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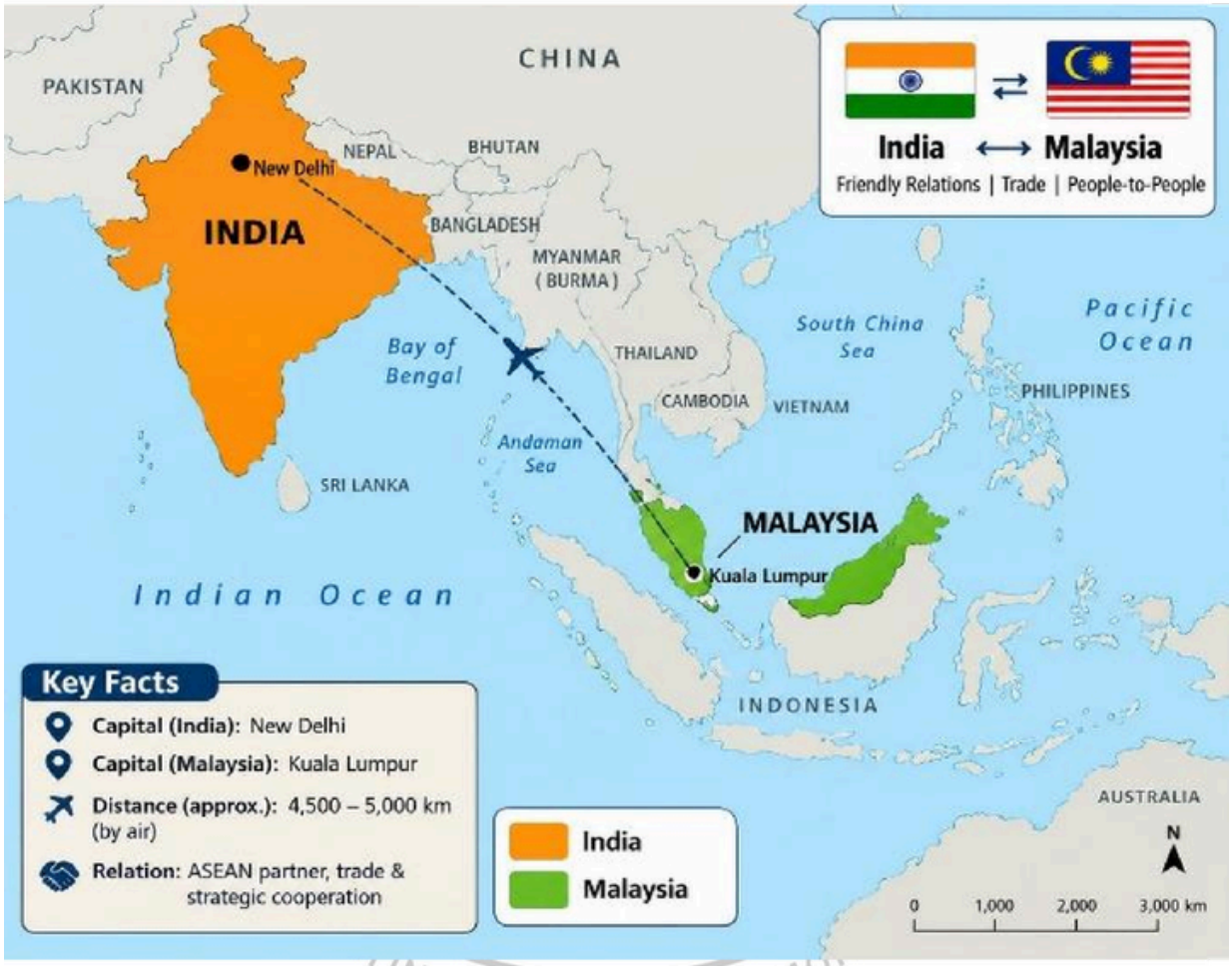
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International Relations, India–ASEAN relations, Indian diaspora (GS Paper II)

Indians Warned Against Misusing Malaysia Visa-Free Entry



India has advised its nationals not to use Malaysia's 30-day visa-free entry facility to seek employment.

Issued by: **High Commission of India**, Kuala Lumpur.

Reason: Increase in Indians being **misled by unscrupulous agents with false job promises.**

- **Visa-free facility**: Permits Indians to stay in Malaysia for up to **30 days for tourism and social visits only**.
- **Employment**: Not permitted under visa-free/tourist entry.
- **Risks of illegal employment**:

  → Overstay

  → Illegal immigration status

  → Exploitation

  → Detention

  → Legal action

- **Genuine tourists should carry**:

1. Valid passport with **at least 6 months' validity**
2. Confirmed return ticket
3. Hotel/accommodation booking
4. Malaysia Digital Arrival Card (MDAC) submitted online 3 days before arrival

- **For employment**: Indians should obtain the appropriate work permit/visa with Visa with Reference (VDR) before travelling.
- **Core issue: Preventing illegal migration, migrant exploitation and immigration violations**.

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Prelims Questions

Q1. With reference to Malaysia's 30-day visa-free facility for Indian nationals, consider the following statements:

1. It permits Indian nationals to seek employment in Malaysia.
2. It is intended for tourism and social visits.
3. Employment requires an appropriate work permit/visa.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. 2 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: C

Explanation: The visa-free facility is for tourism and social visits, not employment. Those seeking employment need the appropriate work permit/visa.

Mains Question

"Safe and legal migration is essential for protecting migrant workers from exploitation." Discuss in the context of India's advisory to its nationals travelling to Malaysia. (10)

Essay

"Migration should be an opportunity, not a source of exploitation." Discuss with reference to Indian workers seeking employment abroad.

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