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**Context:** The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India has successfully facilitated the safe evacuation of Indian students and citizens from Tehran through Armenia (Operation Sindu), in light of the rising tensions between Israel and Iran.



## About Armenia:

- **Location:** Armenia is situated in the South Caucasus region of Eurasia, positioned between Europe and Asia.
- **Capital:** Yerevan
- **Neighbouring Countries:** Armenia shares its borders with Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, and Turkey.
- It also has a border with the Nakhchivan exclave of Azerbaijan.

## Geological Features:

### Mountains:

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- Armenia is predominantly mountainous, with an average elevation of 1,800 metres (5,900 feet).
- The country encompasses parts of the Lesser Caucasus Ranges and Mount Aragats, which stands as its highest peak at 4,090 metres.

### Rivers:

- The primary river system is part of the Aras River basin, which delineates Armenia's borders with Iran and Turkey.
- Notable tributaries include the Akhuryan, Hrazdan, Arpa, and Vorotan rivers.

### Valleys & Plains:

- The Ararat Plain serves as the principal agricultural area of the country, extending partially into Turkey.
- The Sevan Basin is home to Lake Sevan, recognised as one of the largest high-altitude lakes in Eurasia.

Armenia is located in a seismically active region and experiences frequent earthquakes, such as the devastating 1988 Spitak earthquake, which resulted in approximately 25,000 fatalities.