



Malawi

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Why in news?

- India sent **1,000 metric tonnes of rice as part of humanitarian aid** to drought-hit **Malawi**.
- The **Southeast African nation has been reeling under dry spells** that caused widespread damage to crops and negatively affected food production.
- In March, the government in Malawi declared a state of disaster following **drought in 23 of the country's 28 districts**.
- The dry spells have severely crippled the country's food supplies



Malawi – Geographical Features

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- It is a landlocked country in **Southeastern Africa** and lies in the **Southern and Eastern Hemisphere** regions of the Earth.
- **Bordering Regions: It is bordered by:**
- **East: Lake Malawi and Mozambique**
- **West: Zambia**
- **North and northeast: Tanzania**
- **South: Mozambique**
- It was formerly known as **Nyasaland**.

Mountain: The Mulanje Massif, also called **Mount Mulanje**, is a large inselberg in southern Malawi.

Highest peak: Sapitwa.

An **inselberg** is a hill or small mountain that rises above a flat or gently sloping plain, appearing like an island rising from the sea.

- **Waterfall: Likhubula falls** is one of the largest streams in Malawi
- **Main rivers**
- **Western coast:** Lufira, Songwe, Rukuru, Dwangwa, Bua, and Linthipe
- **Eastern coast:** Ruhuhu and Rio Lunho
- **The Shire River** connects Lakes **Malawi and Malombe**

India-Malawi Relation:

- India and Malawi have a long-standing history of cordial and friendly relations.
- Both countries share **common faith in democratic values and pluralism**, which makes them natural partners.

Economic Partnership

- India is one of the **largest trade and private investment partners of Malawi**.
- Malawian nationals prefer India as a destination for health and education.

Development Partnership Programme

- India has a strong development partnership programme with Malawi.
- **Numerous projects have been implemented in Malawi**, focusing on areas such as infrastructure, health, water resources, capacity building, and education.

Key Focus Areas of Partnership

Trade and Investment: India serves as a major trade and investment partner for Malawi, fostering economic growth in both countries.

Healthcare and Education: Malawian nationals prefer India for quality healthcare and educational opportunities.

Development Projects: India's development partnership program supports critical projects in Malawi, focusing on key sectors like infrastructure, health, water resources, capacity building, and education.

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