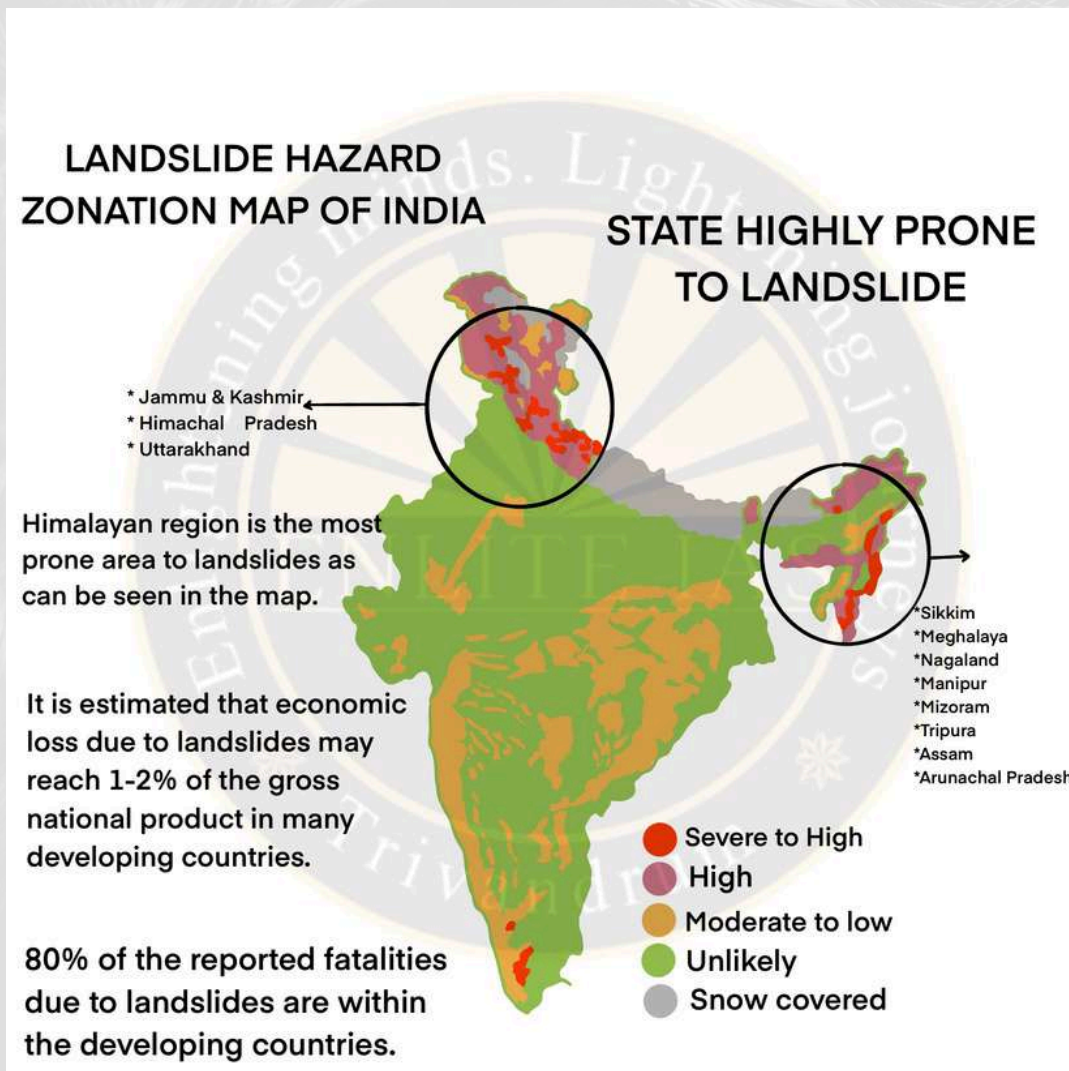


1 Landslides (Source: The Hindu)

It is movement of rock mass or debris down the slope and it is a type of mass wasting.

Landslide Vulnerability Zones of India

- Around 12.6% of the land area, excluding snow-covered areas, is prone to landslide hazards.





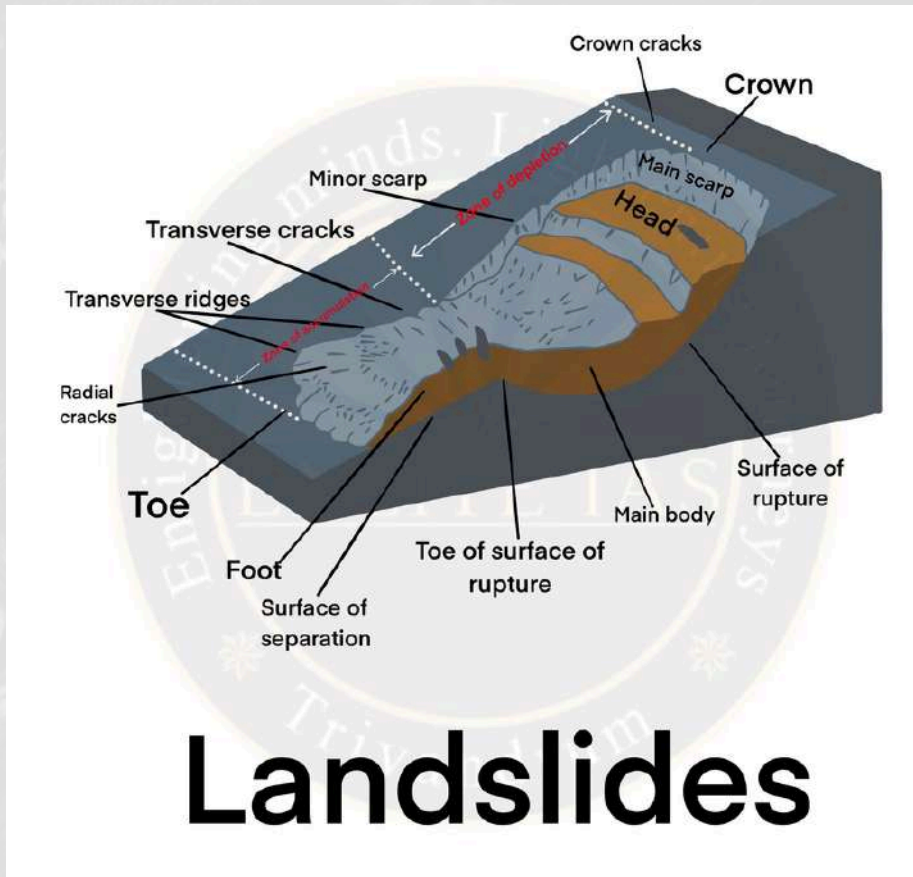
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Zones	Explanation
Very High Vulnerability Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relatively young mountains in the Himalayas and Andaman and Nicobar islands.• Western Ghats and Nilgiris• Northeastern regions
High Vulnerability Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Himalayan states and the states of the northeastern regions except the plains of Assam.
Moderate to Low Vulnerability Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trans - Himalayan areas of Ladakh and Spiti, Aravalis, rain shadow areas in Western and Eastern Ghats, and Deccan Plateau.
Other Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal (except Darjeeling), Assam (except Karbi Anglong), and coastal regions of the southern regions.

Causes of Landslides

- **Natural Causes:** Heavy rainfall, Earthquake, Volcanic eruption and Melting of glaciers
- **Man-made causes:** Deforestation, Mining operations and Infrastructure development

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2 Kuno National Park (Source: The Hindu)

- It is a national park in Madhya Pradesh.
- It is nestled near the Vindhyan Hills.
- Major rivers in the region are the Kuno River, which is a tributary of the Chambal River.
- The region has tropical dry deciduous forests, savannah grasslands, and riverine forests.
- It was selected under the 'Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India'.
- Major fauna in the region are the sloth bear, leopard, and tiger.
- The major tribe in the region is the Saharia tribal people.



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