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"PLACES IN NEWS"
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 Kaladan Project : 2008 India and Myanmar Connect Kolkata port with the Sittwe port in Rakhine or Arakan State .
 Ethnic Violence (Masalit people in Darfur) Sudan Crisis 2023 : Indian workers , Hakki Pikki tribal community . Operation Kaveri (2023)
 Continental shelf , Kanyakumari Rich in biodiversity, fertile fishing , highest organic production The India-Sri Lanka agreement of 1976 recognised it as part of India's exclusive economic zone.
 Ladakh by BRO Also known as the Zanskar Highway Connects Nimmu in the Indus Valley to Padum in Zanskar and Darcha village in Lahaul and Spiti.
 Vessels trial: Maia Port (India) & Sultanganj Port (Bangladesh) Covers river routes along the Ganga, Brahmaputra Agreement (signed in 1972) facilitates connectivity between NW 1, 2, 16, and 97.
 Economic corridor between Nepal and China Part of China's BRI .
 Arab's first nuclear power plant First civil nuclear cooperation agreement. Between the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and the Emirates Nuclear Energy Company (ENEC)
Brunei's highest peak (Bordered by Malaysia) PM's visit to Brunei 40 years of diplomatic ties
Places : Limpiyadhura , Kalapani , Lipulekh Treaty of Sugauli (1816) : British EIC and Nepal
Location : JAMMU & KASHMIR Chenab River

★ CHANCAY PORT, PERU	Part of China's investments (BRI) in Latin America China growing its trade power in South America
★ MALOTI MOUNTAINS (LESOTHO)	 LESOTHO is also called "Kingdom in the Sky". Only independent state in the world entirely above 1,000 meters in elevation. Caledon River, Orange River and the Tugela River originate from Lesotho Highlands.
★ GOLAN HEIGHTS	 Bounded on the west: Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee, On the north: Mount Hermon On the east: Wadi Al-Ruqqād River and On the south: the Yarmūk River Shebaa Farms (border of Lebanon and the Golan Heights)
★ LEBANON	1. Capital: Beirut 2. Bordered by: a. SYRIA (NORTH AND NORTHEAST) b. ISRAEL (SOUTH) c. MARITIME BOUNDARY: CYPRUS d. MEDITERRANEAN SEA (WEST)
★ ISRAEL - LEBANON	 BLUE LINE FRONTIER LITANI RIVER IMPORTANT PLACES: BEKAA VALLEY SIDON AND TYRE (MEDITERRANEAN SEA) BINT JBEIL (NEAR ISRAEL BORDER) IRANIAN-BACKED GROUPS: HAMAS: GAZA HEZBOLLAH: LEBANON SYRIA AND SHIA MILITIA: SYRIA SHIA MILITIA: IRAQ IRAN HOUTHIS: YEMEN
★ IRAN MILITARY BASES	ISFAHAN ILAM and KHUZESTAN (bordering Iraq)
★ ISRAEL - GAZA	 NETZARIM Corridor PHILADELPHI Corridor EREZ CROSSING RAFAH CROSSING KEREM SHALOM GOODS CROSSING KHAN YOUNIS

★ DAGESTAN REGION	Lies in the Eastern part of North Caucasus Borders with Georgia and Azerbaijan (South) Ethnic group here is Avars (largest) , Dargins, Kumyks and Lezgins
★ WINTER CHAR DHAM CIRCUIT	 KEDARNATH: Omkareshwar Temple in Ukhimath (Rudraprayag) BADRINATH: Pandukeshwar in Chamoli. GANGOTRI: Mukhba in Uttarkashi YAMUNOTRI: Kharsali in Uttarkashi
★ SYRIA CONFLICT	Israeli airstrikes targeting sites in Aleppo, Hama, Homs and Palmyra Temple of Bel
★ JORDAN	 Drone Attack in Jordan Tower 22 Rukban region, an arid, remote area in northeast Jordan adjacent to the Jordan–Syria border and close to the tripoint with Iraq.
★ ZAPORIZHZHIA NUCLEAR FACILITY (UKRAINE)	Europe's largest nuclear facility OTHER POWER PLANTS IN UKRAINE: a. Rivne b. Khmelnytsky c. South Ukraine

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★ NEW CALEDONIA	French overseas island territory in the Pacific Ocean located near Australia
★ SOLOMON ISLANDS	Scientists discovered the world's largest coral colony , around 300 years old
★ YARLUNG ZANGBO DAM	 Medog County River Origin: Angsi Glacier in western Tibet After reaching Assam, the river is known as the Brahmaputra Yarlung Tsangpo Grand Canyon, formed by a horse-shoe bend in the river where it leaves the Tibetan Plateau & flows around Namcha Barwa, It is the deepest and possibly longest canyon in the world.
★ BARBERTON GREENSTONE BELT	 Also known as the Makhonjwa Mountains, is situated on the eastern edge of Kaapvaal Craton An ancient meteorite impact acted as a natural fertilizer by delivering phosphorus. Komati River BGB's outcrops were added to UNESCO's World Heritage Sites.
★ LAKE IRIQUI	Morocco Famous lake bed between Zagora and Tata had been dry for 50 years
★ HWANGE NATIONAL PARK	Zimbabwe Home to half of Zimbabwe's 100,000 elephants. It hosts over 100 mammal and 400 bird species .
★ POINT NEMO	 Also known as the "oceanic pole of inaccessibility" Considered the remotest place on Earth The nearest land is the Pitcairn Islands
* ARAL SEA	 "Endorheic lake" in Central Asia , east of the Caspian Sea Fourth largest body of inland water , lost almost three-quarters of its volume & half of its area Reasons: Overuse of its two main tributaries — Amu Darya and Syr Darya
★ SAINT MARTIN ISLAND	Only coral reef island of Bangladesh
★ CARIBBEAN ISLANDS	Hurricane Beryl Operation Indravati (Haiti)

★ CORAL TRIANGLE	 'Amazon of the seas' It is a huge marine area in Southeast Asia Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Philippines, Timor-Leste & Solomon Islands
★ ETURNAGARAM WILDLIFE SANCTUARY	Located in Dandakaranya forests, Telangana
★ HINDON RIVER	Uttar Pradesh A tributary of the Yamuna River and has become highly polluted due to industrial effluents
★ AL-JAWF REGION	 Saudi Arabia Experienced a historic winter phenomenon Snowfall blanketing the desert for the first time in recorded history.
★ ROOPKUND GLACIAL LAKE	Uttarakhand Impacted by climate change
★ AZORES ISLAND	Created the largest marine protected area in the North Atlantic.
★ LITTLE PRESPA LAKE	Between Greece and Albania Dry Lake
★ MT. LEWOTOBI LAKI LAKI	Indonesia , positioned within the "Ring of Fire" Eruption set off earthquakes
★ SANGLA PHU LAKE	Sikkim Gurudongmar Lake
★ BADWATER BASIN	Death Valley , California Driest place and lowest elevation point in North America Mojave Desert

★ LIZARD ISLAND	Australia Heat stress triggered a bleaching event that devastated 97% of the coral
★ DARIEN GAP	Panama region Part of the Donkey Route to the USA
★ HAJI PIR PASS	Jammu and Kashmir Critical route connecting Poonch and Uri
★ Z-MORH TUNNEL	Jammu and Kashmir Enhances year-round connectivity between Srinagar and Sonmarg
★ TRADE AND ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (TEPA)	Signed by India-European Free Trade Association (EFTA) EFTA is the intergovernmental organisation of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland
★ PACIFIC ISLAND OF SAIPAN	Capital of the Northern Mariana Islands Pacific Ocean
★ SNAKE ISLAND (UKRAINE)	Black Sea Also known as "zmiinyi island"
★ PALLIKARANAI MARSHLAND	Freshwater marsh near Chennai
★ SAMPUR SOLAR POWER PLANT	1. 120 megawatts in Sampur, Trincomalee 2. Gol and Government of Sri Lanka
★ KANKESANTHURAI PORT , SRI LANKA	1. Sri Lanka

★ GLASS SEA BRIDGE	 Kanyakumari India's first-ever glass bridge Connecting the Vivekananda Memorial and the Thiruvalluvar statue near Cape Comorin
★ TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Port of Spain Two southernmost links in the Caribbean chain
★ WALONG WAR MEMORIAL AND SHAURYA STHAL	Lama Spur , Walong 1962 Sino-Indian War, the Battle of Walong occurred at the easternmost tip of Arunachal Pradesh
★ PAUHUNRI (OR TEESTA KHANGSE) GLACIER	Sikkim Teesta river begins in the Pauhunri Glacier
★ DEMCHOK AND DEPSANG REGIONS	India and China have agreed to end the military standoff in eastern Ladakh
★ ZARANJ-DELARAM HIGHWAY	1. Afghanistan
★ CHAGOS ISLANDS	Indian Ocean The U.K. will restore sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius but retains Diego Garcia airbase
★ CHABAHAR PORT	India's investment is restricted to the Shahid Beheshti port Other Port : Shahid Kalantari port
★ MONROVIA	Capital of Liberia proposal to relocate Monrovia due to recurring floods
★ INDIA'S FIRST DARK SKY PARK	 Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra India's first Dark Sky Park The fifth Dark Sky Park in Asia for protecting the night sky and preventing light pollution.

★ LAKE GATUN	Panama Canal Artificial reservoir Decline in water level
★ MOYAR VALLEY	 Tamil Nadu It extends from Gudalur through the core area of Mudumalai Tiger Reserve Sheltering the critically endangered Gyps Vultures
★ SAGAR ISLAND	West Bengal Ganga Sagar Mela, the second-largest Hindu agglomerate after Kumbh Mela at Sagar island
★ CARAMBOLIM LAKE	North Goa An artificial water tank
★ SOUTH CHINA SEA	Paracel Island Spratly Island Scarborough Shoal
★ KARAINAGAR BOATYARD	Sri Lanka India will provide financial assistance rehabilitate and develop
★ FEDCHENKO GLACIER	 Tajikistan Longest Glacier in Non-Polar Areas Siachen glacier is the Second-Longest glacier
★ ROTTNEST ISLAND	1. Australia
★ SILKYARA-BARKOT TUNNEL	UTTARKASHI , Uttarakhand Connect National Highway 134
★ CALIFORNIA FIRES	Los Angeles Unprecedented winter wildfires, including the Palisades fire (largest and most destructive), Eaton fire, Sunset fire, Hurst fire, and Lidia fire

★ RUBAYA MINING REGION	 North Kivu , Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Region borders both Uganda and Rwanda M23 rebels (a tutsi-led rebel group) controls Rubaya mining region , a key coltan mining region, crucial for electronics manufacturing
★ BALBOA AND CRISTOBAL PORTS	Two key ports at the northern and southern ends of the Panama Canal
★ LAKE SAPANCA	Turkey Freshwater lake Between Gulf of İzmit & Adapazari Meadow .
★ MOUNT TARANAKI	 New Zealand's North Island Also known as Mount Egmon Mount Taranaki has been granted legal personhood. Other legal personhood in New Zealand: a. Urewera native forest (2014) b. Whanganui River (2017)
★ SANTORINI ISLAND	 Volcanic crater island Southern Aegean Sea, southeastern Greece. Over 7,700 earthquakes hit the island in a week .
★ NORD STREAM PIPELINE	 Russia to Germany Baltic Sea A new study reveals that thousands of tonnes of methane may have dissolved into the Baltic Sea following explosions that damaged the Nord Stream pipeline.
★ NAGORNO-KARABAKH REGION	 Landlocked, mountainous region in the South Caucasus. Armenia and Azerbaijan have agreed to a peace agreement Kura River
★ ISLAND OF GOTLAND	Sweden Island of Gotland is the last bastion between Russia and the entire Baltic region. Low Salinity
★ ABU MUSA ISLAND	Located close to the strait of hormuz Iran and UAE disputed Islands : Abu musa island and two other islands , greater Tunb and lesser Tunb .
★ LAKE KIVU	1. DRC and Rwanda , Africa

★ INDIA-MIDDLE EAST-EUROPE ECONOMIC CORRIDOR (IMEC)	 G20 Summit in New Delhi Project forms part of the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) Connects: Mumbai (India) Jebel Ali (UAE) Al Ghuwaifat (UAE) Haradh (Saudi Arabia) Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) Al Haditha (Saudi Arabia) Haifa (Israel) Piraeus (Greece)
★ DANGOTE REFINERY	1. Nigeria
★ SABANG PORT	Indonesia India and Indonesia have completed a joint feasibility study on developing the strategically valuable Sabang port
★ LAMU ARCHIPELAGO	1. Kenya
★ BCIM ECONOMIC CORRIDOR	The BCIM Economic Corridor is a project in economic cooperation involving Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar.
★ INDIA-MYANMAR-THAILAND TRILATERAL HIGHWAY	 Regional connectivity project that aims to establish a road link between India, Myanmar, and Thailand From Moreh in Manipur to Mae Sot in Thailand
★ SITTWE PORT	India and Myanmar to create a multi-modal mode of transport for the shipment of cargo
★ YANOMAMI	Indigenous group , Brazil Severe humanitarian crisis blamed on illegal gold miners
★ HALA'IB TRIANGLE	Hala'ib Triangle is an area of disputed land located on the border between Egypt and Sudan.
★ JAKHAU PORT	Fair weather port Gulf of Kutch , Gujarat Situated on Godia Creek
★ LIPTAKO-GOURMA REGION	It is the region where the Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger borders meet

★ BRANDT LINE	Line demarcating More developed countries and Less developed countries
★ I2U2 GROUP	It is a grouping of : India , Israel , United Arab Emirates and United States
★ LIKARU-MIG LA-FUKCHE ROAD	 By the BRO as part of "Project Himank" Connects Chishumle to Demchok villages and both these villages lie in close proximity to the Line of Actual Control (LAC)
★ TORKHAM BORDER	Connects Nangarhar province of Afghanistan with Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province
★ KURIL ISLAND	 Southern Kurils : Disputed islands Known as Northern Territories by Japan
★ SULINA CHANNEL	 Situated in the eastern part of Romania It connects the Danube River to the Black Sea
★ WAR IN AMHARA	Ethiopian Civil Conflict
★ PARKACHIK GLACIER	Mountain glacier in Kargil, Ladakh Suru River Valley
★ ZAIMENG LAKE	Manipur It is situated on top of Khongthang mountain ranges.
★ UMIAM LAKE	Meghalaya Also known as Bara Pani North of Shillong

★ BEN GURION CANAL PROJECT	Mediterranean Sea with the Gulf of Aqaba
★ CHUG VALLEY	Dirang region of Arunachal Pradesh West Kameng District
★ LAKE NATRON	Tanzania at the border with Kenya Salt or alkaline lake
★ TRITON ISLAND	Small island in the South China Sea Part of the Paracel Islands chain
★ HELMUND RIVER	Helmund (or Hirmand) , is the longest river in Afghanistan
★ LA CUMBRE VOLCANO	Location : Fernandina Island Galapagos Islands (Ecuador)
★ JIRIBAM	New hotspot of ethnic violence in Manipur
★ ISLAND OF CRETE	Greek islands In Mediterranean Sea
★ SOUTH OSSETIA AND ABKHAZIA	1. Georgia
★ BASQUE COUNTRY	1. Spain
★ CATALONIA	1. Spain
★ TRANSNISTRIA	1. Moldova
★ TIGRAY	1. Ethiopia
★ KACHIN STATE	1. Myanmar