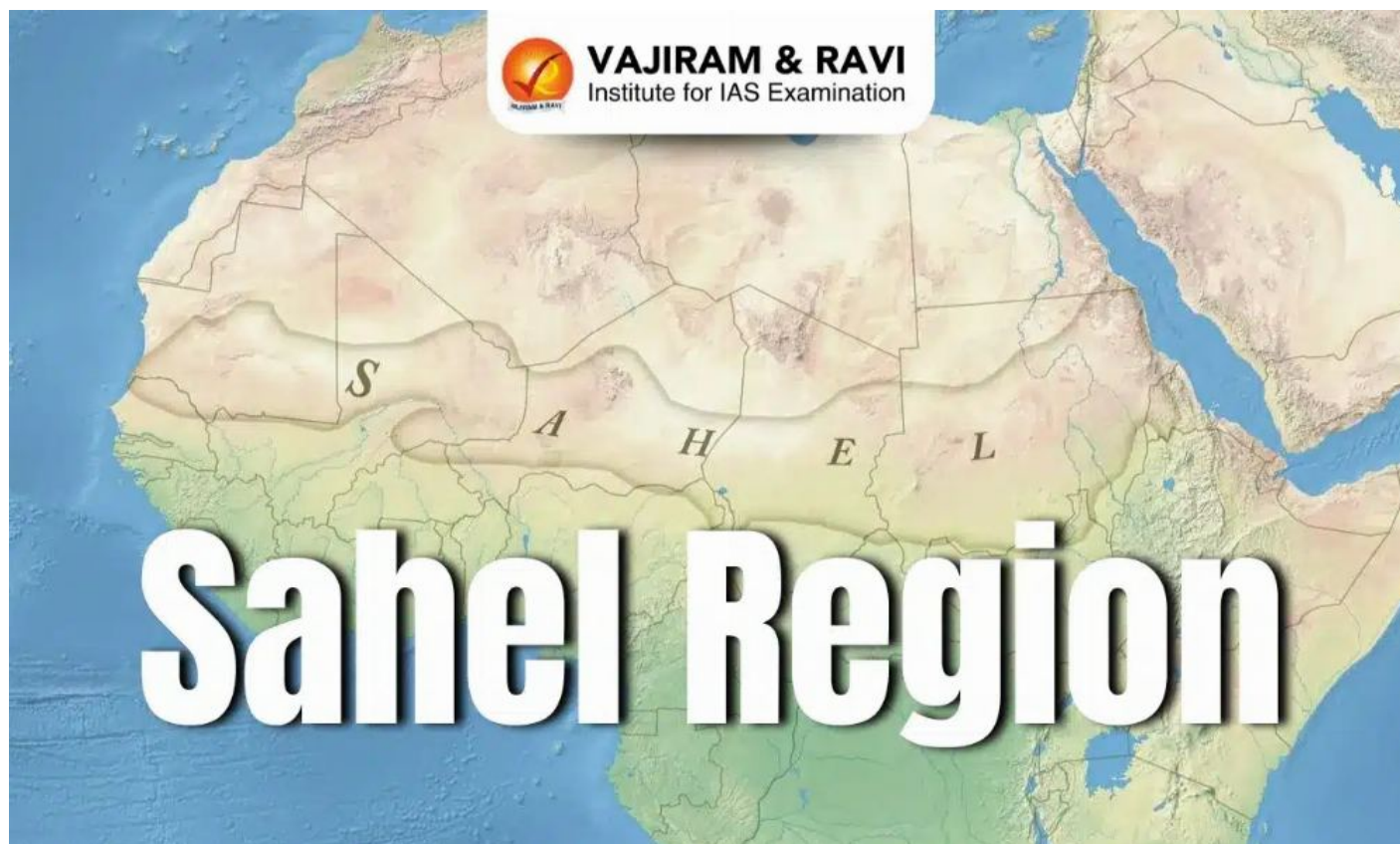


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Russia has tightened its grip over the Sahel region in West Africa, signing a key nuclear agreement with Niger recently.

About Sahel Region

- It is a **semiarid region** of **western and north-central Africa**.
- A 5,000 kilometre belt of land, the Sahel stretches **from Africa's Atlantic Coast to the Red Sea**.
- It forms **a transitional zone between the arid Sahara (desert) to the north and the belt of humid savannas to the south**.
- It runs through portions of the countries of **Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria, Chad, Sudan, and Eritrea**.
- **Vegetation:**
 - The Sahel is a semiarid **steppe**, a type of **dry grassland**.
 - The **vegetation** is chiefly of the **savanna type**, with **little continuous cover**.

- It has low-growing grass, thorny shrubs, and **scattered acacia** and **baobab trees**.
- **Since gaining independence in the 1960s**, many **countries** in the Sahel have **experienced violent extremism** due to the confluence of weak and **illegitimate governance, economic decline**, and the worsening **effects of climate change**.
- The Sahel remains a **principal transit point for migrants traveling** from sub-Saharan Africa to northern coastal states and on **to Europe**.

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