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## How are hydrocarbons extracted from under the ground? | Explained

The geological processes, extraction methods, and environmental impact of hydrocarbon extraction

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A large offshore oil rig at sunset in the Gulf of Thailand. I Photo Credit: Getty Images/iStocknhoto

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- The term 'hydrocarbon' is self-explanatory which means compounds of carbon and hydrogen only. Hydrocarbons play a key role in our daily life
- Hydrocarbons are of different types.
- Depending upon the types of carbon-carbon bonds present, they can be classified into three main categories

   (i) saturated Hydrocarbons are the important sources of energy.
- (ii) unsaturated and (iii) aromatic hydrocarbons
- The most common forms in which these hydrocarbons exist in subterranean rock formations are natural gas, coal, crude oil, and petroleum.
- They are usually found in underground reservoirs created when a more resistant rock type overlays a less resistant one, in effect creating a lid that causes hydrocarbons to accumulate below it.
- Such formations are important because otherwise, the hydrocarbons would float to the surface and dissipate.

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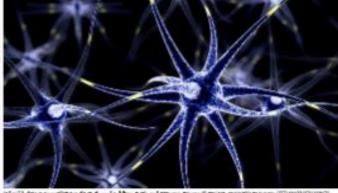
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Many factors may contribute to the development of Parkinson's, both environmental and genetic. Until recently, underlying genetic causes of the disease were unknown. Most cases of Parkinson's aren't inherited but sporadic, and early studies suggested a genetic basis was improbable.

### The Hindu-IR(GSII)/Economy(GSIII)

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### **TEPA's IP encroachment: A new** barrier to indigenous innovation

The new approach to IP and investment through FTAs accepts an IP maximalist agenda of the United States Trade Representative, it threatens to upset the fine balance between public and private interests and push India away from essential innovations

#### COMMENT

#### Dinesh Abrol

ndia's free trade agree ment (FTA) with Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein as partners is a completely new architecture. The Trade and Economic Partnershin Agreement (TEPA) with the four-nation group known as the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), include provisions on intellectual property (IP) and investment protect tion and promotion. So far India has treated IP policy levers as a sovervien space for multilateral negotiaions at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and has not made IP concessions to trade groupings of nation-states.

#### Lessons ignored

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#### JAS . The Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)

Recently, India and South Africa had sought TRIPS (The Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) waiver related to COVID-19 innovations. The TRIPS waiver was sought to meet requirements of indigenous technological innovation and independent scientific research to produce COVID vaccines. While this garnered support for India from the developing world, even when the EU and U.S. stood against the grant of TRIPS waiver at the WTO, the Modi government granted major IP concessions to EFTA.

### Do you know ?

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### **PIB-Defence (GSIII)**

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### INDIAN ARMY CONTINGENT DEPARTS FOR INDIA- UZBEKISTAN JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE DUSTLIK

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- The Indian Army contingent departed today for the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of India- Uzbekistan joint military Exercise DUSTLIK. The Exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 15<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Termez, the Republic of Uzbekistan. Exercise DUSTLIK is a yearly event conducted alternatively in India and Uzbekistan. Last edition was conducted at Pithoragarh (India) in February 2023.
- Aim of Exercise DUSTLIK is to foster military cooperation and enhance combined capabilities to execute joint operations in mountainous as well as semi urban terrain. It would focus on high degree of physical fitness, joint planning, joint tactical drills and basics of special arms skills.

### AIR-IR (GSII)

India, France Assess Counter Terrorism Challenges, Including Use Of New & Emerging Technologies By Terrorists

Meeting of India-France Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism

#### April 15, 2024

The Not Meeting of India-France Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism was held in New Delhi on 15 April 2024. The Indian delegation was led by Joint Secretary (CT), Ministry of External Alloirs of the Republic of India, Mr. KD. Dewal, and the Franch delegation, by HE. Antocosodor Olivier Caron, Special Envoy for Counter-Terrorism and Organized Crime.

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4. Both sides emphasised the importance of strengthening counter-terrorism cooperation through exchange of information, capacity building, training programmes & exercises, and cooperation at the multilateral foro, such as the UK LATE and NMT.

5. The two sides agreed to hold the 17th Meeting of JWG on CT in France on a mutually-convenient date.

New Delhi April 15, 2024

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