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Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary

Why in news?

The Assam government has decided in July 2020 to upgrade **Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary into a national park.**

Description:

- Post upgradation this would be the **sixth** National park of Assam.
- The Wildlife Sanctuary is a part of Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve, which is also spreads across the **coal- and oil-rich districts of Upper Assam** (Dibrugarh, Tinsukia and Sivasagar).
- It is also last patch of rainforest within the boundaries of Assam. It is also referred as **amazon of the East.**



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Nagorno-Karabakh

Why in news?

Recently a decade old territorial disputes has been erupted between Armenia and Azerbaijan over **Nagorno-Karabakh** region.

Description:

- Nagorno-Karabakh (also known as Artsakh) is recognised as part of Azerbaijan by international players.
- However, most of the region is controlled by Armenian separatists.
- The majority of the population in Nagorno-Karabakh is Armenian Christian whereas Azerbaijan is a Muslim majority country. Thus, ethnicity and religion is the two main reason for the conflict.
- Nagorno-Karabakh is a breakaway region in South Caucasus/Transcaucasia.
- In late 1980 the Armenian parliament had voted for transfer of Nagorno-Karabakh to Armenia, however this demand was rejected by the collapsing Soviet.



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Baikal-GVD (Gigaton Volume Detector) in Lake Baikal

Why in news?

Scientists from Russia have launched **one of the world's biggest underwater neutrino telescopes** called the Baikal-GVD (Gigaton Volume Detector) in the waters of Lake Baikal, the world's deepest lake situated in Siberia.

Description:

- The Baikal-GVD is a part of three largest neutrino detectors in the world. The other two are IceCube at the South Pole and ANTARES in the Mediterranean Sea.
- Its mission to study in detail the elusive fundamental particles called neutrinos and to possibly determine their sources.
- It might help in understanding the origins of the universe.
- An underwater telescope such as the GVD is designed to detect high-energy neutrinos that may have come from the Earth's core, or could have been produced during nuclear reactions in the Sun.
- Lake Baikal is a rift lake located in southern Siberia.
- Largest freshwater lake by volume in the world.



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Bhashan Char Island

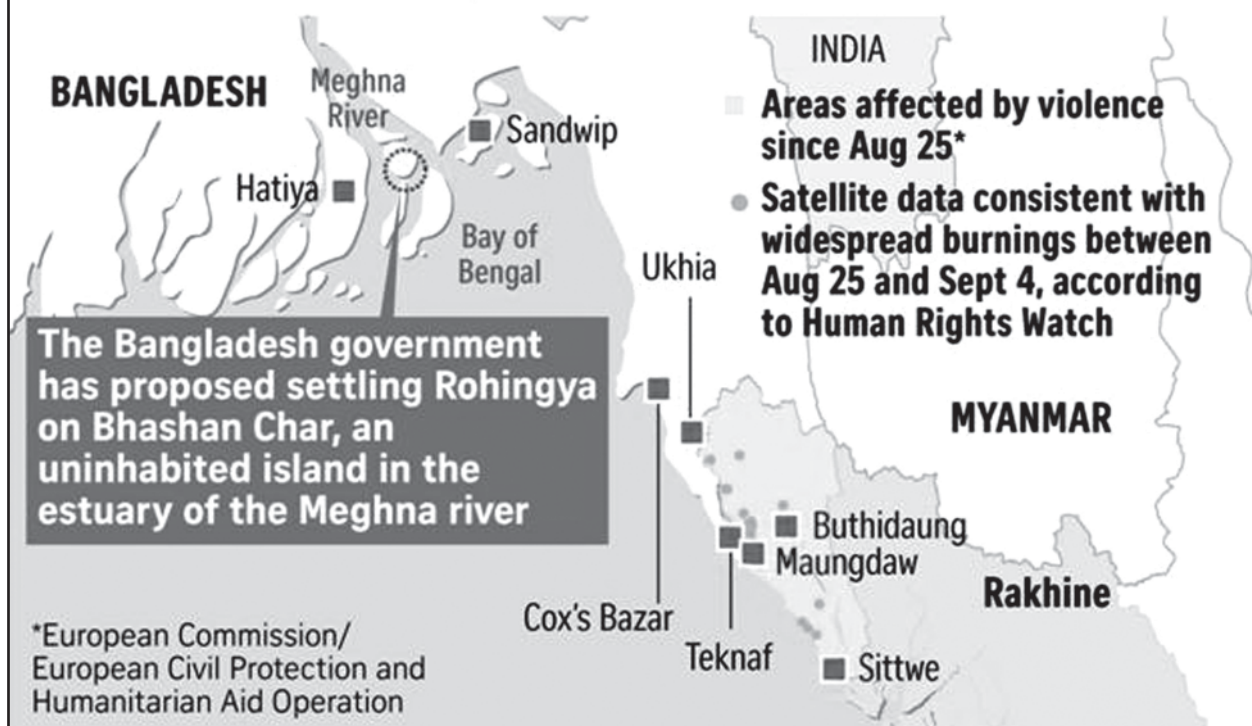
Why in news?

Bangladesh has translocated approximately 1,600 Rohingya refugees to an island. Known as Bhashan Char, in the first phase of a relocation of 1,00,000 people.

Description:

- Bhasan Char aka Char Piya, is an island located 34 kilometres from the mainland, Bangladesh.
- The island was formed with Himalayan silt deposition by Ganga-Brahmaputra deposition.
- It is underwater from June to September annually because of the monsoon, and it has no flood fences.
- In June 2015, the Bangladeshi government suggested resettling Rohingya refugees on the island under its Ashrayan Project.

Housing the refugees



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Leang Tedongnge, Sulawesi Island

Why in news?

Very recently, world's oldest known cave painting was found in the limestone cave of Leang Tedongnge, Indonesia. It was painted in around 45000 years ago.

Description:

- This cave painting uncovered in South Sulawesi consists of a life-sized depiction of a warty pig.
- It shows a pig with a short crest of upright hairs and a pair of horn-like facial warts in front of the eyes, a characteristic feature of adult male Sulawesi warty pigs.
- The previously oldest dated rock art 'scene' at least 43,900 years old, was a depiction of hybrid human-animal beings hunting Sulawesi warty pigs and dwarf bovids.



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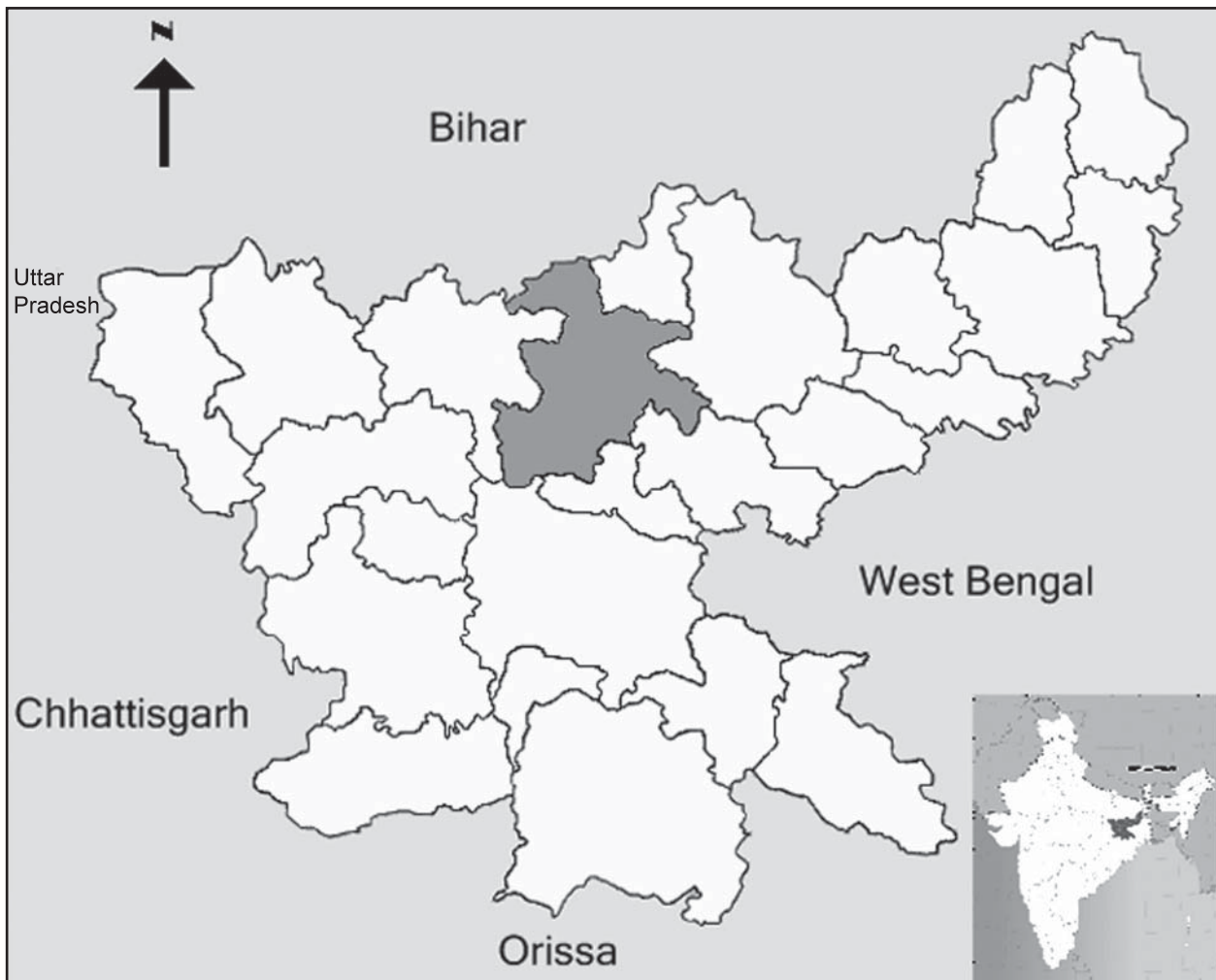
Sitagarhi Hills, Hazaribagh

Why in news?

The Archeological Survey of India (ASI) has unearthed a Buddhist monastery, believed to be at least 900 years old, buried under a mound in Sitagarhi Hills of Hazaribagh district in Jharkhand.

Description:

- It is a **10th century structure resembling a small 'Buddha Vihar'** (Buddhist Shrine-cum-Monastery).
- Discoveries around the site:
 - Four statues of deity Tara in '**Varad Mudra**' (gesture of hand showing dispensing of boons)
 - Six statues of the Buddha in '**Bhumisparsa Mudra**' (gesture of hand showing five fingers of right hand towards the earth symbolising the Buddha's enlightenment)



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North Sea

Why in news?

Recently, Denmark approved a plan to build an artificial energy island in the North Sea as part of its effort to switch to green energy.

Description:

- An energy island is based on a platform that serves as a hub for electricity generation from surrounding offshore wind farms.
- North Sea, a part of Atlantic Ocean, **is bordered by Norway, Denmark, Scotland, England, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium and France.**



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El Salvador

Why in news?

Recently, El Salvador has become the first country in central America and the third in all Americas to get the malaria-free certificate from the World Health Organization (WHO).

Description:

- Malaria elimination certificate is awarded to a country when the chain of indigenous transmission of the disease has been disrupted nationwide for at least three consecutive years.
- The only other countries in the WHO Regions of Americas to have eliminated malaria in recent years are Paraguay (2018) and Argentina (2019).
- Malaria is a disease caused by *Plasmodium* parasites. It is transmitted to people through the bites of infected female *Anopheles* mosquitoes.
- There are five kinds of malarial parasites — *Plasmodium falciparum*, *Plasmodium vivax*, *Plasmodium malariae*, *Plasmodium ovale* and *Plasmodium knowlesi*.



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Svalbard

Why in news?

The Svalbard Global Seed Vault — referred to as the earth's 'doomsday vault' — now contains about 1.05 million seeds is facing great **existential threat due to global warming.**

Description:

- This facility lies inside of a mountain in Nordenskiöld Land on the island of Spitsbergen in Svalbard, Norway.
- It is a vault that contains humanity's ultimate food security. So it is called as doomsday vault.
- Norway's government owns the vault.
- Depositors retain ownership rights.
- India has sent around 9.5 crore seeds to Svalbard.



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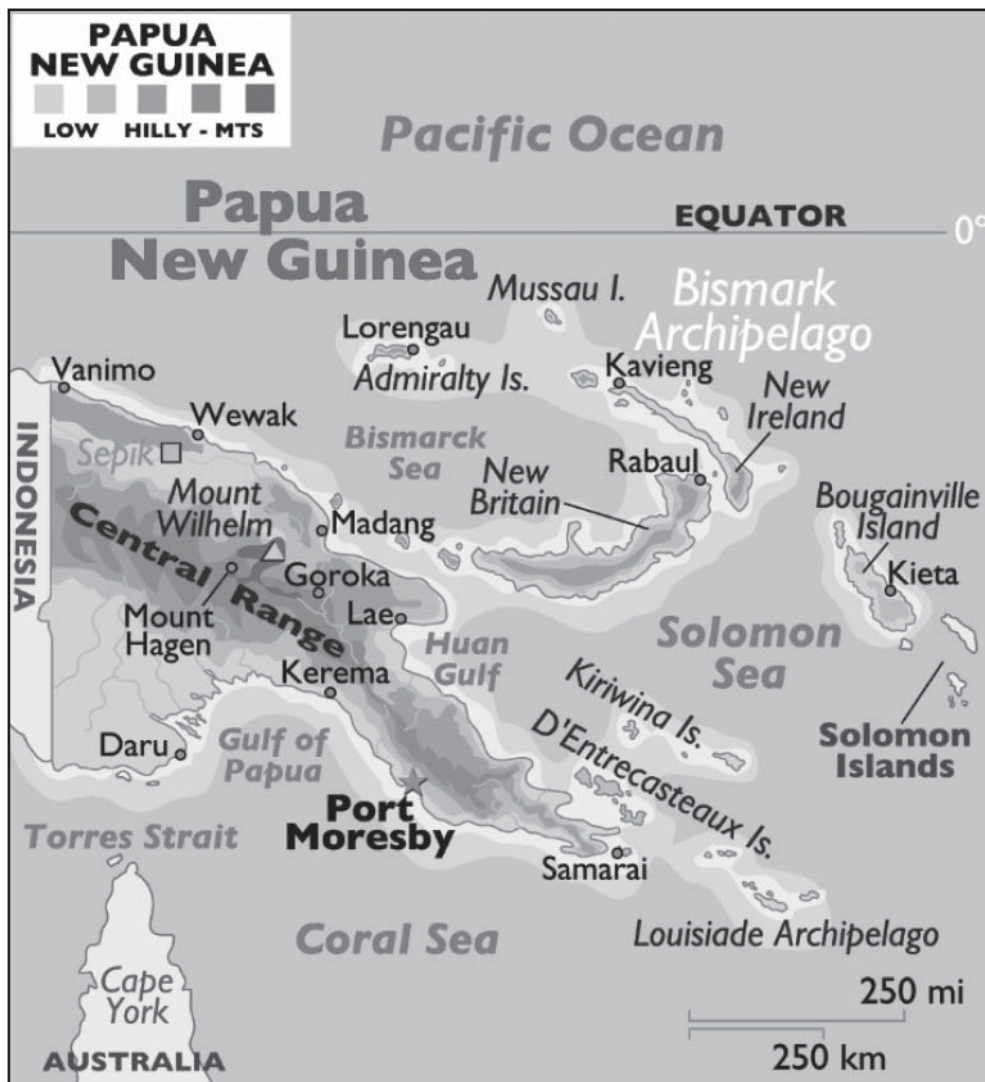
Bougainville Island

Why in news?

Recently, South Pacific Archipelago of Bougainville voted to become independent of Papua New Guinea.

Description:

- In a referendum conducted by its people the Bougainville Island voted to become independent from Papua New Guinea.
- It is the largest island of the Solomon Islands Archipelago.
- The island has the **world's largest copper deposits.**



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30	33	38	39	42	44	46	53	54	59	66	69
70	72	77	78	80	82	84	86	87	94	97	98

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CSE 2018

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51	52	56	58	62	74	81	89	92	94	98	100

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CSE 2017

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ALL INDIA RANKING
CSE 2016

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ALL INDIA RANKING
CSE 2015

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