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Places in News - World

1. Mauritius

Mauritius

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Why in news?

- INS Sutlej, a specialised hydrographic survey vessel of the Indian Navy arrived at Port Louis to undertake 18th Joint Hydrographic Survey at Mauritius.

Mauritius

- Location:** Mauritius is an Indian Ocean island country.
- Capital:** Port Louis.
- Maritime Border:** It shares a maritime border with Madagascar and Reunion Island.
- Groupings:** Member of the African Union, the Commonwealth of Nations, the Indian Ocean Commission, and the Indian Ocean Rim Association.

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Récif, Goodlands, Grand Baie, Triplet, Mapeau, Pamplémousses, Centre de Flacq, Beau Bassin, Moka, Quartier Militaire, Beau Champ, Montagne Blanche, Bambous, Phoenix, Curepipe, Quatre Bornes, Vacoas, Tamarin, Nouvelle France, Mahébourg, Récif, Chemin Grenier, Rivière des Anguilles, Souillac, Plaine Magnien, Bel Ombre, L'Escalier.

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2. Argentina and Mar del Plata Canyon

Argentina


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Why in the news?

- A groundbreaking expedition to Argentina's Mar del Plata Canyon uncovered over 40 potential new deep-sea species, including glass squids and pink lobsters.

Argentina

- **Location:** Argentina is a South American country.
- **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- **Fact:** The second-largest country in South America after Brazil.
- **Bordering Countries:** Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Uruguay.
- **Bordering Waterbodies:** South Atlantic Ocean, Drake Passage.
- **Disputed Territory:** Falkland Islands with Britain
- **Climate:** Temperate Climate
- **Local Wind:** Pampero Winds
- **Desert:** Patagonia
- **Grasslands:** Pampas
- **Economic Significance:** Part of Lithium Triangle.

ARGENTINA



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Mar del Plata Canyon

- **Location:**
 - Situated along the continental margin off the coast of Buenos Aires Province, Argentina.
 - Lies about 250–300 km offshore from the city of Mar del Plata in the South-Western Atlantic Ocean.
 - It is one of the largest submarine canyons on the Argentine continental margin system.
- **Geological & Oceanographic Features:**
 - **Type:** Submarine canyon — a deep, steep-sided valley incised into the continental slope and rise.
 - **Depth:** Reaches approximately 3,000–3,500 metres below sea level, extending from the continental shelf to the deep Atlantic basin.

- **Seafloor Composition:** Dominated by fine sand mixed with terrigenous material (land-derived sediments) and planktonic foraminifera substrate (microfossil deposits).
- **Formation:** Shaped by turbidity currents, sediment erosion, and underwater landslides transporting material downslope.
- **Hydrographic Characteristics:**
 - The region is highly productive, influenced by the Argentine Shelf-break Front, a permanent oceanographic front marking a sharp boundary between contrasting water masses:
 - ★ Sub-Antarctic shelf waters (cold, nutrient-rich), and
 - ★ Cooler, more saline waters of the Falkland-Malvinas Current.
 - This interaction creates a thermohaline front (temperature-salinity gradient), leading to nutrient upwelling, high plankton productivity, and rich marine biodiversity.

3. Syria

Syria



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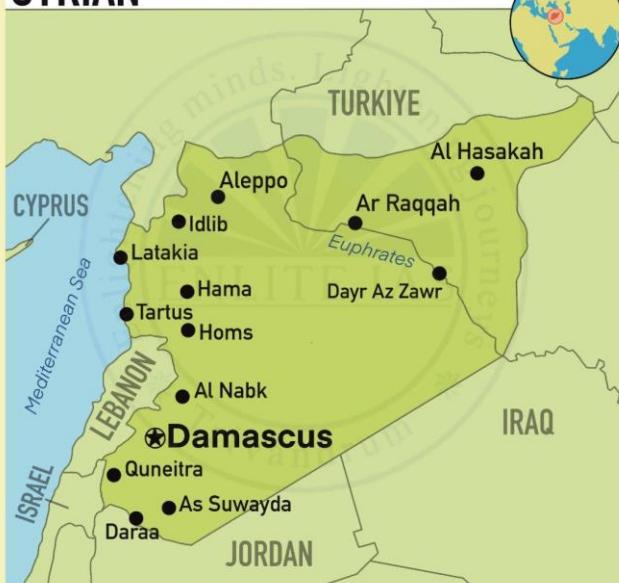
Why in the news?

- Syria held its first parliamentary elections, nearly a year after a rebel-led offensive unseated longtime autocratic leader Bashar al-Assad.

Syria

- **Location:** Syria is a Western Asian country located in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Levant.
- **Capital:** Damascus
- **Borders Countries:** Turkey, Iraq, Jordan, Israel and Lebanon.
- **Maritime Border Countries:** Cyprus lies to the west across the Mediterranean Sea
- **Major Rivers in Syria:** Euphrates, Tigris
- **Disputed Territories:** Golan heights with Israel

SYRIAN



Map showing the location of Syria in the Middle East, bordered by Turkey (TURKIYE), Iraq (IRAQ), Jordan (JORDAN), Lebanon (LEBANON), Israel (ISRAEL), and Cyprus (CYPRUS). The Euphrates River flows through the country. Major cities marked include Aleppo, Ar Raqqah, Al Hasakah, Idlib, Latakia, Hama, Homs, Al Nabk, Quneitra, As Suwayda, and Daraa. The Mediterranean Sea is to the west. An inset map shows Syria's location in the world map.

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4. Senegal

Senegal



Why in the news?

- Rift Valley Fever, a zoonotic disease claims 18 lives in Senegal.

Senegal

- **Location:** Senegal is the westernmost country in Africa.
- **Capital:** Dakar
- **Borders:** Mauritania, Mali, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal nearly surrounds Gambia.
- **Maritime Border:** Cape Verde.
- **Geography**
 - Located in Sahel region.
 - The region has tropical climate
- **International Grouping:** ECOWAS, African Union.



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