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Sentinelese Tribe

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- An American man has been killed by an endangered sentinelese tribe in India's Andaman and Nicobar islands.
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- The Sentinelese belongs to negrito tribe who live on the North Sentinel Island of the Andamans.
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- The inhabitants are connected to the Jarawas on the basis of physical, as well as linguistic similarities.
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- They have been fiercely hostile to outside contact.
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- The Govt. of India issued the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956.
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- According to the regulations,
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1. Traditional areas occupied by the tribes are declared as Reserves
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2. It prohibited entry of all persons to reserves except those with authorisation.
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3. Photographing or filming the tribe members is also an offence.
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- The rules were amended later to enhance penalties. But restricted area permits were relaxed for some islands recently.
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Click here to know about Restricted Area Permit.

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Ease of Doing Business Grand Challenge

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- It was launched to resolve 7 identified ‘Ease of doing business’ problems with the use of cutting edge technologies.
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- The objective is to tap the potential of young Indians, startups and other private enterprises to provide solutions to complex problems using current technology.
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- Ease of doing business report is published by World Bank.
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- India’s rank in 2018 has recorded a jump of 23 positions against its rank of 100 in 2017 to be placed at 77th rank among 190 countries.
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- India has improved its rank by 53 positions in the last two years and 65 positions in the last four years (2014-18).
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Bhudhaar

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- Andhra Pradesh government has recently launched “Bhudhaar” initiative.
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- It aimed at enabling easy identification of details of the land parcel.
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- Under this, each land parcel will be given a Bhudhaar number, an 11-digit unique figure.
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- It would put an end to irregularities in land registration and corruption in revenue department.
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BASIC Nations Meeting

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- Environment ministers and climate change negotiators from Brazil, South

Africa, China and India (BASIC) countries has recently convened in Delhi.
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- They aimed at pushing Climate finance from developed countries.
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- Developed countries have committed to providing $100 billion annually from 2020 as part of their NDC.
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- Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) are the commitments made by countries to adapt to climate change and reduce emissions.
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- It is ahead of the 24th United Nations Conference of Parties (COP) meeting at Katowice, Poland in December, 2018.
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- It will specify how countries will agree to take forward commitments taken at the 21st COP in Paris in 2015.
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APEC Meet

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- The recent Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit was held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.
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- The meeting was topped by disputes between the US and China over trade, security and which would be the better investment partner for the region.
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- APEC is a forum for 21 Pacific Rim member economies that promotes free trade throughout the Asia Pacific region.
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- It is headquartered at Singapore.
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- It was established due to growing inter dependence among Asia Pacific regions, increasing regional trade blocs, to diffuse growing power of Japan.
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- The criterion for membership is that the member is a separate economy, rather than a state and the result of it is the inclusion of Taiwan.
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- APEC also includes three official observers: ASEAN, the Pacific Islands Forum and the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council
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- India is not in the grouping.
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Institution’s Innovation Council

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- Ministry of Human Resource and Development has recently launched Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC) programme.
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- Under the programme, innovation cell at AICTE is going to be established at AICTE.
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- It will systematically foster the culture of Innovation in all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across the country.
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