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UAE Floods - Crisis due to cloud seeding

- Most of the Gulf countries in West Asia are desert.
- In these oil rich countries, rain is very rare. In winter it rains for a few days.
- United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, known as U.A.E., are getting water through the project of making seawater drinkable.
- These countries use cloud seeding methods to retain groundwater.
- This was a regular practice in this region. Few days ago attempts were made to produce artificial rain. Chemicals were reportedly sprayed by seven planes. In the UAE, the average annual rainfall is 9.47 cm.
- But, in 24 hours till yesterday night, it was about 14.2 cm. This amount of rain fell was experienced in the areas adjacent to Dubai Airport.

Award for Amitabh & A.R. Rahman

- Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar passed away in 2022 at the age of 92. The family announced that the Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award will be presented in her memory.
- The award is presented every year to honor those who have rendered selfless service to the nation and society.
- Accordingly, the first Lata Deena Nath Mangeshkar Award was given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Lata Mangeshkar's sister Asha Bhonsle also received the award.
- The family has announced that the Lata Dinanath Mangeshkar Award will be given to Hindi actor Amitabh Bachchan this year.
- Similarly, for his services to Indian music, music composer AR Rahman will also be given the Mangeshkar Dinanath Award, her family members have said.
- It has been announced that the awards will be presented by playback singer Asha Bhonsle.

Sakshi listed among 100 most influential people by Time

- Sakshi Malik has been listed among the 100 most influential people of 2024 by Time magazine.
- Sakshi, India's only women's Olympic medallist in wrestling, has been honoured for her relentless fight against alleged harassment of women wrestlers by former WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.