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Q4

How are climate change and the sea level rise affecting the very existence of many island nations? Discuss with examples.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · GS I · 10 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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Observed rise

Global mean sea level is more than about twenty centimetres above early-twentieth-century levels, with a faster rate in recent decades.

Maldives elevation

Most inhabited Maldivian islands sit only one to two metres above mean sea level.

Loss and damage

UN climate talks created a fund because small islands argued that adaptation money was not enough once land is gone.

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