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How far do you agree that the behaviour of the Indian monsoon has been changing due to humanizing landscape? Discuss.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS I · 12 marks · Geophysical Phenomena

Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, tsunami, volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Land-sea heat contrast

Basic monsoon engine: summer heating of the Asian landmass relative to the Indian Ocean.

Western Ghats orography

Hill wall that lifts monsoon winds; forest loss can alter local rainfall on that slope.

ENSO

Pacific oscillation whose El Niño phase often links to weaker Indian summer rain.

Indian Ocean Dipole

East-west Indian Ocean temperature pattern that can add or cut monsoon rainfall.

Aerosol dimming

Haze of dust and smoke that can change heating of the land and the way clouds form.

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