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# TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS UPSC PRELIMS

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### **TODAY'S DROPS OF NEWS:**

SUBJECT	<u>IN NEWS</u>
POLITY	
ECONOMY	
GEOGRAPHY	Two killed in wildfires in South
	Europe as heatwave intensifies.
HISTORY AND ART & CULTURE	
ENVIRONMENT	
SCIENCE & TECH	-
MISCELLANEOUS	

## **GEOGRAPHY**

In news: Two killed in wildfires in South Europe as heatwave intensifies.

**Heatwave:** A Heat Wave is a period of abnormally high temperatures that occurs during the summer season in India.

Heat Waves typically occur between March and June, and in rare cases extend till July.

#### Criteria:

# **Based on Physiography of the Region:**

- ➤ In Plains at least 40°C or more.
- ➤ in Hilly Regions at least 30°C or more.
- in Coastal Areas 37°C or more.

## **Based on Based on Departure from Normal Maximum Temperature:**

- $\triangleright$  When normal maximum temperature of a station is less than or equal to 40°C:
- ➤ Heat Wave: Departure from normal is 5°C to 6°C
- > Severe Heat Wave: Departure from normal is above 7°C.
- ➤ When normal maximum temperature of a station is more than 40°C:
- ➤ Heat Wave: Departure from normal is 4°C to 5°C
- > Severe Heat Wave: Departure from normal is 6°C or more

# **Based on Based on Actual Maximum Temperature:**

➤ Heat Wave: When actual maximum temperature is above 45°C (Severe Heat Wave at above 47°C)

## **Declaration Criteria:**

- The above conditions must be met in at least two stations within a Meteorological sub-division.
- > The conditions must persist for at least two consecutive days.

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