Syllabus subtopic: Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India’s interests, Indian diaspora.

Prelims and Mains focus: About the crisis in Libya and its impact on the regional and global geopolitics

News: Both sides in Libya’s conflict agreed to a ceasefire from Sunday to **end nine months of fighting** following **weeks of international diplomacy** and calls for a truce by **powerbrokers Russia and Turkey**.

Background

The **oil-rich North African country** has been **wracked by bloody turmoil** since a **NATO-backed uprising killed longtime dictator Moammar Kadhafi in 2011**, with multiple foreign powers now involved.

Events leading to ceasefire

- Since April last year, the **UN-recognised Government of National Accord (GNA) in Tripoli** has been under attack from forces loyal to eastern-based strongman Khalifa Haftar, which days ago captured the strategic coastal city of Sirte.

- Late on Saturday, Haftar’s forces announced a ceasefire in line with a joint call by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin.

- Early on Sunday, the head of the GNA, Fayez al-Sarraj, announced his acceptance of the ceasefire, saying it had taken effect on Sunday.

- The UN mission in Libya welcomed the announcements.