



Current Affairs of the Day

Biden begins dismantling Trump legacy

Issues: Environment and Climate justice, Globalism and Migration

Shortly after being sworn in as the President on Wednesday, Joe Biden began dismantling significant parts of the legacy of his predecessor, Donald Trump, including by officially bringing America back into the Paris Climate Accord.

Reversing the Hate, Climate denial and the populism:

1. Mr Biden stopped the U.S.'s withdrawal from the World Health Organization.
2. Mr Biden repealed Mr Trump's near-ban on travel to the U.S. from 13 Muslim-majority countries (colloquially known as the "Muslim ban").
3. Mr Biden also stopped the construction of the wall with Mexico.
4. He also issued a moratorium on oil and natural gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and reversed a Trump administration rollback of Obama-era vehicle emission rules.
5. Mr Biden also dismantled Mr Trump's "1776 Commission" that was set up to promote "patriotic education" to children but has been criticised for whitewashing the country's history of racism.

Harnessing Potash in Rajasthan

Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited doing feasibility studies of Solution Mining of Potash in the state of Rajasthan

Highlights:

1. Rajasthan has huge Potash and Halite resources spread across 50,000 sq. kms in the Nagaur – Ganganagar basin in the northwest.
2. Bedded Salt formations are strategically useful for underground oil storage, repositories for hydrogen, ammonia and helium gas, storage of compressed gas and nuclear waste.
3. Potash & Sodium Chloride from the Bedded Salt are extensively used in the Fertiliser Industry and the Chemical Industry respectively.



4. Paving the way for the 1st Solution Mining project in the country, this project will generate employment as well as support the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan by way of generating import substitution by boosting the domestic mineral production of Potash and associated minerals.

Background:

However, sufficient potassic mineral deposits are not present in many countries for producing potassic fertilizers; for example, India imports 100% of its potassic requirement from Canada, Belarus, CIS, Jordan, Israel, UK and Germany.