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# India rhino vision 2020

(GS PAPER-3, Ecology and  
Environment

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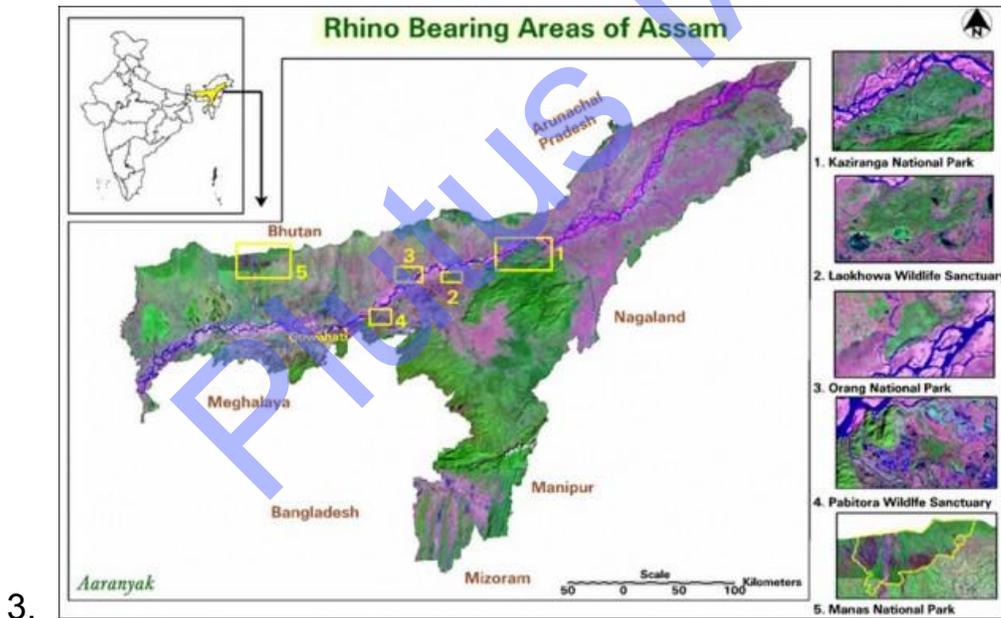
## Context

- Recently two adult one horned Rhinos translocated from Pobitora wildlife sanctuary to Manas National Park, under the aegis of Indian rhino vision 2020.
- The two Rhinos were transported to the release site at Bansbari range, Manas National Park after covering a distance of 181 km from Pobitora wildlife sanctuary.
- The translocation of rhinos to Manas National Park is an important conservation measures to help conserve the species
- Two sub-adult Rhinos were trans located from the Bagori range of Kaziranga National Park to Manas National Park in March 2020.

- With this last leg of wild to wild translocation under Indian rhino vision 2020 a total of 22 Rhinos have been transmitted from Pobitora Wildlife sanctuary and Kaziranga National Park to Manas National Park
- Currently Manas have 40 rhinos

## Indian rhino vision 2020

- The vision was launched in 2005
- An ambitious effort to attend a wildlife population of at least 3000 greater one horned rhino spread over 7 protected areas in the Indian state of Assam by the year 2020
- Seven protected areas are-
  1. Kaziranga
  2. Pobitora



3. Orang National Park
  4. Manas National Park
  5. Laokhowa wildlife sanctuary
  6. Bura Chapori wildlife sanctuary
  7. Dibru Saikhowa wildlife sanctuary
- It is a collaborative effort between various organisation including-
    1. The international rhino Foundation

2. Assam Forest Department
3. Bodoland territorial Council
4. World Wide Fund
5. The US fish and wildlife service

-Khyati Khare

## Patent waiver on vaccine

(GS PAPER,3 DISEASES  
SOURCE- SCIENCE REPORTER)

### Context

The US supports waving patents on covid-19 nothing because doing away with intellectual property rights will pave the way for a cheaper version of the vaccine to enter the market and scale-up production.

### Key highlights of the scheme

India has been leading a post from lower and middle income countries at the world trade organisation to do away patents on vaccine against COVID  
WHO in March 2021 called for vaccine patent rights to be waived until the end of pandemic stating that these and unprecedented time warrant the move  
The demand had also been raised by human right bodies and global advocacy group  
However the open call issued by WHO health authority very little expression of interest from the owners of vaccine technology and intellectual property rights

### Significance of patents on waving patents on vaccines:

Allow the recipes to be shared and there will longer be an embargo – basically was the formula shared any company which possesses the required technology and infrastructure can produce vaccine

This will lead to cheaper and more generic versions of COVID vaccines

As many people across India are struggling to get vaccines and shortages are being reported from many states there is need to scale a production and equitable distribution of the vaccine doses available

Inequitable distribution of vaccines have opened upgrading gap between developing and developed countries with poor relations that continue to pay shortages and have overburdened Healthcare system and hundreds dying daily

Unless we vaccinate the world we leave the playing field open to more and more mutations which would turn out variant that could read our current vaccines and required booster shots to deal with them

**-Khyati Khare**

## **We need temporary reconciliation, a national action plan. PM must take lead (Indian Express, GS-2, Governance)**

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Context:-COVID-19's 2nd wave rendered India in a devastated state with a fragile economy and social chaos.

What PM must do according the author:-

- national action plan must be made and owned by all the state chief ministers and the central government
  - A national strategy is a consensus document.
- rationing of vaccine and other medical supplies be done fairly.
- collective decisions-> the more confidence in their fairness.
- activation of parliamentary select committees as tools of accountability
- depoliticise the bureaucracy
- No part of India can win unless the whole of India wins.

# Why the Taiwan Covid model works (International relations, Ethics, Indian Express)

Context:- Taiwan's strategy and her learning from the SARS outbreak shows how country can learn from the history.

- nationwide infectious disease healthcare network
  - legal authority for transferring patients with highly contagious diseases
- By acting early and effectively
- Taiwan implemented flexible adjustments for related quarantine measures
- public trust and cooperation with the government's response
- principles of reasonable response
- Taiwan's longstanding contributions to the international community
  - in public health
  - disease prevention
  - the human right to health
  - and to include Taiwan in WHO.
- What India can learn
  - An effective political response.
  - A central disease surveillance system.
  - A cooperation among center and states.
  - An effective quarantine mechanism
  - Peoples response.

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# In Ireland's complex troubles, lessons for India (The Hindu, GS-2, Governance)

Context:- The communal clashes of April in Northern Ireland caught the media attention of many countries, but not in India. The clash was between Protestant and catholic Christian.

Why:-

- complex mix of change
- resistance to change
- Ingrained political and social inertia.
- lack of social and economic opportunities
- poverty

Same things can be projected for india. In india too poverty is the bigger enemy, a traditional society, a unprofessional outlook.

How we can curb the issue:-

- Employment must be the focus
- A forward outlook of society.
- needs leadership that takes responsibility for peoples' social and economic problems
- needs to be aware that creating religious tensions between communities
- addressing communal issues with vigilance, tolerance and compromise

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# Social murder and the missing state(The Hindu, GS-2, Governance)

Context:- This Pandemic has led to death of millions in india and worse about economy, and government has said that they are not responsible for the destruction caused by the pandemic has a long term consequences on democracy.

During 1840's Engel's government in England allowed the state murder of working class by not taking action in the pandemic back then. Same can be seen in india.

Why this is a state led murder.

- Prime minister has not addressed a single press conference till now when death tolls are close to 4000 daily.
- Swedish prime minister was enquired by the constitutional committee on the issue of tackling the covid crises but that constitutional mechanism is not available in India.
- Central Government skillfully denied it's negligence and state governments are pathetic towards the issue.
- Allocation of oxygen to the state is not the required amount.
- Government supporters are not even asking to government about the issue but criticizing the media.
- According to weber current state of India is a patrimonial state, i.e. a traditional form of state where accountability is firstly compromised.
- Holding the FIR against those who are asking for the oxygen cylinder shows the fallacy of the regime.

What should be done:-

- Turning towards the active democracy rather passive democracy.
- Accountability mechanism for government holding accountable.

- Government should always persue good governance.

People must be the end in itself.

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