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Places in News - World

1. Caribbean Sea

Why in the news?

- Venezuela deployed thousands of troops along its border with Colombia in reaction to the U.S. military buildup in the Caribbean Sea

Caribbean Sea

- **Location:** The Caribbean Sea is a large tropical sea of the western Atlantic Ocean.
- **Boundaries:** It is bounded by the Greater and Lesser Antilles to the north and east, Central America to the west, and the northern coast of South America to the south, covering an area of about 2.7 million sq. km.
- **Major Islands:** Cuba, Jamaica, Hispaniola (Haiti and Dominican Republic), Puerto Rico, and Trinidad & Tobago are located in the Caribbean Sea.
- **Ocean Features:**
 - The sea floor consists of five deep basins separated by underwater ridges: Yucatán Basin, Cayman Basin, Colombian Basin, Venezuelan Basin, and Grenada Basin.
 - The **Cayman Trench** is the deepest part of the Caribbean Sea.
- **Ocean Currents:** The **Caribbean Current**, a branch of the North Equatorial Current, flows westward through the sea and eventually contributes to the **Gulf Stream**.
- **Climate:**
 - The region has a **tropical maritime climate** with warm temperatures year-round.
 - It is prone to **hurricanes**, especially from **June to November**.
- **Economic Importance:**
 - Major activities include **tourism, shipping, fishing, and oil extraction**.
 - The **Panama Canal** connects the Caribbean Sea to the Pacific Ocean, making it a vital **global trade route**.
 - Ports like **Kingston (Jamaica)**, **Havana (Cuba)**, and **Cartagena (Colombia)** are key maritime hubs.

2. Qatar

Qatar



Why in the news?

- Qatar hosted peace deal between Pakistan and Afghanistan (Taliban).


Qatar

- **Location:** It occupies the Qatar Peninsula on the northeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula in the Middle East.
- **Capital:** Doha
- **Bordering Countries:** Saudi Arabia
- **Bordering Waterbodies:** Persian Gulf, Gulf of Bahrain.
- **International Groupings:** Non-NATO ally, OPEC, Gulf Cooperation Council, Arab League



3. Bolivia

Bolivia




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Why in the news?

- Bolivians began voting in the nation's first presidential runoff, marking the end of two decades of dominance by the Movement Toward Socialism (MAS) party and the beginning of a new political chapter.

Bolivia

- Location:** Bolivia is a landlocked country located in western-central South America.
- Capital:**
 - Legal Capital:** Sucre
 - Official Capital:** La Paz
- Border Countries:** Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Chile, and Peru.
- Geography:**
 - Bolivia is part of Amazon rainforest countries .
 - Bolivia is part of lithium triangle countries.
 - Andes mountains passes through Bolivia.




Map of Bolivia showing its location in South America, surrounded by Brazil, Peru, Chile, Argentina, and Paraguay. Key cities like La Paz, Sucre, Cochabamba, and Potosi are marked. The map also shows the South Pacific Ocean and Lake Titicaca.

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4. Nauru

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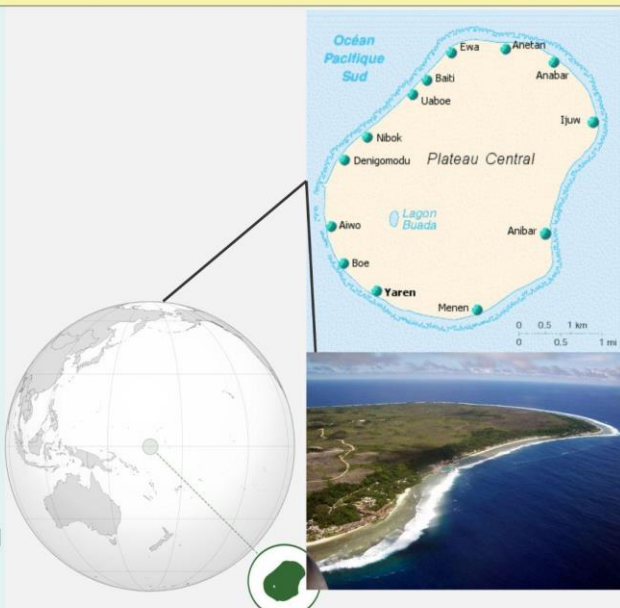

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Why in the news?

- Australia has defended its A\$2.5 billion, 30-year agreement with Nauru to resettle deported non-citizens, a move criticised by human rights groups who allege it shifts refugee responsibility to smaller, aid-dependent Pacific nations.

Nauru

- Location:** Nauru is an island nation and a microstate in Oceania, located in the southwestern Pacific Ocean.
- Capital:** It has no official capital city but Yaren is the de facto capital of Nauru.
- Fact:** It is the smallest republic in the world.
- Border:** The island is about 1,300 km northeast of the Solomon Islands; its closest neighbour is the island of Banaba, in Kiribati.
- Geography:** The island is dominated by a central phosphate plateau which is surrounded by coral cliffs.



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5. Tuvalu

Why in the news?

- Tuvalu has officially joined the IUCN as the 90th state member of IUCN.

Tuvalu

- **Location:**
 - Tuvalu is an island country in the west-central Pacific Ocean, situated roughly halfway between Hawaii and Australia.
 - It lies within Polynesia, bordered by Kiribati to the north and Fiji to the south.
- **Area:** Fourth smallest country in the world.
- **Capital:** Funafuti
- **Geological Origin:** Comprises nine small islands and atolls made up of coral reefs and volcanic rock.
- **Topography:** Extremely low-lying and the highest natural point is only 4.5 metres above sea level.
- **Hydrology:** Due to the absence of rivers or streams, they rely on rainwater harvesting and groundwater lenses.
- **Climate:** Hot and humid tropical climate, influenced by El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO).
- **Biodiversity:** Limited terrestrial life, surrounded by rich coral ecosystems vulnerable to bleaching.

6. Fiji

Fiji



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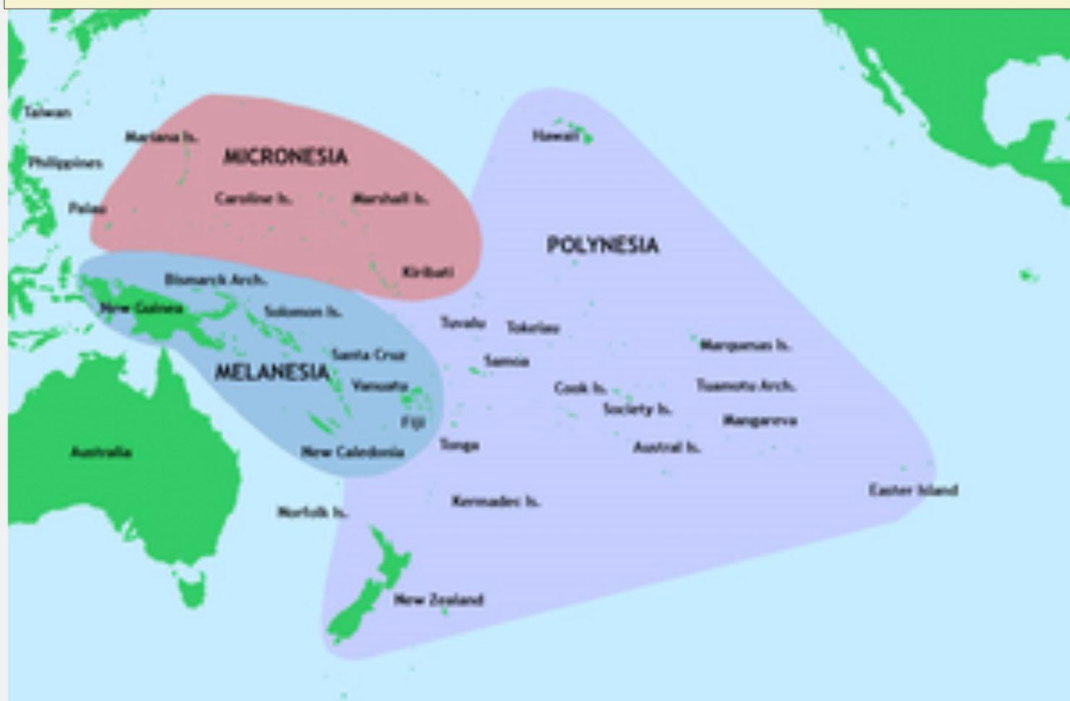
- Fiji becomes the 26th country to eliminate trachoma as a public health problem.

Fiji

- Location:**
 - Fiji is an island country in Melanesia, part of Oceania in the South Pacific Ocean.
 - It lies north-northeast of New Zealand.
- Capital:** Suva
- Major Islands:** Viti Levu (country's capital located) and Vanua Levu.
- Fact:** The sugar-cane industry is dominant.
- Formation:** The majority of Fiji's islands were formed by volcanic activity.



Grouping of Pacific Islands



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7. Iran


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Iran

Why in the news?

- Iran has ratified a law to join the United Nations International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) in a bid to align with global financial norms.

Iran


- Location:** West Asia
- Capital:** Tehran
- Border Countries:** Iraq, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- Border Sharing Waterbodies:** Caspian Sea, Gulf of Oman and Persian Gulf.
- Key Cooperation with India :** Chabahar Port , INSTC.



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8. Israel and West Bank


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Israel

Why in the news?

- Israel's parliament gives initial nod to occupied West Bank annexation.

Israel

- **Location:** West Asia
- **Capital:** Jerusalem.
- **Border Countries:** Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt.
- **Palestinian Territories:** West Bank along the east and the Gaza Strip along the southwest.
- **Bordering Waterbodies:** Eastern Mediterranean, Red Sea, Sea of Galilee and Dead Sea.
- **River:** Jordan River
- **Climatic Type:** Mediterranean climate, Desert climate.



The map shows Israel and the West Bank. Key locations marked include Haifa, Nazareth, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Ramla, Jerusalem, Gaza, and Beersheba. Surrounding countries are Lebanon, Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan, and Egypt. Water bodies shown are the Mediterranean Sea, Lake Tiberias, and the Dead Sea. An inset map shows the location of Israel in the Middle East.

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West Bank

- The West Bank is a landlocked territory in the Middle East that is a central part of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- It lies to the west of the Jordan River and is bordered by Israel to the west, north, and south, and by Jordan and the Dead Sea to the east.