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Siachin

Context

- 'Siachen ice climbing festival' is organised to promote the Siachen valley as an adventure spot and boost tourism in Ladakh.



About Siachin

Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern Karakoram range in the Himalayas Immediately south of the great drainage divide that separates the Eurasian Plate from the Indian subcontinent
About	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longest glacier in the Karakoram and second-longest in the world's non-polar areas.
Passes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sia La, Bilafond, and Gyong La. (Arranged from North to South)
Rivers fed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> melting waters are the main source of the nubra river in the indian region of ladakh
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the administration of India (currently as part of the union territory of Ladakh, located in the Kashmir region) since 1984.

Mekedatu Reservoir Project

Context

- Recently, the Congress halted its 'Mekedatu march', a day after the Karnataka High Court raised questions on how it was being carried out.

About Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir Project

Location - Karnataka



Rift Valley Lakes

Context

- The water levels of lakes in Kenya's Great Rift Valley increased significantly, hurting local communities and biodiversity.



About Rift Valley Lakes

Location	Runs through eastern Africa from Ethiopia in the north to Malawi in the south
Key National Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwenzori National Park Queen Elizabeth National Park in Uganda, Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda.
Major Lakes Name	Lake Upemba, Lake Mweru, Lake Tanganyika (largest), and Lake Rukwa.

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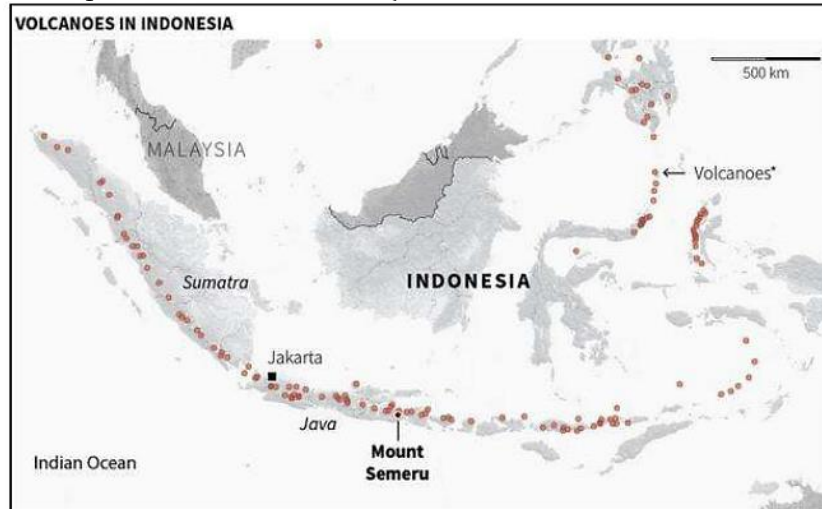
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Mount Sumeru

Context

- Rescuers in Indonesia raced to find survivors in villages blanketed by molten ash after the eruption of Mount Semeru killed at least 14 persons and left dozens injured



Barbados

Context

Nearly 400 years after the country became a British colony, Barbados has become the world's newest republic.



About it

Location	Island country in the Lesser Antilles of the West Indies, in the Caribbean region of the Americas.
Economy	Caribbean community (caricom)
About Caricom	An intergovernmental organisation of 15 member states (14 nation-states and one dependency) to promote economic integration

Katchatheevu Island

Context

- Thirteen Indian fishermen, hailing from Tamil Nadu, were arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy on the charge of crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL).



Class 70 140-Foot Double-Lane Modular Bridge

Context

- Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh dedicated to the Nation 24 bridges and three roads, built by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in four States and two Union Territories.

About it

Location - built at the height of 11,000 feet at Flag Hill Dokala, Sikkim and Chisumle Demchok road at Umling La Passat over 19,000 feet in Ladakh.

About Umling La Pass

Location	Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir
Key Facts	Highest Motorable road in world
Connect	connects Chisumle and Demchok villages.

Bina (MP)-Panki (UP) Multiproduct Pipeline Project

Context

- The Multiproduct pipeline from Bina Refinery (MP) to POL Terminal at Panki, Kanpur (UP) was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

About it

- Operated by - BPCL
- Provide supply to - supply of petroleum products in Kanpur, Lucknow, Aonla, Shahjahanpur, Baitalpur and Gonda in eastern and central UP, Kathgodam in southern Uttarakhand and Muzaffarpur in northern Bihar.

Major Petroleum Pipelines



Golan Heights

Context

- Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett recently said the country intends to double the number of settlers living in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights with a multimillion-dollar plan meant to further consolidate Israel’s hold on the territory.



About Golan Heights

Type	Basaltic plateau
Location	Border region captured from Syria by Israel during the Six-Day War of 1967.
Indian stand on golan heights	Not recognized golan heights as israel territory and has called for the return of golan heights to syria.

Vatican City

Context

- His Holiness Pope Francis received Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in a private audience at the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican on Saturday, 30 October 2021.



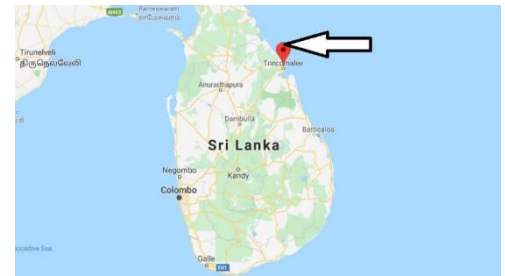
About it

Location	Landlocked and independent city state and enclave located within Rome, Italy
Independence	Became independent from Italy with the Lateran Treaty (1929)
Key fact	Smallest state in the world by both area and population

Trincomalee Harbour

Context

- Foreign Secretary of India, Harsh Vardhan Shringla visited the Second World War-era oil storage facility in the strategically important port district of Trincomalee on Sri Lanka's east coast, which has been a key bilateral economic partnership link for decades.



About it:

Natural large natural harbour situated on the northeastern coast of Sri Lanka.

SMAB

Context

- Ministers of the Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania and Senegal signed a joint declaration to advance transboundary cooperation in the Senegal-Mauritanian Aquifer Basin (SMAB).

About

- The Senegalo-Mauritanian aquifer basin is the largest basin in the Atlantic margin of north-west Africa, having an area of 350,000 square kilometres.
- More than 24 million inhabitants of the region are dependent on it for drinking water and other needs.
- This includes the capitals of Guinea Bissau and Senegal, namely Bissau and Dakar.



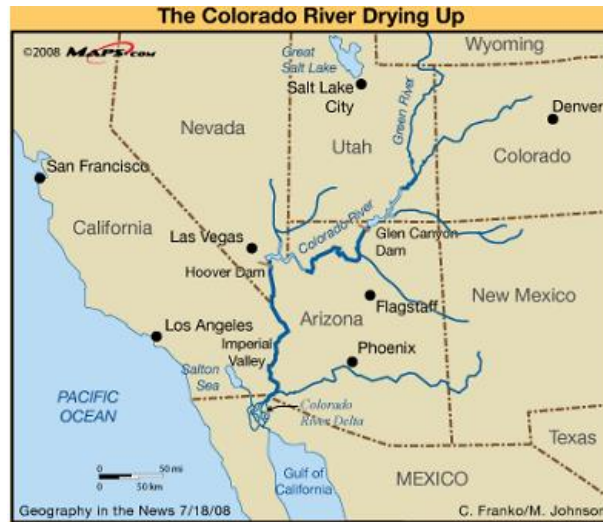
Colorado River

Context

- Colorado River fish faces an uncertain future.

About

- One of the principal rivers (along with the Rio Grande) in the Southwestern United States and northern Mexico.
- Colorado River Delta at the tip of the Gulf of California between Baja California and Sonora.



Black Sea

Context

- U.S. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin urged more defence cooperation among Black Sea allies ahead of a NATO Ministers summit.



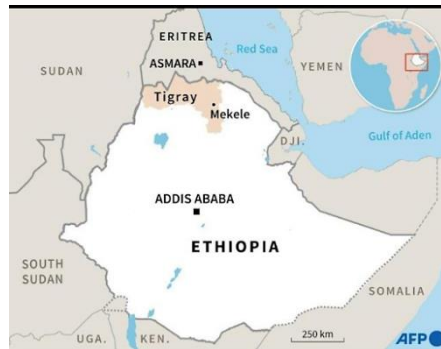
About it

Location	A marginal sea of the Atlantic Ocean lying between Europe and Asia
Bordering countries	Bulgaria, georgia, romania, russia, turkey, and ukraine.
Major rivers	Danube, dneiper, and don.
Key facts	Ultimately drains into the mediterranean sea, via the turkish straits and the aegean sea.
Connection in North	Connected to the Sea of Azov by the Kerch Strait.
Connection in West	Small Sea of Marmara which in turn is connected to the Aegean Sea via the Strait of the Dardanelles.

Tigray Region

Context

- Recently, airstrikes hit the capital of Ethiopia’s Tigray region in an ongoing internal armed conflict.



About

Location	Northernmost regional state in Ethiopia. Capital and largest city is Mekelle
Border	Eritrea to the north, Sudan to the west, the Amhara Region to the south and the Afar Region to the east and southeast.
Local tribes	Tigrayan, irob and kunama peoples.

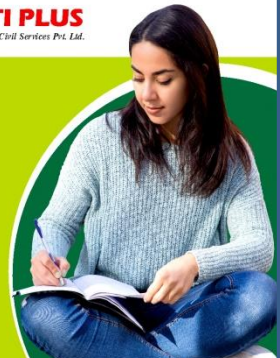


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Barak Valley

Context

- The defacing of Assamese slogans on hoardings of Jal Jeevan Mission in the Bengali-majority Barak Valley has led to a call for the bifurcation of Assam.



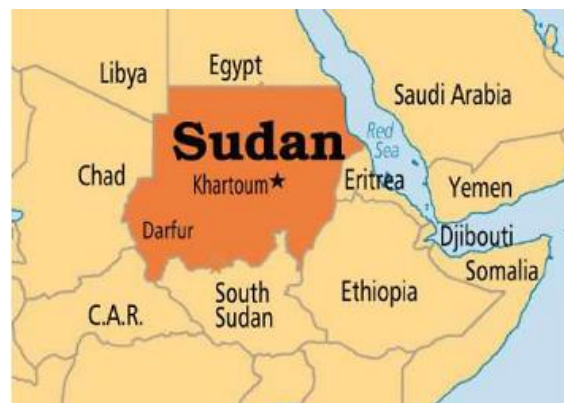
About it

Official language	Bengali
Location	Located in the southern region of the Indian state of Assam
Naming	After the Barak River
Covers	Consists of three administrative districts of Assam - namely Cachar, Karimganj, and Hailakandi.

Sudan

Context

- Members of Sudan's cabinet and a large number of progovernment party leaders were arrested in an apparent coup after weeks of tension between the military and a civilian government.



About it

Location	Northern Africa, with an 853 km coastline bordering the Red Sea.
Bordering Countries	Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, South Sudan, the Central African Republic, Chad, and Libya
Key Geographical Features	Nubian Desert to the northeast Bayuda Desert to the east
Other Facts	The dry regions are plagued by sandstorms, known as haboob

Faroe Islands

Context:

- The traditional annual killing of whales and dolphins sparked controversy after it emerged that over 1,400 of the marine animals were killed in this year's event in Faroe Islands.



About it:

Location	A North Atlantic archipelago located 320 kilometres north-northwest of Scotland, and about halfway between Norway and Iceland
Control	Autonomous territory of the Kingdom of Denmark
Popular	Hunting of White Sided Dolphins

Red Sea

Context

- Israel's navy has stepped up its activities in the Red Sea —exponentially| in the face of growing Iranian threats to Israeli shipping.



About it

Location	Lying between Africa and Asia
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Connection to Ocean	With Indian Ocean in the South through the Bab el Mandeb strait and the Gulf of Aden.
Northern Border	Sinai Peninsula, the Gulf of Aqaba, and the Gulf of Suez (leading to the Suez Canal).

Gopalpur

Context

- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Khanjar becomes the first Indian Navy ship to call at the heritage coastal port of Gopalpur in Odisha.

About Gopalpur

Location	Natural, deep sea port on the east coast of India
History	Ancient port operational during the heyday of maritime Kalinga region.
Identification	With the site Mansurkota located near Gopalpur, just below the mouth of the river Rushikulya.
State	Odisha

Pensilungpa Glacier

Context

- The Pensilungpa Glacier is retreating, and a recent study has attributed the retreat to an increase in the temperature and decrease in precipitation during winters.

About

Location	Zaskar range, Ladakh
About Zaskar Range	Mountain range in the union territory of Ladakh that separates Zaskar from Ladakh
Key Rivers in Zaskar Range	Hanle River, Khurna River, Zaskar River, Suru River (Indus), and Shingo River
Other Key Information	Separates Kinnaur from Spiti in Himachal Pradesh



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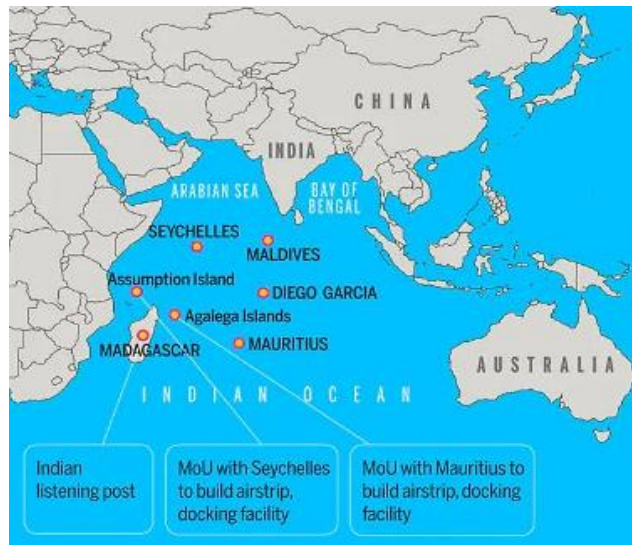
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Agalega Island

Context

- Mauritius has denied a report that it has allowed India to build a military base on the remote island of Agalega, with a government official telling AFP that no such agreement exists between the two nations.



About island

Location	In the indian ocean, about 1,000 kilometres north of mauritius island
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Evia Island

Context

- Wildfires are continuing to rip through the Greek island of Evia with strong winds driving flames towards villages.



About it

- Location: Europe
- Control : Greece
- Key Facts: separated from Boeotia in mainland Greece by the narrow Euripus Strait.

GOGRA

Context

- After the talks on July 31, India and China have taken one more step towards restoring peace and normalcy on the LAC by disengaging at Gogra.

About it

- **Location** - location of an Indian border checkpost in the Chang Chenmo River valley in Ladakh
- **Elevation** - 4700 mtr
- **What it is** - a branch valley of the Changchenmo watered by the Khugrang River, northwest of Hot Springs.

Afghanistan Panjshir Valley



Serengeti

Context

- Monterey Bay in California is the Serengeti of marine life.

About it

- **Type** - geographical region in Africa, spanning northern Tanzania
- **Key facts** - hosts the second largest terrestrial mammal migration in the world



Cattle Island

Context

- The Odisha Forest and Environment Department is all set to begin 'Island Odyssey' and 'Hirakud Cruise' ecotourism packages for tourists to islands inside the reservoir.

About it

- A submerged hill in the Hirakud reservoir.
- A village prior to the construction of Hirakund dam.

About Hirakund dam:

- Longest dam
- Built across the Mahanadi River

Panjshir Valley

Context

- It was the Afghanistan's last remaining holdout where anti-taliban forces were strong.

About

- **Location** - In Afghanistan
- **River** - Panjshir River
- **Origin of Name:** It means five lions which is derivative from five Pandavas.
- **Major Tribes** - Tajik, Hazara, Pashai, Nuristani, Ghilzai Pashtun, and other minority groups.

Istanbul Canal

Context

- It is a shipping route parallel to the Bosphorus strait and is becoming a divisive issue in Turkey.

About it

- Began - 2021
- Estimated Time - 7 Years
- Connects - Black sea to the sea of Marmara



Source: Jamestown Foundation, Skuld, Tellimer Research

Lahj

Context

- A missile and drone attack on al-Anad airbase in the province of Lahj in south Yemen has killed at least 30 troops.

About it

- Location - Yemen

Haiti

Context

- Recently. A powerful earthquake shattered thousands of lives in Haiti.

About it

- Location - Island in the Caribbean
- About - the country is one of two that comprise the island of Hispaniola.
- Famous for - the first independent black republic in the world
- Border Country - Dominican Republic



Afganistan

Context

- Recently, Taliban forces have captured the country of Afganistan.

About Afganistan:

- Type - Mountainous landlocked country
- Bordering Countries - India and Pakistan to the east and south, Iran to the west, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan to the north, and China to the northeast. (Russia is not)
- Durand line - Border Between Afganistan and Pakistan
- Taliban stand on Durand Line - Not yet Accepted



South China Sea

Context

- New Chinese rules called as " Chinese Territorial Water" has taken affect in the South China Sea.

About South China Sea

- Type - Sea
- Location - Western Pacific Ocean
- Bordering Countries - People's Republic of China, the Republic of China (Taiwan), the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia and Vietnam
- Connectivity with other seas

- East China Sea - Via Taiwan Strait
- Philippine Sea - Luzon Strait
- Sulu Sea - Strait around Palawan
- Java Sea - Via Karimata and Bangka Strait
- Key Part - Gulf of Thailand and Gulf of Tonkin
- Major Features
- The Spratly Islands
- The Paracel Islands
- Pratas Island and the Vereker Banks
- The Macclesfield Bank
- The Scarborough Shoal
- About Nine -Dash line - A demarcation line of China to claim the major part of South China Sea



Suez Canal

Context

- Egypt has hiked the transit fees for the usage of Suez Canal to boost its revenues.

About it

- Nature - Artificial
- Connects - Mediterranean Sea to Red Sea
- Began - 1869
- Control - lies with Egypt



Erra Matti Dibbalu

Context

- People participation is necessary for the preservation of geological marvel of Erra Matti Dibbalu in Visakhapatnam.

About

- Location - State of Andhra Pradesh
- Key Facts - Red sand tune sediments

Basai Wetlands

Context

- Size of Basai Wetlands in Gurugram has shrunk to a quarter.

About

- Location - Basai village in Gurgaon, Haryana
- Type - lies in one of the paleochannel of the Sahibi River

Sela Pass Tunnel Project

Context

- Border Road Organisation has completed the Sela Pass Tunnel.

About it

- Location - located in the West Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh
- Significance - provide all weather connectivity to Tawang.
- Construction - two tunnels of 1,790 m and 475 m lengths



Hunga Islands, Tonga

Context

- Volcanic eruption took place in Tonga region.

About it

- Location - In South Pacific Ocean
- Main Region - Oceania (a geographic region that includes Australasia, Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia)
- Control - An Independent Nation



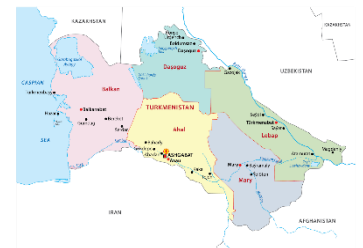
Darvaza Gas Crater

Context

- Turkmenistan President Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedov has instructed experts and officials to find means to extinguish a fire in a huge natural gas crater, the Darvaza gas crater.

About it

- Location - Turkmenistan
- About - Burning since 50 years
- Reason - Presence of Methane in the pit
- Type - Artificially lit by the scientist to wipe out the methane reserve



Orang National Park

Context

- The Assam government had on issued a preliminary notification for adding 200.32 sq. km to the 78.82 sq. km Orang National Park, the State's oldest game reserve about 110 km northeast of Guwahati.

About it

- Location - northern bank of the Brahmaputra River in the Darrang and Sonitpur districts of Assam.
- National Park - Declared in 1999
- Animal found - Great Indian rhinoceros, Pygmy hog, Asian elephant, wild water buffalo and Bengal tiger.



Pangong Tso

Context

- China is constructing a bridge to connect the north and south bank of the lake.

About

- Location - India and China
- Type - endorheic lake in the Himalayas
- Water - Saline water
- Key facts - not a part of the Indus river basin area

Deucha Pachami Coal Mines

Context

- Mining coals and basalts from the Deucha-Pachami coal block in West Bengal's Birbhum district will lead to displacement of thousands of Tribals.

About

- Status - 2nd largest coal block in the world
- Location -West Bengal

Solomon Islands

Context

- China has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Solomon Islands on “security cooperation” which allow Beijing to send law enforcement forces to the Islands.

About Solomon Islands

- Type: An archipelagic state comprising of a double chain of 992 volcanic islands and coral atolls
- Location: Southwest Pacific Ocean



Nusantara

Context

- Indonesia passed a bill replacing its capital Jakarta with East Kalimantan, situated to the east of Borneo island. The new capital city of the country will be called Nusantara.

About Nusantara

- Location: East coast of the island of Borneo
- Capital: To be made in 2024



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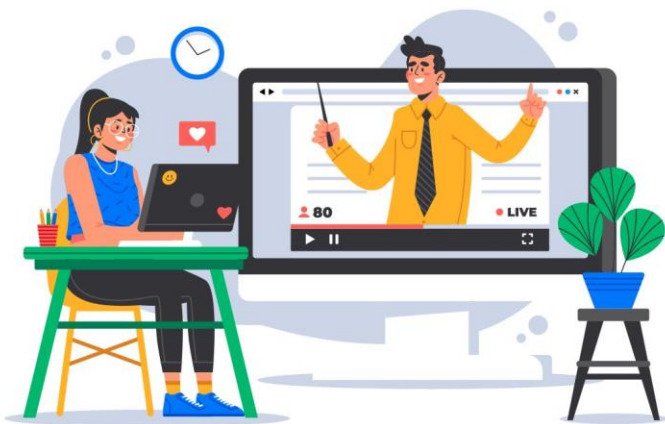
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