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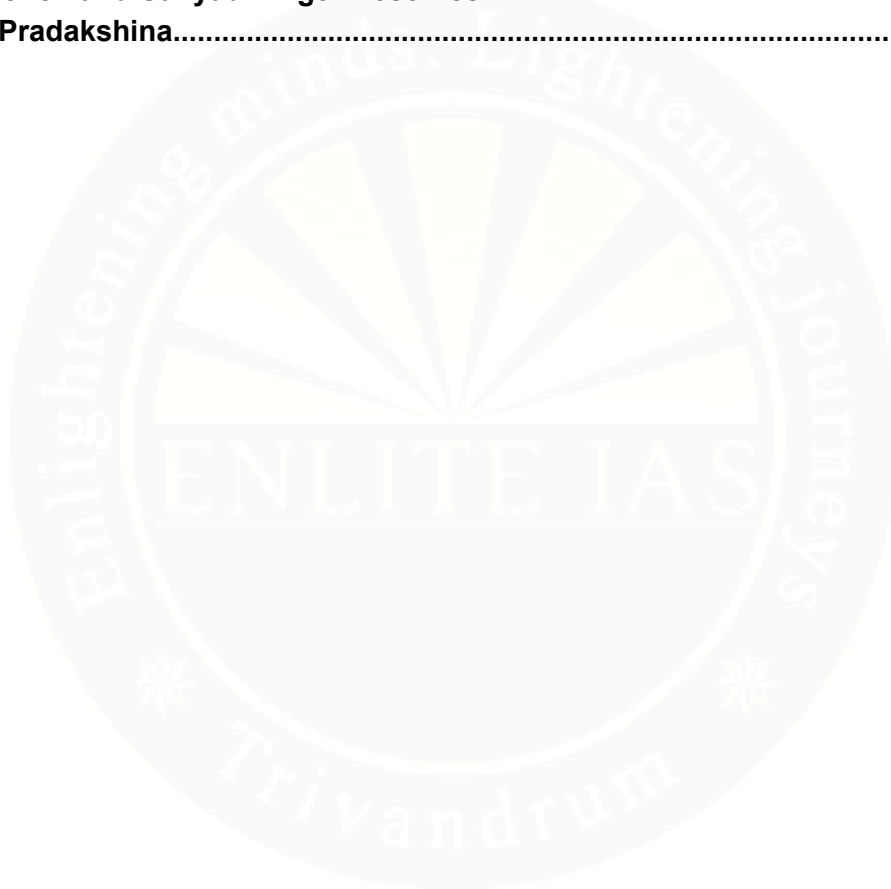
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1. Taiwan Strait

- **Prelims** - Location of Taiwan Strait
- **Mains** - GS 1 - Geography

Taiwan Strait



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Why in news?

- China's newest aircraft carrier sails through Taiwan Strait for the first time.

Taiwan Strait

- **Other Name:** Formosa Strait
- **Location:**
 - It is a 180-kilometre-wide strait separating the island of Taiwan and continental Asia.
 - The strait extends from southwest to northeast between the South and East China seas.
 - The narrowest part is 130 km wide.
- **Islands and Ports:**
 - It contains the Pescadores Islands which are controlled by the government of Taiwan.
 - The chief ports are Amoy in mainland China and Kao-hsiung in Taiwan.
- **Features:**
 - It serves as a busy navigational waterway, on which millions of tons of cargo are ferried annually.
 - one of the most important fishing grounds in China.
 - **Median line is informal dividing line in the Taiwan Strait between the Chinese mainland and Taiwan.**



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2. Acharya Vinoba Bhave

- **Prelims** - Acharya Vinoba Bhave
- **Mains** - GS 1 - Modern Indian History

Why in the news?

- Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi paid tribute to Acharya Vinoba Bhave on his birth anniversary.

Acharya Vinoba Bhave

- **Birth:** Born on **11 September 1895** at Gagode village, Maharashtra.
- **Early Life:**
 - Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's teachings; joined **Sabarmati Ashram** in 1916.
 - Actively participated in the Indian **independence movement**, including **Non-Cooperation** and **Quit India Movement**.
- **Contributions:**
 - **Bhoodan Movement (1951):**
 - ★ Urged wealthy landowners to **donate land** to landless peasants voluntarily.
 - ★ Started at Pochampally (Telangana).
 - **Gramdan Movement:** Extension of Bhoodan- Entire villages pledged land for collective ownership and cooperative farming.
 - **Sarvodaya Philosophy:** Propagated Gandhi's idea of **Sarvodaya (welfare of all)** through non-violence, truth, and self-reliance.
 - **Constructive Programmes:**
 - ★ Promoted **Khadi**, rural upliftment, literacy, and self-sufficiency.
 - ★ Advocated **shramdaan (voluntary labour)** and **simple living**.
- **Ideological Legacy:**
 - Believed in **spiritual politics** and moral transformation of society.
 - Was a follower of Gandhian way of living.
 - Emphasized **trusteeship concept**: wealth as a trust for the welfare of society.
 - Advocated decentralisation and **Gram Swaraj** (village self-rule).
- **Recognition:**
 - Awarded **Bharat Ratna** (1955).
 - Respected across political and religious lines as a **moral leader**.
- **Death:** Passed away in 1982.



3. Belarus

- Prelims - Location of Belarus
- Mains - GS 1 - Geography

Belarus



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Why in news?

- Russia and Belarus starts military drills as the west watches it warily.

Belarus

- **Location:** A Landlocked country in Eastern Europe.
- **Capital:** Minsk
- **Bordering countries:** Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Russia, Lithuania and Latvia.
- **International Cooperation:** Member of CIS, the CSTO, the EAEU, the OSCE, and the Non-Aligned Movement
- **River:** Dnieper flows through Belarus and drains into Black Sea.



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4. Gandhi Sagar wildlife Sanctuary

- Prelims - Gandhi Sagar wildlife Sanctuary
- Mains - GS 3 - Environment

Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary



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Why in the news?

- Madhya Pradesh Wildlife officials are planning for a Cheetah mating programme in Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary.

Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary

- **Location** - Madhya Pradesh
- **Protection Status** - It was notified in the year 1974 and added to the list of sanctuaries in 1984.
- **Associated River** - River Chambal
- **Associated Cultural Places** - Chaurasigarh, Chaturbhujnath temple, Bhadkaji rock paintings, Narsinghgarh Hinglajgarh fort, Taxakeshwar temple.
- **Vegetation** - Khathiar-Gir dry deciduous forests
- **Fauna** - Chinkara, Nilgai and Spotted Deer, the Indian Leopard, Striped Hyena and Jackal



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5. Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

- Prelims - Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
- Mains - GS 2 - Polity

Why in the news?

- The plenary session of the 11th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, India Region Conference was held in Karnataka.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

- **What is it?:** An international association of **national, state, provincial, and territorial parliaments** within the Commonwealth.
- **Establishment:** Founded in **1911** as the **Empire Parliamentary Association** and renamed as CPA in **1948**.
- **Headquarters:** London, UK
- **Objectives:**
 - Promote **democratic governance**, rule of law, and human rights.
 - Encourage **parliamentary cooperation** and exchange of best practices.
 - Strengthen **parliamentary institutions** in member states.
 - Foster **capacity building** of parliamentarians and staff.
- **Membership:**
 - Over **180 national, state, provincial and territorial legislatures** from more than **55 Commonwealth countries**.
 - Members include both **bicameral and unicameral legislatures**.
 - India is an **active member** and several Indian state legislatures are part of the CPA.
- **Structure:** Composed of a General Assembly, Executive Committee, Regional Groups(9 regional groups) and Secretariat (In London).
- **Key Activities:**
 - **Conferences & Workshops:** Annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC).
 - **Training:** Programs for MPs, Speakers, and legislative staff.
 - **Publications:** The *Parliamentarian* journal, research reports.
 - **Technical Assistance:** Supports democratic reforms, gender equality in legislatures.
- **Indian Participation:**
 - India hosted the **Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in 1957, 1975, and 2007**.



- Indian Speakers and parliamentarians regularly participate in CPA activities.
- State legislative assemblies also engage through regional branches.
- **Challenges:**
 - Funding and resource constraints.
 - Relevance in a changing global political order.
 - Balancing diversity among developed and developing member states.
- **Significance:**
 - Strengthening of parliamentary democracy.
 - Platform for India's parliamentary diplomacy.
 - Reflection of Commonwealth values of democracy, development, and cooperation.



6. Tadoba, Pench and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves

- **Prelims** - Tadoba, Pench and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves
- **Mains** - GS 3 - Environment

Why in the news?

- The Union Environmental ministry approved translocation of eight tigers from Pench and Tadoba Tiger Reserves to the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve.

Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** Situated in **Chandrapur district, Maharashtra**, in Vidarbha region
- **Features:**
 - **Oldest and largest national park in Maharashtra.**
 - Declared a **Project Tiger Reserve in 1993.**
 - **Andhari River** flows through the forest
 - Part of the **Central Indian Tiger Landscape**
 - Critical corridor for tiger movement linking Maharashtra–Madhya Pradesh–Chhattisgarh forests.
 - Eco-tourism site promoting community livelihood.
- **Flora:**
 - Southern tropical dry deciduous forest.
 - Dominated by **Teak (Tectona grandis)** and **bamboo.**
- **Fauna:**
 - **Flagship species:** Royal Bengal Tiger
 - Over **200 species** of birds including crested serpent eagle, grey-headed fish eagle, paradise flycatcher.
 - Marsh crocodile, Leopard, Sloth Bear, Dhole (wild dog), Gaur, Sambar, Chital, Nilgai.

Pench Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** Spread across **Madhya Pradesh (Seoni & Chhindwara districts)** and **Maharashtra (Nagpur district).**
- **Features:**
 - Lies in the **Satpura hill ranges**, Central India
 - Named after the **Pench River** that flows through it.
 - Declared a **Tiger Reserve in 1992** under *Project Tiger*.
 - The setting of Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*.
 - It forms part of the **Central Indian Tiger Landscape.**
- **Flora:**



→ Southern tropical dry deciduous forest.

→ Dominated by **Teak**

- **Fauna:**

→ Royal Bengal Tiger, Leopard, Wild Dog (Dhole), Sloth Bear, Indian Wolf, Jackal, Hyena, Marsh crocodile, Gaur, Sambar, Chital, Nilgai, Chowsingha, Wild Boar.

Sahyadri Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** Spread across Satara, Sangli, and Kolhapur districts of Maharashtra.

- **Features:**

→ Only **Tiger Reserve in Western Maharashtra.**

→ It forms part of the **northern Western Ghats**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and global biodiversity hotspot.

→ Formed by merging Chandoli National Park and Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary.

→ Declared as a **Tiger Reserve in 2009** under *Project Tiger*.

- **Flora:**

→ Dominated by **evergreen and moist deciduous forests.**

→ Important species: Teak, Ain, Kinjal, Jamun, Hirda, Medicinal plants.

- **Fauna:**

→ Royal Bengal Tiger, Leopard, Sloth Bear, Gaur, Wild Dog (Dhole), Sambar, Barking Deer, Mouse Deer.



7. Samudra Pradakshina

- Prelims - Samudra Pradakshina
- Mains - GS 2 - International Relations

Why in the news?

- Defence Minister virtually flagged off Samudra Pradakshina

Samudra Pradakshina

- What is it?:
 - It is a **historic tri-service, all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition**.
 - First ever of its kind where women officers from Army, Navy, Air Force together, sailing around the world.
- Features:
 - **Vessel:** IASV Triveni- a 50-foot, Class A yacht, indigenously built in Puducherry.
 - **Duration:** About 9 months
 - **Crew:** 10 Women officers
 - **Port Calls:** Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa
 - **Collaboration:** In collaboration with the National Institute of Oceanography. They will study micro-plastics, ocean life documentation and raise awareness about marine health.
- Significance:
 - Represents **Nari Shakti** (women's empowerment) and the growing role of women in Indian armed forces.
 - Symbolic of **tri-service unity**, showing inter-service coordination.
 - Acts as an instrument of **defence diplomacy** and projecting Indian culture, tradition and values globally.