

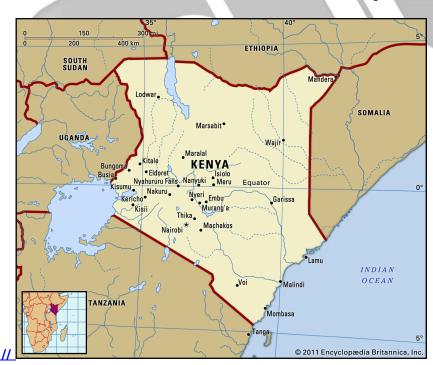
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Blotting Paper

- Blotting paper absorbs ink through capillary action, a natural process where liquids move to lower surface tension.
 - Capillary tubes, tiny channels less than 1mm wide, when in contact with liquids, draw the liquid upward, higher than its outside level.
- Blotting paper, derived from cotton linter, wood, or straw, contains microscopic capillaries formed during its creation. These capillaries quickly soak up ink or water, spreading it across the paper.
- Capillary action also drives plant sap upward and helps oil reach lamp wicks for burning.

India and Kenya Signed a MoU for Collaboration in Shipbuilding

- On a visit to India, the Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Defence signed an MoU with India's defence minister for capacity building and collaboration in ship design and construction.
- The two Ministers emphasised on the need for deeper maritime security cooperation in <u>IOR</u> and agreed for a joint training in counter-insurgency and <u>UN</u> peacekeeping domains.
- Kenya is located in East Africa between the Indian Ocean and Lake Victoria.
- Kenya is significant for India in the geopolitics of Western Indian Ocean. It is also an active member of the <u>African Union</u> with whom India has a long-established connection.



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