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By Sujeet sir



Life begins
at the end
of your
comfort
zone.

Neale Donald Walsch

~~Danger~~ vs Risk

Question No: 1

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the term 'Operation Twist' was first used in –

- A. Russia
- B. France
- ✓ C. American
- D. Australia

→ 1961 - Fed Reserve

Ans. C

Question No: 2

Recently, The Government of India banned 59 apps from China under which section of the IT Act ?

- ☒ A. 69A
- B. 60A
- C. 67A
- D. 71A

2008

Ans. A

Question No: 3

Covaxin Is developed by –

A. ICMR

☒ B. Bharat biotech (Hyd.)

C. AIIMS

D. Oxford University

Ans. B

Question No: 4

Recently, Who has been appointed as the Attorney General of India?

A. K.K. Venugopal

B. K. Shivay

C. S. Banarjee

D. Raghuram Rajan

→ Art-76 *

Ans. A

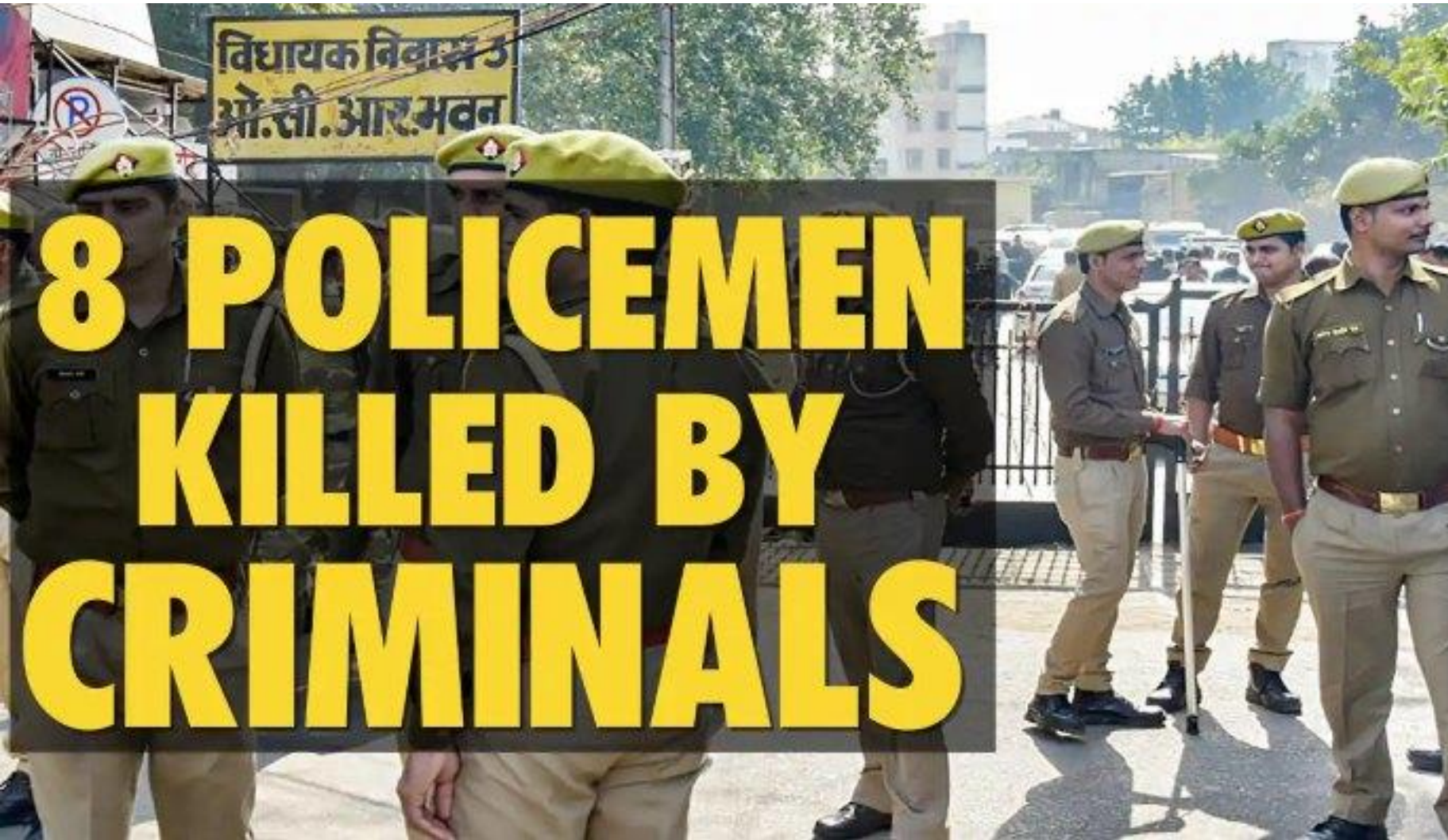
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..... is Time's Person of the Year 2019.

- A. K. Narayana
- B. Jamal Khashoggi
- ☒ C. Greta Thunberg
- D. Mohammed bin Salman

India (1930)
→ Gandhi Ji

Ans. C



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→ पद्मनाभैया
ललित
→ प्रकाश सिंह केस



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U.K. govt. group led by Bharti wins bid for bankrupt OneWeb

Bharti Global, London to each invest \$500 million in buying the satellite provider

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A U.K. government consortium led by Bharti Enterprises has won the bid to acquire bankrupt satellite technology company OneWeb. Bharti's overseas arm Bharti Global would invest \$500 million as part of the acquisition, with the U.K. putting in a similar amount.

"The deal will enable OneWeb to complete the construction of a global satellite constellation that will provide enhanced broadband and other services to mobile and fixed terminals in countries around the world," Bharti Enterprises, which was one of the founding members of the London and U.S. based company, said in a statement on Friday.



Rescue act: Bharti will provide OneWeb commercial and operational leadership, the U.K. government said. •REUTERS

OneWeb was formed with a mission to offer high speed, low latency wireless broadband access to billions of people across the globe, especially in rural areas through a constellation of satellites in low earth orbit.

Separately, the U.K. said its investment would deliver

the country its first sovereign space capability.

Final say

"Bharti will provide the company commercial and operational leadership, and bring OneWeb a revenue base to contribute towards its future success," the U.K. govern-

ment said, adding that London would have a final say over any future sale of the company, and over future access to OneWeb technology by other countries on national security grounds.

"With strong operational execution, we will be able to generate an attractive return for investors, while ensuring that Britain plays a leading role in space and next generation communications," Bharti Enterprises Chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal said. He added that the business had substantial commercial use cases across the telecoms, enterprise, aviation and maritime sectors.

The deal is subject to U.S. court approval and is expected to close before the end of the year.

Satellite Provider

LEO

Macron picks new Prime Minister

Jean Castex was behind France's lockdown exit strategy

REUTERS
PARIS

President Emmanuel Macron named Jean Castex, a top civil servant and local Mayor who orchestrated France's COVID-19 lockdown exit strategy, as his new Prime Minister on Friday as he acted to reinvent his administration and win back voters. Mr. Castex, 55, hails from the centre-right of French politics and served for two years as the second-highest ranking official in the Elysee Palace during Nicolas Sarkozy's presidency.

An Elysee official described Mr. Castex as a senior civil servant whose experience in local politics would help Mr. Macron connect with provincial France.



Jean Castex. • AP

Mr. Castex was a "social Gaullist", the official said in reference to the more interventionist, socially minded wing of France's centre-right. The announcement followed the resignation of Edouard Philippe ahead of a widely anticipated overhaul of the government by Mr. Macron.

Mr. Macron is reshaping his government as France

grapples with the deepest economic depression since Second World War, a sharp downturn that will shrink the economy by about 11% in 2020. The local elections revealed surging support for the Green party and underlined Mr. Macron's troubles connecting with ordinary people. His La Republique en Marche party failed to win a single major city, depriving the President of a local power base ahead of 2022. The most notable win was Mr. Philippe's success in his old redoubt of Le Havre and his resignation clears the way for him to become Mayor of the northern port, from where he could emerge as a rival to Mr. Macron in two years time.

Prez ⇒ (इश्वर को)
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France

Hamilton means business

Leads the 'Black Arrows' to a 1-2 in both practice sessions

AUSTRIAN GP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SPIELBERG

Lewis Hamilton began his quest for a record-equalling seventh World title by topping the times on Friday as Formula One roared back with a full day's practice for the belated season-opening Austrian Grand Prix.

Three months after the cancelled traditional curtain-raiser in Australia and six months on from the last race, it was business as usual from the dominant 'Black Arrows' Mercedes men with Valtteri Bottas next fastest as the sport re-started after its longest off-season.

Racing Point follows

Hamilton, in commanding form in both the morning and afternoon sessions, was quickest in one minute and 4.304 seconds to lead Bottas by 0.197 seconds and third-placed Sergio Perez, in Racing Point's pink Mercedes, by 0.657. Sebastian Vettel, in his last season with Ferrari,



Setting the pace: Lewis Hamilton made his intentions clear by steering his all-black Mercedes to the top times. •AFP

was fourth for the Italian outfit ahead of McLaren-bound Daniel Ricciardo of Renault and Lando Norris of McLaren.

Lance Stroll, in the second Racing Point car, modelled on the hugely-successful 2019 title-winning Mercedes, was seventh ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen, Charles Leclerc in the second Ferrari and his future team-mate Carlos Sainz of McLaren.

Hamilton, who has been an outspoken supporter of the campaign for equality and diversity since the death of American George Floyd

last month, revealed a statement 'Black Lives Matter' helmet before climbing into his Mercedes.

Making a statement

His Mercedes W11 car was also running in revised new black livery, instead of the team's traditional silver, with a message to 'End Racism' on the halo.

"For a long time, we've been planning for the livery change for the car, for the (driver) suit change and I have also designed my helmet in black," said Hamilton, speaking on a video released on social media.

→ Lewis Hamilton.
 C Car Racing.
Mercedes

Assam (+)

Hima Das running 400m remains unclear

AFI chief says athlete's privacy will be respected and nothing will be revealed now

STAN RAYAN
KUCHI

She is the World junior 400m champion and the Asian Games silver medallist but nobody is sure whether Hima Das would be able to run the quarter-mile in a major international meet again.

Two years ago, when Hima broke the 400m National record with a stunning 50.79s at the Jakarta Asiad, many wondered how long it would take for the young Assam girl to go below 50s. Just a month earlier, Hima had won the under-20 Worlds gold in Finland, the first Indian woman to do so.

But something snapped last year. Hima pulled out



Hima Das.

midway through the 400m with a back injury at the Doha Asians in April and though she ran two 400m races in the Czech Republic, she only clocked 53.07s in her last race in August and missed September's Doha Worlds.

Strangely, the back injury

did not appear to trouble Hima in the 200m, she won five races last year in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Almost a year has gone by, so will Hima, now 20, be fit for the quarter-mile this year?

Workload

"We don't know, she started three weeks ago, we will have to see how she responds to training. She had a lot of issues with her back.

"Though she has been treated, we will have to see when she actually takes the load whether she can run the 400m. If she can't, we will switch her to 200m," said Athletics Federation of India

president Adille Sumariwalla to *The Hindu*.

"She's got the speed to even run the 100m, whether we will put her there time will tell. The federation is doing what is in the best interest of the athlete. And there are times when I have to hold back on certain things."

"Till I know the full results, I'm not going to give any explanation to anybody. I don't owe an explanation to anybody, I owe it to the athlete. There is also something called 'athlete privacy'," said Sumariwalla.

"I will protect my athlete's privacy about the injury or whatever it is. Nobody has a right to know."

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2012

Will accept marines case ruling: Centre

International tribunal award is final as India is party to UN Convention, it tells SC

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Centre informed the Supreme Court on Friday that it has decided to "accept and abide" by an international tribunal's ruling that the Italian Marines accused of killing two fishermen off the coast of Kerala on February 15, 2012 enjoy immunity and are outside the jurisdiction of Indian courts.

India is bound by the award of the arbitral tribunal formed under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the government said. The award is "final and without appeal," as India is a party to the U.N. Convention.

Entitled to compensation

The Centre asked the Supreme Court to close all the proceedings concerning the Marines, Salvatore Girone and Massimiliano Latorre. The two were detailed on the



File photo of Italian Marines Massimiliano Latorre, right, and Salvatore Girone who are accused of killing two fishermen.

Italian ship 'Enrica Lexie' when they allegedly shot the fishermen, apparently mistaking them for "pirates." The Marines, who are now in Italy, will face criminal investigation there. India is entitled to compensation for the loss of life. It's freedom and right of navigation was violated by the Marines, the tribunal held.

Constitutional expert and

senior advocate K.V. Vishwanathan said the government's decision to accept the tribunal decision was a correct move, in tune with Article 51(c) and (d) of the Constitution. "The state needs to foster respect for international law and treaty obligations and encourage settlement of international disputes by arbitration. The award is a substantial victory

for India inasmuch as concurrent jurisdiction was recognised, but immunity clause was applied to take the trial out of India. Compensation claim was allowed and the counter claim for compensation by Italy was denied."

Seven-year wait

The tribunal's ruling comes seven years after the Supreme Court ordered the Centre to proceed with the investigation and trial in a decision on January 18, 2013.

However, in 2014, the Marines had successfully gained a stay order on the investigation by the National Investigation Agency. A year later, the Supreme Court froze its own proceedings when the case reached the International Tribunal on Law of Seas.

The apex court later, in September 2015, deferred the case till further orders.

India loses jurisdiction over Italian marines case

In a setback to India, the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) at The Hague has decided that in a dispute between India and Italy, India is precluded from exercising its jurisdiction to try two Italian marines.

UN-CLOS ← (1982)

- The decision pertains to an incident of the year 2012 when two Italian marines fired shots while on-board an Italian vessel, Enrica Lexie killing two Indian fishermen aboard an Indian vessel, St. Anthony.
- The two marines were released from India and sent to Italy through orders passed by the Supreme Court.
- The dispute between the two countries as regards which country will try the two marines was before the PCA.

- The PCA has ruled that Italy would have jurisdiction to decide on the question of immunity for the marines. Thus, India is precluded from exercising its jurisdiction.
- The PCA also ruled that while India's conduct has not been in breach of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), Italy breached provisions of the Convention by intercepting the navigation of India's vessel.
- Italy is, as a result, liable to pay compensation to India. And both the nations are required to hold consultations in order to arrive at the amount of compensation to be paid to India.

UNCLOS

The (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) is an international agreement that was signed on 10th December 1982.

UNCLOS also is known as the Law of the Sea Convention or the Law of the Sea Treaty defines the rights and responsibilities of the nation towards the use of the world's oceans.

No final decision on India's involvement in Colombo terminal: Rajapaksa

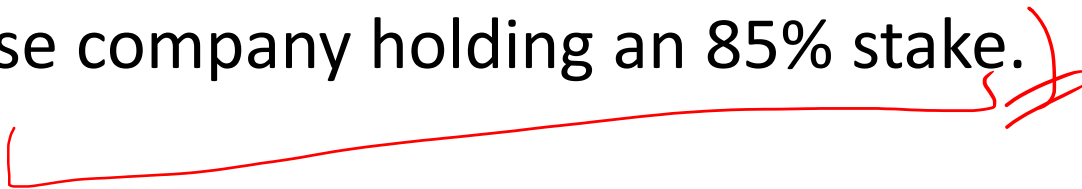
(china) Conn.)

- In 2019, Sri Lanka, Japan and India had signed an agreement to jointly develop the East Container Terminal at the Colombo Port.
- Current Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa has said there is no final agreement on the project, stating that it was an agreement between former President Maithripala Sirisena and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

ECT



- Development of the ECT has remained contentious in Sri Lanka, with nationalist groups objecting to any foreign involvement in running national assets.
- The ECT is adjacent to the Colombo International Container Terminal, which is a joint venture between China Merchants Port Holdings Company Limited and the Ports Authority, with the Chinese company holding an 85% stake.



- Over 70% of the transshipment business at the strategically located ECT comes from India.
- India and China's competing geopolitical interests in the island are well known, but India-backed projects have often seen more vocal protests.

China opposes U.K.'s citizenship offer

China warned Britain that it could retaliate with corresponding measures for London's decision to extend a broader path to citizenship for the residents of Hong Kong.

The British plan covers almost three million Hong Kongers who either have a British National Overseas (BNO) passport or are eligible to apply for one.

HK ⇒ British Colony

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↳ 1997

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Hong Kong was under U.K. jurisdiction until it was handed over to China in 1997 with a guarantee that Beijing would preserve the city's judicial and legislative autonomy for 50 years.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government also irritated the U.S in January 2020 by allowing private Chinese company Huawei to unroll Britain's speedy new data network.

But Britain is now studying ways to cut Huawei out of its system entirely and build up an alliance of European and Asian providers that reduces China's dominance in the field.

The D10 Club

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SG - Huawei

The Britain is proposing a 'D10' club of democratic partners that groups the G7 nations with Australia and the Asian technology leaders South Korea and India.

10 \Rightarrow G7 (+) (Aus + Ind. + S. Korea)



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= Greater Bay Area.

Fear of eroding freedoms in Hong Kong

Steps by the Chinese and Hong Kong governments in recent years have raised fears among residents that the freedoms they enjoy in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory are being eroded

■ **2003:** Proposed changes to Hong Kong's security laws bring thousands onto the streets in largest protest since British colony returned to China in 1997



■ **2014: Umbrella Movement** protesters demanding direct elections for Hong Kong's leader, lay siege to government headquarters for 79 days but fail to win any concessions

■ **2015:** Five people working for city bookshop that published material banned on mainland China go missing – they appear later on China's state-run TV confessing alleged crimes

■ **2017:** Chinese President **Xi Jinping** warns Hong Kong not to cross "red line" over sovereignty during swearing-in of city's new leader **Carrie Lam**

■ **Sep:** Chinese police allowed to operate in new station linking Hong Kong to China's high-speed rail network – first time Chinese criminal law is enforced in territory

Hong Kong bans **Hong Kong National Party (HKNP)**, which advocates independence for territory, on national security grounds

■ **Jan 2018:** **Gui Minhai** (below), one of Hong Kong booksellers arrested in 2015, detained again while travelling on train with two Swedish diplomats



■ **Feb 2019:** China announces plans to create **Greater Bay Area** encompassing Hong Kong, Macau and Guangdong province on mainland to spur economy

■ **Apr:** Hong Kong court finds nine leaders of 2014 Umbrella Movement guilty of public nuisance crimes

■ **Jun:** Hundreds of thousands protest in Hong Kong against extradition bill that would see residents wanted in China for specific crimes sent there for trial



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→ 2014 ⇒ Umbrella movement
↳ In support of democracy

Bid to turn Shivalik forest into tiger reserve

- The Saharanpur Divisional Commissioner has sent a proposal to the Uttar Pradesh Government to declare the Shivalik forest in the Saharanpur circle a tiger reserve.
- The forest constitutes the northern tip of the State, located at the foothills of the Shivalik range, connects four States — Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

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- If accepted, it would be the fourth tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh.

- The three tiger reserves in Uttar Pradesh are Amangarh in Bijnor, Pilibhit and Dudhwa in Lakhimpur-Kheri.

‘ग्रेट इमिग्रेंट्स’ सम्मान

- COVID-19 स्वास्थ्य संकट को कम करने के प्रयासों में योगदान देने हेतु पुलित्जर पुरस्कार (Pulitzer Prize) विजेता सिद्धार्थ मुखर्जी और हार्वर्ड विश्वविद्यालय के प्रोफेसर राज चेट्टी समेत कुल 38 प्रवासी अमेरिकी नागरिकों को कार्नेगी कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ न्यूयॉर्क (Carnegie Corporation of New York) द्वारा वर्ष 2020 के लिये ‘ग्रेट इमिग्रेंट्स’ (Great Immigrants) के रूप में सम्मानित किया है।

• WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE •

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EMPEROR

OF ALL

MALADIES



A BIOGRAPHY OF CANCER

SIDDHARTHA
MUKHERJEE

AUTHOR OF *THE GENE*

"A compulsively readable, surprisingly uplifting, and vivid tale. Thrilling"
—O, THE OPRAH MAGAZINE

— exams — FAQ

- चिकित्सक और लेखक सिद्धार्थ मुखर्जी का जन्म दिल्ली में हुआ था और वे प्रसिद्ध कैंसर विज्ञानी (Oncologist), जीवविज्ञानी और कई प्रख्यात पुस्तकों के लेखक हैं। गौरतलब है कि वर्ष 2011 में उनकी किताब के लिये उन्हें **पुलित्ज़र पुरस्कार** (Pulitzer Prize) से भी सम्मानित किया गया था,

Ministry reconstitutes Central Zoo Authority

- The CZA would now include an expert from the School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi, and a molecular biologist.
- CZA is a statutory body chaired by the Environment Minister.
- It is tasked with regulating zoos across the country.

Private trains will benefit travellers: Rly Board chief

'Move to allow private players to run passenger trains will not lead to higher fares or job losses'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

With private trains expected to begin operations by April 2023, the Railways on Thursday said the move would only benefit travellers by way of confirmed tickets and faster trains. It also allayed fears of higher fares and job losses.

"Among the major objectives of this project are introduction of modern technology and reduction in transit time and the demand-supply deficit. We are eyeing a quantum jump in technology," Railway Board Chairman V.K. Yadav said.

Requests invited

The Railways on Wednesday invited Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for operation of passenger trains by private operators on 109 routes with 151 modern trains. This project



On track: The Tejas Express between Chennai and Madurai is among the 'private trains' in the country. — ANI

is expected to attract ₹20,000 crore investment.

Mr. Yadav said the Railways was running 2,800 mail and express trains, and 151 modern trains — for which the RFQ was invited — accounted for only 5% of them. "95% of trains will still be run by Indian Railways," he said. The statement comes amid criticism raised by Opposition

parties over the privatisation.

"More than 70 years after independence, we have not been able to develop our railway infrastructure to provide travel services to all passengers. That has been our focus — to provide trains on demand... this project is also in continuation to that," he said.

According to the data

shared by Mr. Yadav, though the Railways ferried 8.4 billion (840 crore) passengers in 2019-20, about five crore passengers could not be accommodated, meaning their wait-listed tickets were dropped. "In fact, further analysis shows that during the busy season/summer season nearly 11.3% passengers were not able to get confirmed reservation," he said.

To a question on the possibility of higher fares in these trains, Mr. Yadav said that due to the competition in the market, he did not expect the fares to be very high. "When they will fix prices, they will have to compete with AC bus fares and air travel fares. I don't think it will be viable for private operators to run with very high tariffs."

He added that since 95% of the trains would be run by

the Railways, fares of these trains would not go up. "So it will benefit the common man who will get better facilities at the same price."

Mr. Yadav said the allegations that the move would lead to job losses in the Railways were baseless. He added that these private trains would be run in addition to the currently available trains run by the Railways. In addition, the Railways would have to introduce more trains to cater for an estimated 13 billion passengers by 2030.

The Railways expected to open financial bids for the project by February-March 2021 and finalise them by April 2021. "We are expecting that by April 2023, within two years, the trains will start operating," Mr. Yadav said.

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V. K. Yadav

More 'private trains' soon on tracks

The Railways kick-started the process to allow private players to operate certain trains on its network by inviting Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the operation of passenger train services on over 100 routes with 150 modern trains.

- This is the first initiative for private investment in running passenger trains over the Railways network, and will attract investments of about ₹30,000 crore.
- The Delhi-Lucknow Tejas is the first train that is not operated by the Indian Railways, as Railways geared up to allow private train operators.

IRCTC

Koala

- ऑस्ट्रेलिया में एक वर्ष तक चली एक संसदीय जाँच प्रक्रिया में यह बताया गया कि यदि ऑस्ट्रेलियाई सरकार कोआला के निवास स्थान की रक्षा करने के लिये तुरंत हस्तक्षेप नहीं करती है तो यहाँ के न्यू साउथ वेल्स (New South Wales- NSW) राज्य से वर्ष 2050 तक कोआला (Koala) की प्रजाति विलुप्त हो सकती है।



- आमतौर पर कोआला को 'भालू' कहा जाता है।
- यह पूर्वी ऑस्ट्रेलिया के तटीय क्षेत्रों में वृक्षों पर निवास करने वाला मासूपियल (Marsupial) है।
- इसका वैज्ञानिक नाम 'फास्कोलार्क्टोस सिनेरेउस' (Phascolarctos Cinereus) है।

- यह शाकाहारी (Herbivore) होता है।
- यह प्रतिरक्षा प्रणाली के बिना ही गर्भावस्था के 34-36 दिनों के बाद जन्म लेता है और इसके बाद लगभग 6 माह तक पेट के पाउच/थैले में इसका विकास होता है।
- इसे IUCN की रेड डेटा बुक के अंतर्गत सुभेद्य (Vulnerable) प्रजाति के रूप में सूचीबद्ध किया गया है।

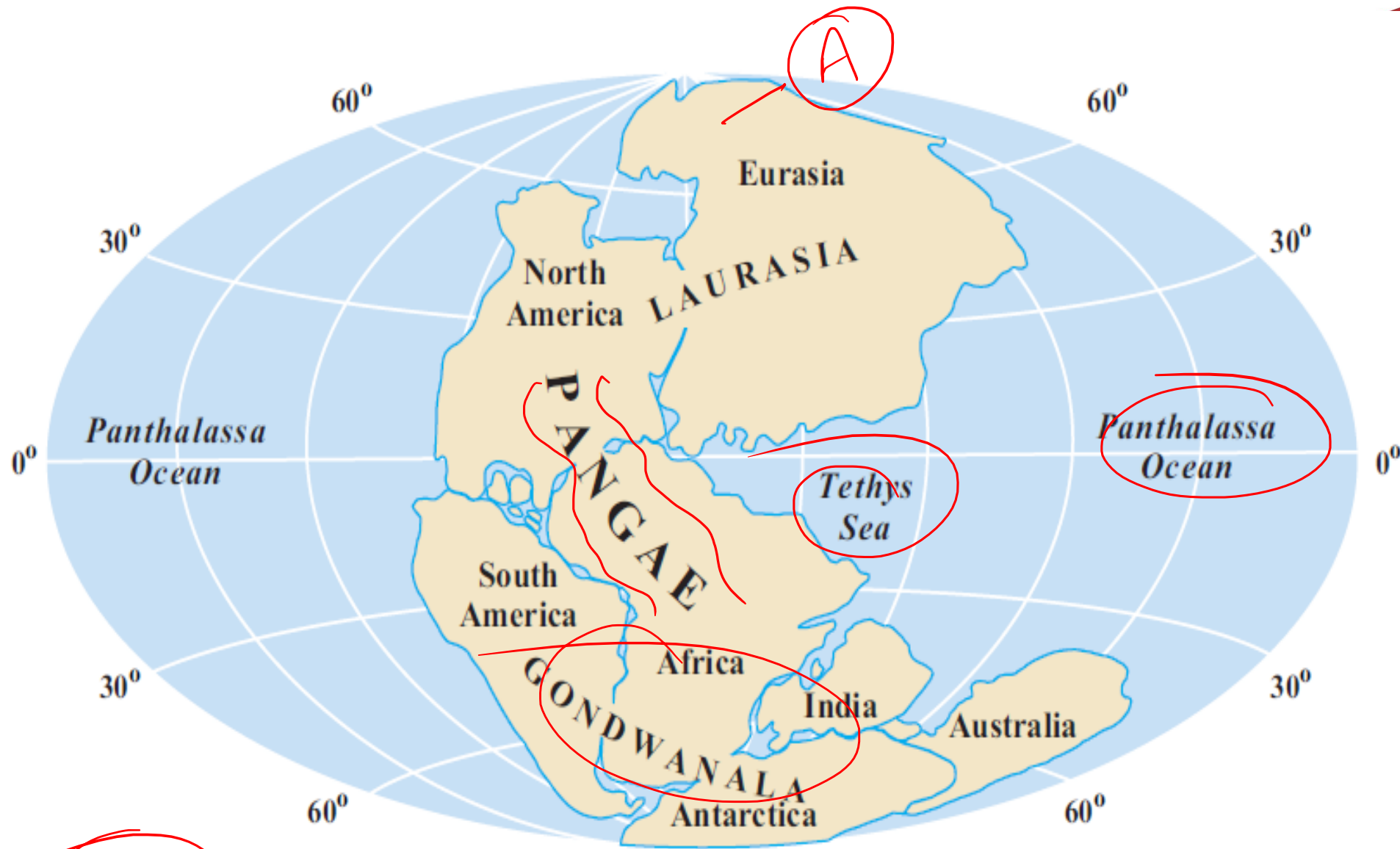
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- हाल ही में भू-वैज्ञानिकों ने ज़ीलैंडिया (Zealandia) महाद्वीप का नया मानचित्र जारी किया।
- ज़ीलैंडिया (इसे माओरी भाषा में इसे 'ते रिउ-ए-मौई' (Te Riu-a-Māui) कहा जाता है) ऑस्ट्रेलिया के पूर्व में 2 मिलियन वर्ग मील (5 मिलियन वर्ग किलोमीटर) का एक महाद्वीप है जो आधुनिक न्यूज़ीलैंड के नीचे है।

वैज्ञानिकों ने 1990 के दशक में विशाल जल निकाय के नीचे ठोस स्थल की खोज की थी जिसे वर्ष 2017 में औपचारिक रूप से 'महाद्वीप' का दर्जा दिया गया।



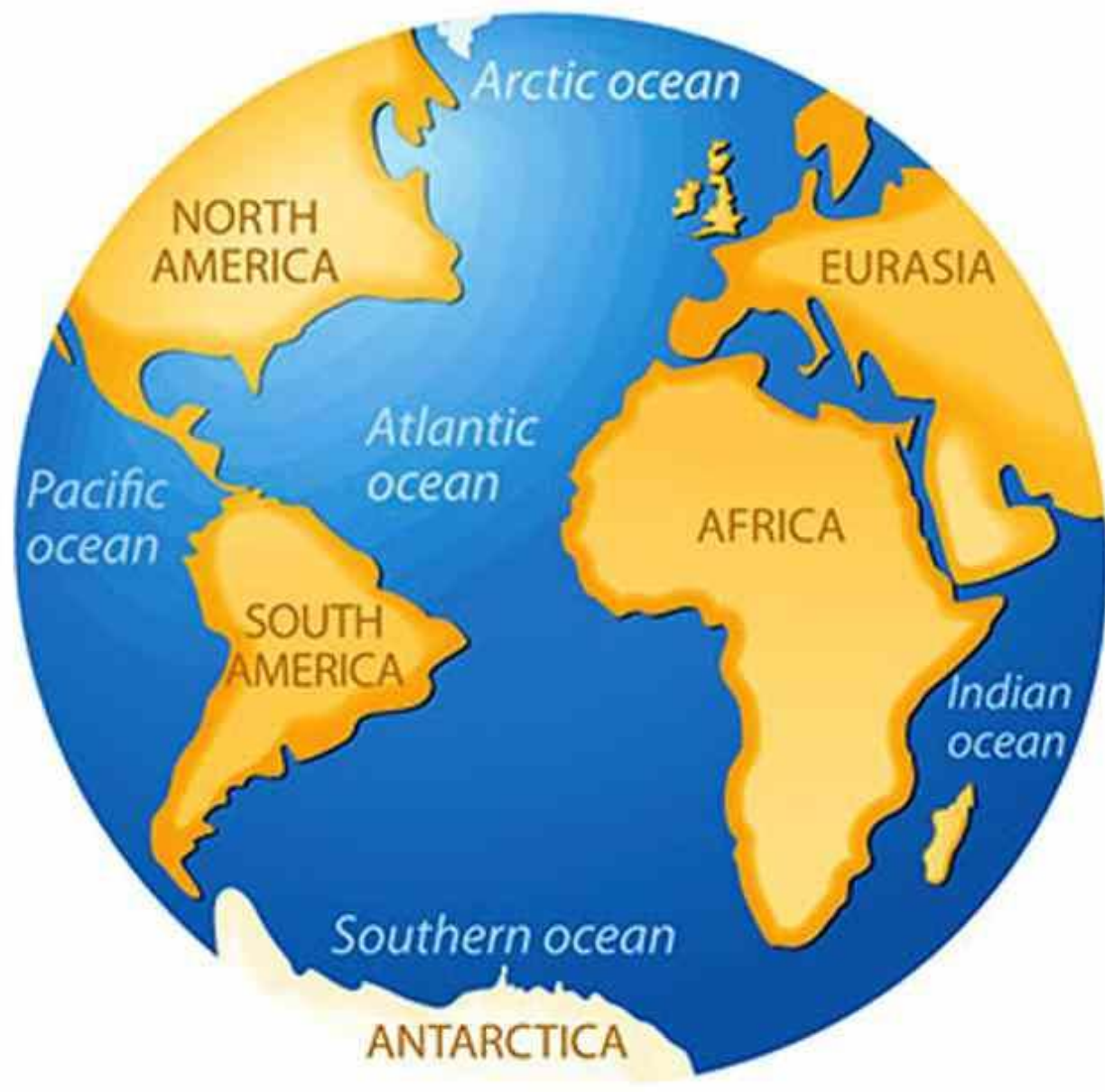


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BEFORE //



AFTER //



Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation- REDD+

युगांडा 'निर्वनीकरण और वन निम्नीकरण से होने वाले उत्सर्जन में कटौती' (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation- REDD+) कार्यक्रम के माध्यम से उत्सर्जन में कमी के परिणाम प्रस्तुत करने वाला पहला अफ्रीकी देश बन गया है।

FAQ: What's the difference between REDD+ and the UN-REDD Programme?



United Nations
Framework
Convention on
Climate Change

REDD+ is a climate change mitigation solution being developed by Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

REDD+ incentivizes developing countries to keep their forests standing by offering results-based payments for actions to reduce or remove forest carbon emissions.

UN-REDD
PROGRAMME



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



The UN-REDD Programme assists countries to develop the capacities needed to meet the UNFCCC's REDD+ requirements, so that they can qualify to receive results-based payments under the Convention.

The UN-REDD Programme supports nationally-led REDD+ processes and promotes the informed and meaningful involvement of all stakeholders, including indigenous peoples and other forest-dependent communities.

Learn more at www.un-redd.org

Question No: 1

..... wins 2020 Stockholm Water Prize.

- ~~A.~~ Dr John Cherry
- B. Rajendra Singh
- C. Dr Jackie King
- D. Dr S. Murty

Ans. A

Question No: 2

..... wins 2020 Templeton Prize.

- A. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
- B. M. Arif
- C. Marcelo Gleiser
- D. Francis Collins

Ans. D

Question No: 3

..... won the first Templeton, in 1973

A. Dr. Sarvpalli Radhakrishnan

B. R. White

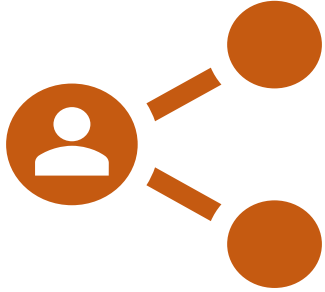
☒ C. Mother Teresa

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