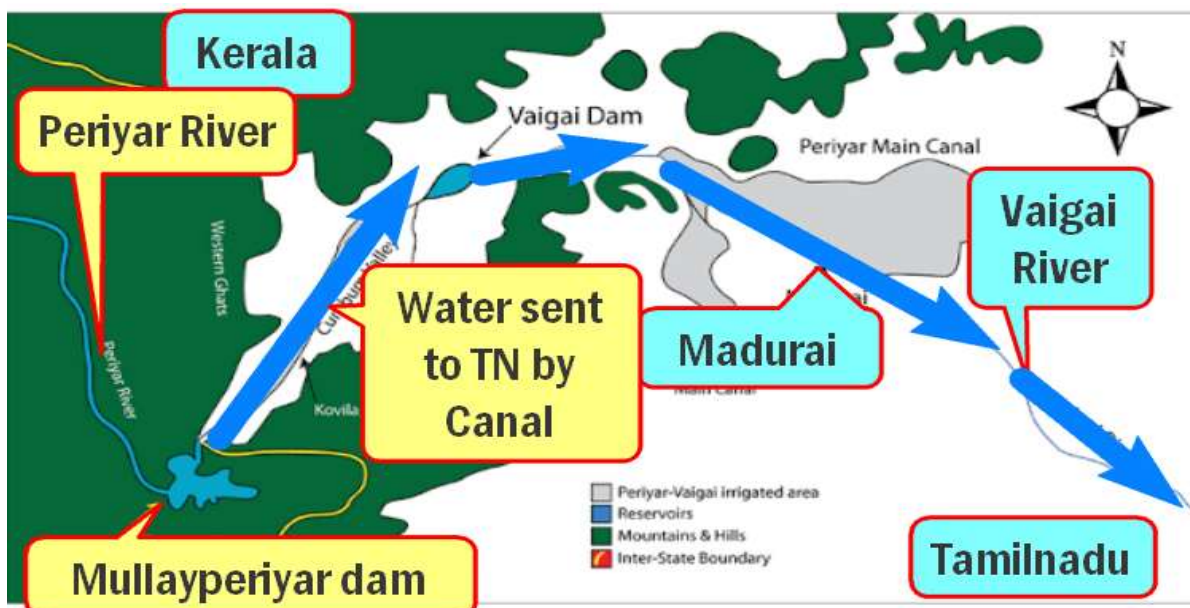


## Current Affairs of the Day

### SC to hear Mullaperiyar dam case on Dec. 10

1. The Supreme Court agreed to expeditiously and comprehensively hear questions on the safety and maintenance of the 126-year-old Mullaperiyar dam, especially during heavy rain.
2. The court said the diverse petitions filed on the various aspects of safety, maintenance of the dam and security of the people living near it should be heard comprehensively.
3. The Tamil Nadu Government has so far stood firm by its position in the court that the dam is "hydrologically, structurally and seismically safe". A "social media campaign" was on in Kerala against the dam, it had said.





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## Australia signs sub deal with U.S., U.K.

1. Australia formally embarked on a hotly contested programme to equip its Navy with nuclear-powered submarines in a new defence alliance with Britain and the United States.



2. It is the first agreement on the technology to be publicly signed since the three countries announced the formation of a defence alliance, AUKUS, to confront strategic tensions in the Pacific where China-US rivalry is growing.
3. The deal will help Australia to complete an 18-month study into the submarine procurement.
4. Details of the procurement have yet to be decided, including whether Australia will opt for a vessel based on U.S. or British nuclear-powered attack submarines.
5. Under the AUKUS deal, Australia would obtain eight state-of-the-art, nuclear-powered but conventionally armed submarines capable of stealthy, long-range missions.



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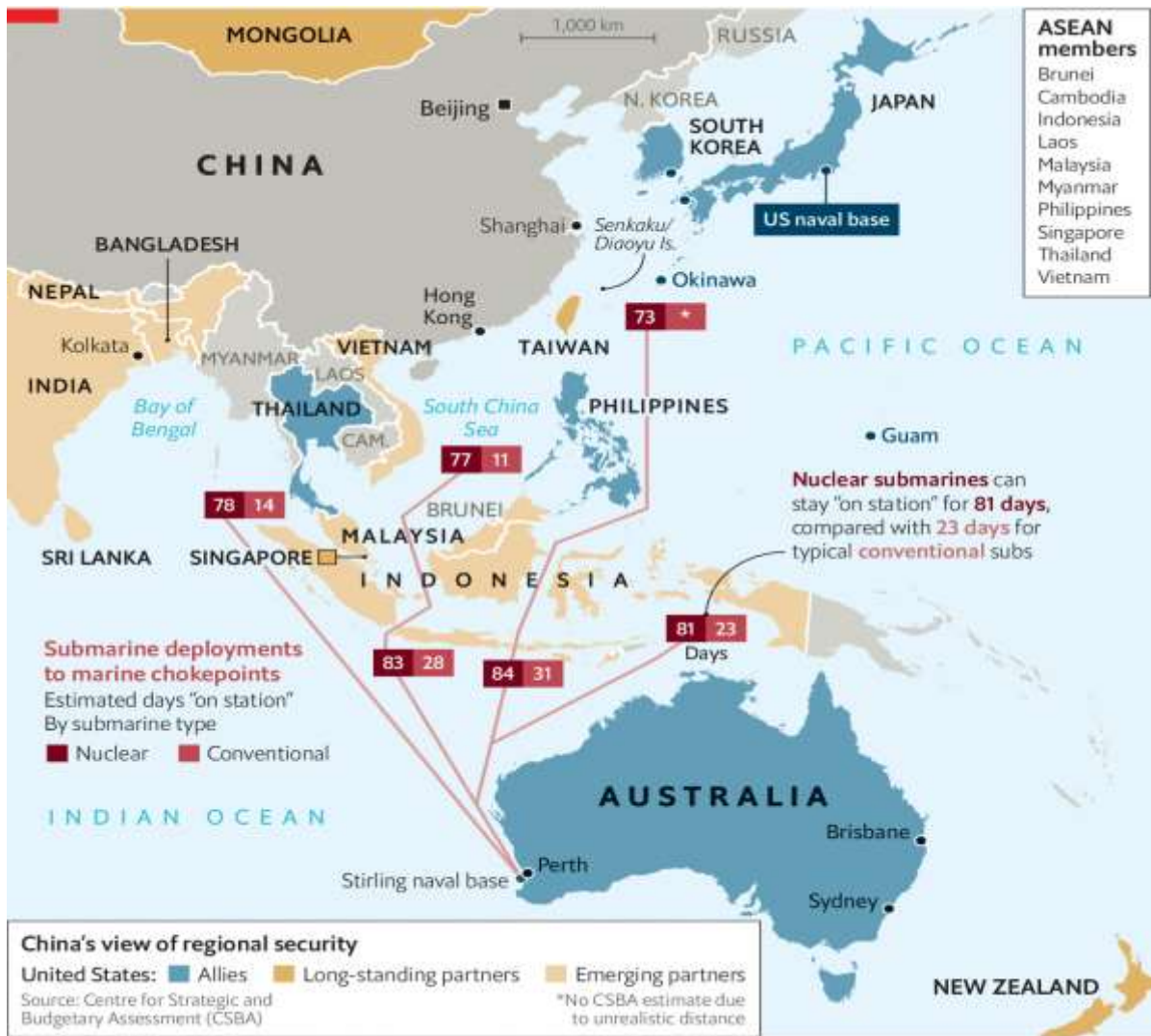
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## AUKUS PACT

Australia to deploy **nuclear submarines** in Indo-Pacific region

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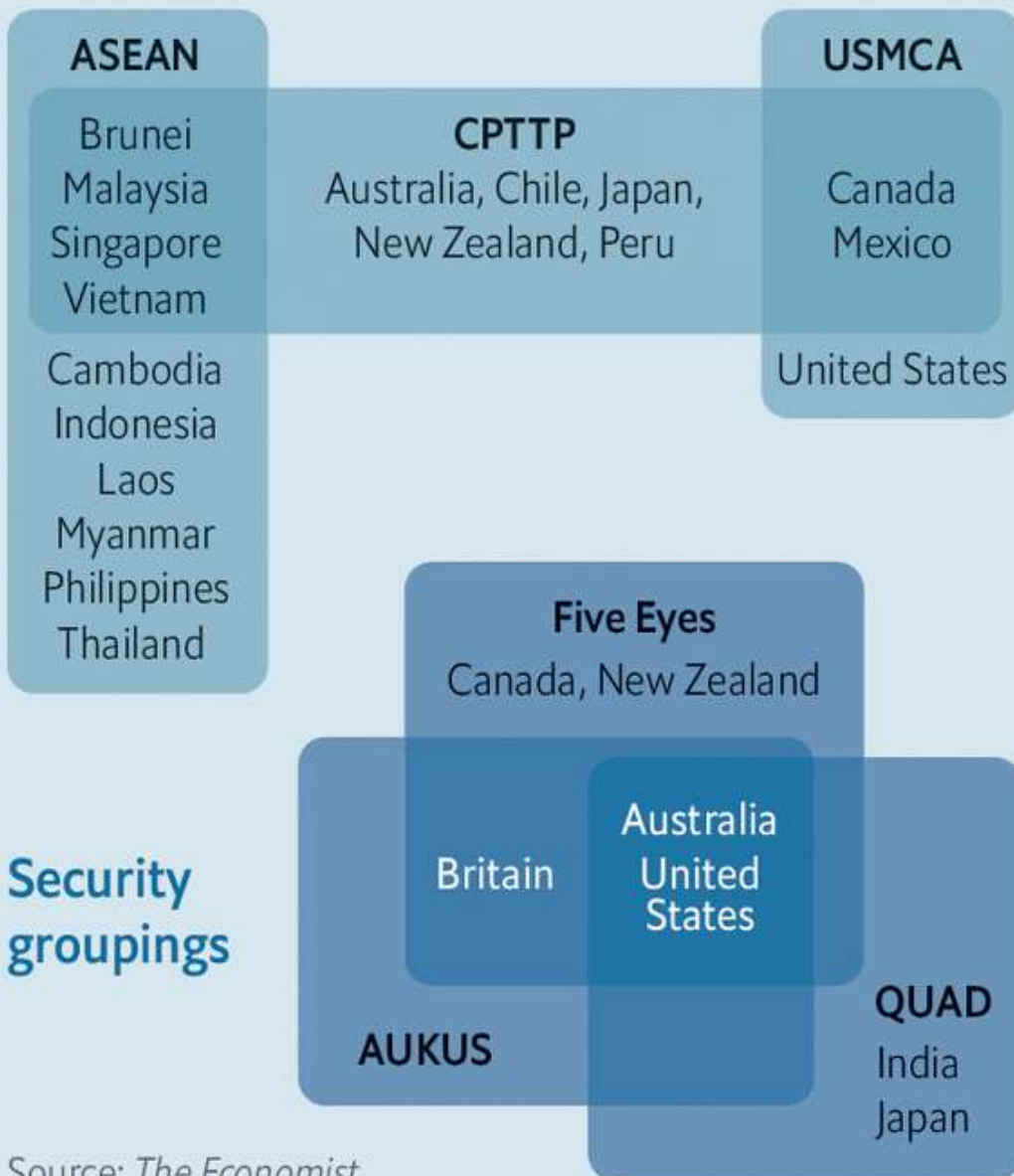


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## Friends, neighbours and others

### Trade and economic groupings



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<b>MCQs</b>	<p>Q. Which of the following is/are sources of organic fertilizers?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Wood ash</li><li>2. Compost</li><li>3. Poultry Litter</li><li>4. Green Manure</li></ol> <p>Select the correct answer from the codes given below</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. 1 and 4 only</li><li>b. 1, 2 and 3 only</li><li>c. 2, 3 and 4 only</li><li>d. 1, 2, 3 and 4</li></ol>
<b>MAINS DAWP</b>	<p>Q. Discuss negative externalities of fertilizer usage in India. Suggest a comprehensive fertilizer management framework for India that ensures food security along with sustainability.</p>