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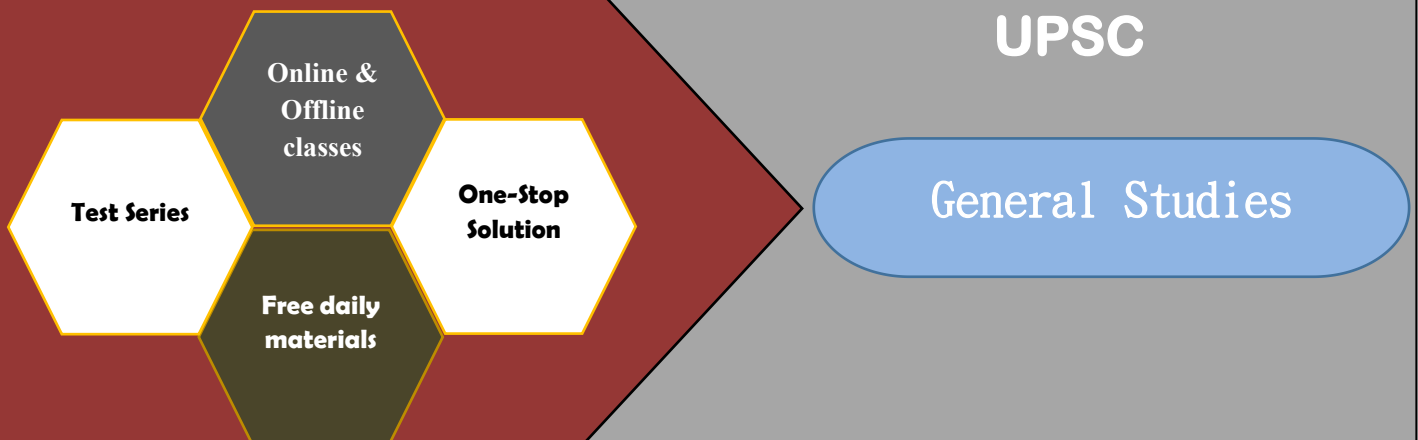
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Mission Sagar

Notes for civil services preparation



Mission Sagar

Key Points

- The countries including **Maldives, Mauritius, Madagascar, Comoros and Seychelles** had requested India for assistance in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic.
- **Mauritius, Madagascar, Comoros and Seychelles** along with **LaRéunion** are part of **Indian Ocean Commission**. India has recently become an observer to the Commission.
- This is the **first time that a single assistance mission is covering all island countries of the western Indian Ocean** in one go — **except Sri Lanka**, for which a second set of medicines have been airlifted.
- The assistance **is in line with India's role as the first responder in the Indian Ocean region**.
- It highlights the importance accorded by India to relations with her neighbouring countries and further strengthens the existing
- The deployment is also in consonance with the Prime Minister's vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR).
- Under the Mission, India will
- Deploy **Medical Assistance Teams** in **Mauritius** and **Comoros**, helping their Governments deal with Covid emergency and in case of Comoros, with **dengue fever also**.
- Deliver **consignments of Covid related essential medicines** to Mauritius, Madagascar, Comoros and Seychelles and about 600 tonnes of food items to Maldives.
- In addition, in case of Mauritius, a **special consignment of Ayurvedic medicines** is also being sent.
- The consignments also include **Hydroxychloroquine tablets**.

SAGAR

- **Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)** was launched in 2015. It is India's strategic vision for the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- Through SAGAR, India seeks to deepen **economic and security cooperation** with its maritime neighbours and assist in building their **maritime security capabilities**.

- Further, India seeks to safeguard its **national interests** and ensure Indian Ocean region to become **inclusive, collaborative and respect international law**.
- The key relevance of SAGAR emerges when seen in conjunction with India's other policies impacting the maritime domain like **Act East Policy, Project Sagarmala, Project Mausam, India as 'net security provider', focus on Blue Economy** etc.

