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28th August 2019

Topic:- Manmade disaster? 1.5 lakh acres Sutlej plains encroached upon.

Data:-

- Independence, a total of 1.47 lakh acres (57 per cent) of the Sutlej floodplain (land adjacent to the river) falling in Punjab have slowly been encroached upon. The total land on the Sutlej banks in Punjab is 2.57 lakh acre.

Report based on Geographical study:-

- A geographical study based on satellite imagery and statistics of the past seven decades has revealed that till 1975, just 45 per cent of the Sutlej floodplains in Punjab were occupied. However, over the next four decades, humans took control over most of the water bodies, vegetation, wetlands, barren and sandy land. By 2012, humans had encroached upon 95 per cent of the floodplains.

Cause:-

- The study found that 1975 onwards, there was a clear dominance of human activities, including agriculture and construction, over the land near the river. This use came at the cost of the natural landscape, including vegetation, wasteland, wetland and water bodies. “An analysis reveals that every inch of the available fertile part of the landscape was totally transformed for agricultural land at the cost of the natural cover of the river.”

Who is doing encroachment?

- The biggest chunk of this encroachment was done for the two activities – agriculture and construction. In the past five decades, the trend of encroachment is continuously increasing. Like between 1975-1989, just 9,367 acres encroached for the two activities. However, it increased to 12,025 acres between 1989-2000. In the next five years, the figure stood at 13,920 acres. It was 14,558 acre between 2005-2011.

(Source:- The Tribune)

Topic:- Important Personality

News:- First woman DGP stayed in touch with her alma maters in Amritsar

Who were the first women DGP?

- India's first woman DGP Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya.

(Source:- The Tribune)

Topic:- Health and Crime.

News:- A joint operation was undertaken by the Food and Drugs Administration Punjab (FDA) and Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) teams led to the seizure of habit-forming drugs from a medical agency in Faridkot. The police also recovered drug money amounting to 87 lac 59 thousand from residential premises of the owner of this medical agency.

Role of Crime Agency:-

- The Crime Branch is primarily and chiefly concerned with matters pertaining to crime, investigation, prosecution and collection of criminal intelligence.

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