas.
- **Characteristics:** Their mud is cold or perhaps only slightly warmer than terrestrial temperatures.
- **Significance:** They are indicators of underground gas reserves and active geological processes.

Economic Developments

Consumer Price Index: Base Year 2024

Why in News?

- Recently, the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation changed the base year of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 2012 to 2024. The ministry released the first data under this new series.



Key Points:

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

- Introduction:** The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the average change in the retail prices of goods and services that households purchase for their daily consumption.
- Other names:** It is also called the indicator of 'retail inflation.'
- Issued by:** National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation.

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- **Basket:** It includes several categories such as food, clothing, housing, fuel, education, and health.
- **Importance:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) primarily uses the CPI (Combined) as a benchmark for setting its monetary policy.

What changed in the CPI 2024 series?

- **Expansion of coverage:** Data is now collected from 1,465 rural markets and 1,395 urban markets (significantly more than before).
- **Increase in the number of items:** The consumption basket has been expanded. The total number of items has increased from 299 to 358.
- **Goods:** Increased from 259 to 308.
- **Services:** Increased from 40 to 50.
- **Change in weights:** The weights of items have been re-evaluated based on the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES 2023-24):
- **Food and beverages:** Their weight has decreased from 45.86% to 36.75%. This indicates that Indian households are now spending more on services than on food.
- **Housing:** It now includes utilities such as water, electricity, and gas, increasing its weight from 10.07% to 17.67%.
- **Inclusion of modern goods:** Modern expenses such as OTT subscriptions, online media services, pen drives, exercise equipment, and babysitter services have been added to account for the digital economy.
- **New categories:** The index is now divided into 12 divisions instead of 6, in line with the United Nations' COICOP 2018 (Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose) framework.

Indian Governance and State System

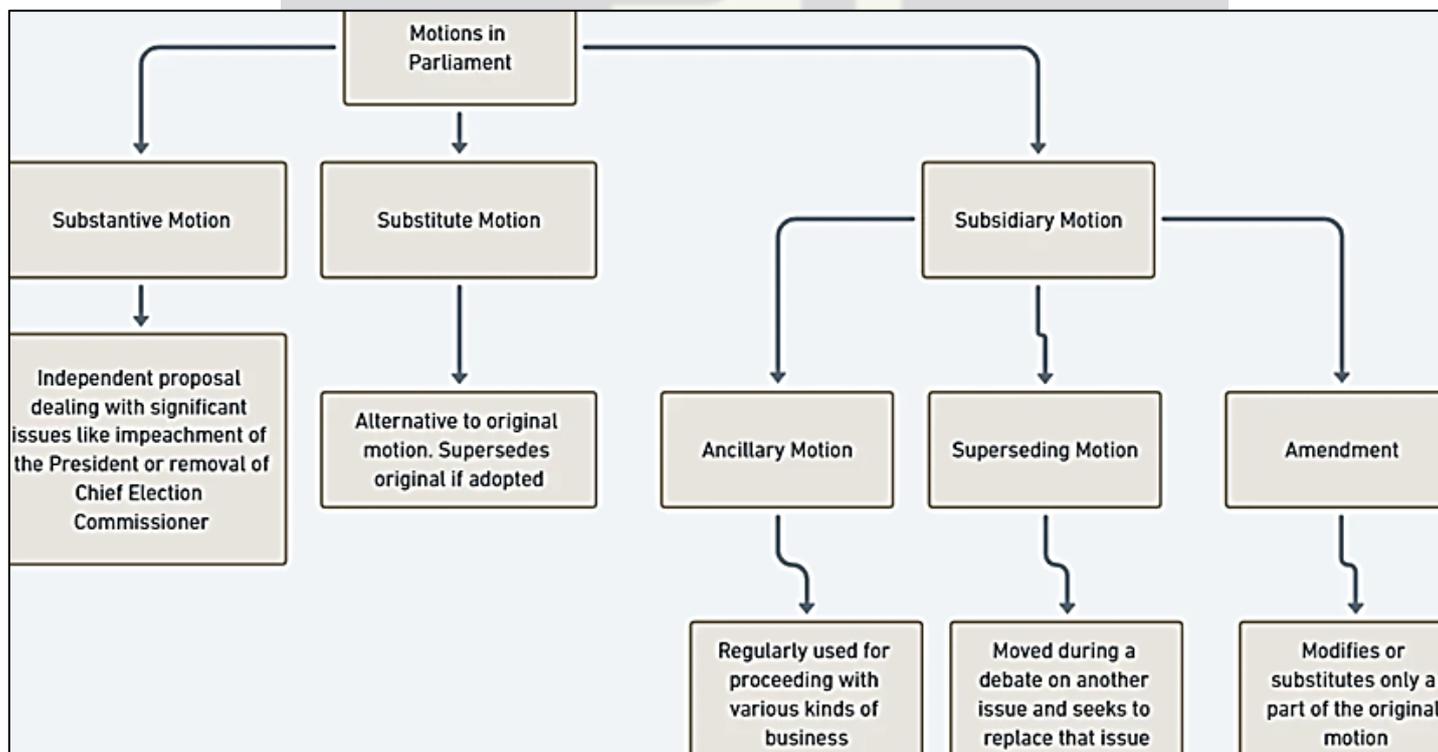
Substantive Motion

Why in News?

- An MP has given notice to introduce a substantive motion against the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

Key Points:

- A motion is the process by which a member seeks the House's decision or opinion on a subject.



Substantive Motion

- This is an independent motion, introduced for discussion and decision on a specific topic.
- The conduct of persons holding high positions can only be discussed in a substantive motion drafted in appropriate terms.

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- Motions to impeach the President or a motion of no confidence are examples of substantive motions.
- A substantive motion against an MP may result in censure (disapproval of conduct without termination of membership), suspension, or expulsion.

Other Major Motions

- **Subsidiary Motion:** This depends on the substantive motion and is introduced to control the discussion. Examples: amendment or adjournment motion.
- **Substitute Motion:** It is brought in place of the original motion, so that a policy or situation can be considered afresh.

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Combined Maritime Force (CMF)



Why in News?

- India has assumed command of Combined Task Force-154 (CTF-154) for the first time.



Key Points:

- CTF-154 is a major multinational training task force under the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF).

Combined Maritime Force (CMF)

- It is a multinational partnership for cooperation in the maritime domain. It is called a "coalition of the willing."
- It works to maintain the international rules-based order.
- Members:** 47 nations, including India. Contribution is voluntary and flexible.
- Responsibilities:** Countering illicit non-state actors; ensuring maritime security, stability, and the free flow of global trade.

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Bangladesh

Why in News?

- The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) led by Tarique Rahman has won a historic victory in the general elections, ending the Awami League's nearly two-decade political dominance.

Key Points:

- Parliamentary elections are held in Bangladesh to elect members of the unicameral legislature – the Jatiya Sangsad (National Parliament).

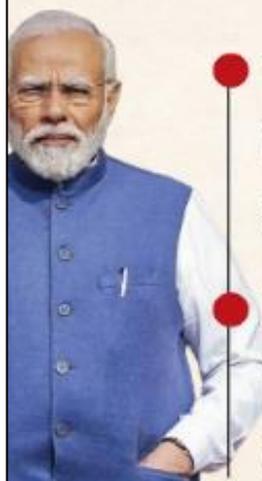
Parliament Composition:

- A total of 350 seats
- 300 will be directly elected through the first-past-the-post system
- 50 reserved seats for women (proportionally allocated)

Winner (2026 Elections):

- The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) led by Tarique Rahman.
- They secured an absolute majority by winning approximately 218 seats.
- The Jamaat-e-Islami emerged as the second-largest political force, making significant gains.

भारत से रिश्ता कितना बदलेगा?



- भारत विरोधी माहौल के बीच नए रिश्तों पर जोर
- द्विपक्षीय रिश्तों को फिर से तय करने का मौका

- लंबे समय से राजनीतिक अस्थिरता के बाद शांति
- सीमा और सुरक्षा सहयोग पर बेहतरी की उम्मीद



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About Bangladesh:

- Bangladesh is a country in South Asia that came into existence as an independent nation in 1971 after the Liberation War against Pakistan.

Neighboring Countries:

- India (West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram) – on three sides
- Myanmar (Burma) – southeast
- Bay of Bengal to the south

Geographical Features:

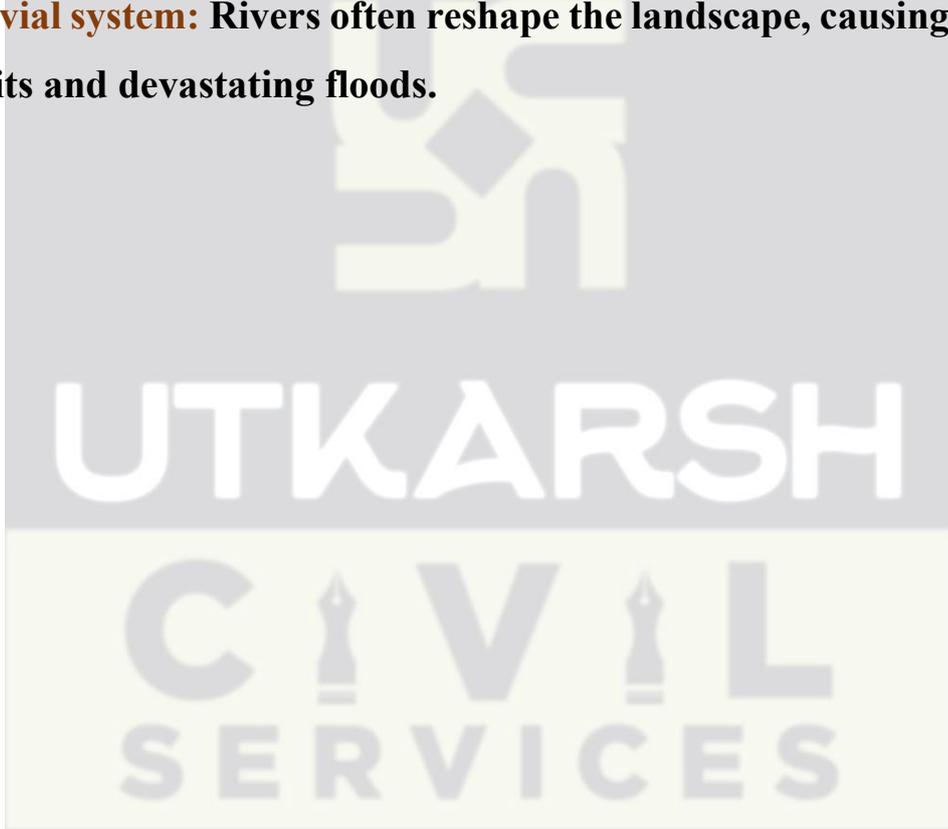


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- **Delta region:** Located in the vast delta of the Ganges (Padma), Brahmaputra (Jamuna), and Meghna rivers – one of the largest river deltas in the world.
- **Low-lying terrain:** Most of the land lies less than 30 feet above sea level, making it highly flood-prone.
- **Sundarbans:** The world's largest mangrove forest, located in the southwest.
- **Chittagong Hill Tracts:** The mountainous region located in the southeast.
- **Highly fluvial system:** Rivers often reshape the landscape, causing both fertile soil deposits and devastating floods.



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