

## Place in News - Algeria

**Context:** The Indian Army declared that Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi is scheduled to visit Algeria in the upcoming week.



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## **About Algeria:**

### **Location**

- Situated in North Africa, adjacent to the Mediterranean Sea.
- The largest country in Africa by land area.

### **Capital**

- Algiers, positioned on the Mediterranean coastline; serves as the political and economic center.

### **Neighbouring Nations**

- Tunisia and Libya (to the northeast), Niger (southeast), Mali and Mauritania (to the south), Western Sahara (to the southwest), Morocco (to the west).
- The northern coastline is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea.

### **Key Geographical Features**

#### **Mountains & Highlands**

- The Tell Atlas runs along the north, parallel to the Mediterranean coast.
- The Saharan Atlas is located further south, merging into the desert.
- The Ahaggar (Hoggar) Mountains are found in southern Algeria, which includes Mount Tahat (3,003 m), the highest peak.

#### **Deserts & Plains**

- Approximately 80% of Algeria is covered by the Sahara Desert, featuring rocky plateaus, sand dunes, and oases.
- The M'zab Valley is a UNESCO World Heritage site, recognized for its fortified settlements.
- The northern fertile plains (Mitidja Plain) are conducive to agriculture.



### **Rivers & Water Systems**

- There are no permanent rivers; the region is primarily characterized by wadis (seasonal rivers).
- Notable wadis include Chelif (the longest river) and Soummam.
- The country relies on aquifers and oases in its desert areas.

### **Climate**

- The northern coast experiences a Mediterranean climate (characterized by wet winters and dry summers).
- The high plateaus have a steppe climate.
- The Sahara exhibits an arid desert climate (notable for extreme temperature variations and limited rainfall).