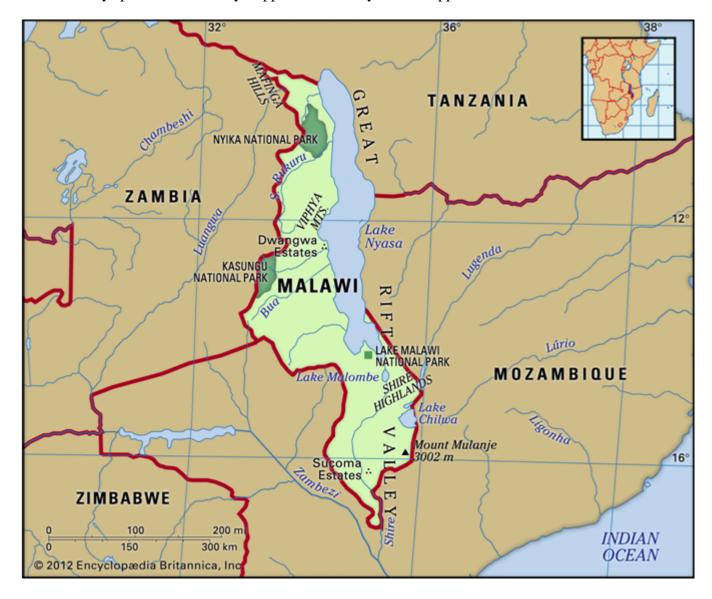


Malawi

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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 LakesMalawi 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 thelargest 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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