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Mosquirix

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- It is an injectable vaccine, also called as **RTS, S.**
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- It was developed by the British drug-maker to protect children from the most deadly form of malaria in Africa.
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- It is the **world's first malaria vaccine** and first regulator WHO approved vaccine against the mosquito-borne disease.
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- Ghana, Kenya and Malawi will pilot the vaccine from 2018.
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Goldman Environmental Prize

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- The Goldman Environmental Prize **honors grassroots environmental heroes** from the world's six inhabited continental regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Islands & Island Nations, North America, and South & Central America.
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- The Prize recognizes individuals for sustained and significant efforts to protect and enhance the natural environment, often at great personal risk.
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- The Prize is given by Goldman Environmental Foundation, which was launched by late Philanthropists Richard and Rhoda Goldman.
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- This year, an activist from India has been chosen for this Prize.
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- **Samantara,** an iconic leader of social justice movements, led a historic 12-year legal battle that affirmed the indigenous **Dongria Kondh's land rights and protected the Niyamgiri hills** from a massive, open-pit aluminum ore mine.

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Dongria Kondh

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- The Niyamgiri hill range in **South-West Odisha State** is home to the Dongria Kondh tribe.
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- They practice **shifting cultivation and horticulture.**
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India-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge

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- The bridge is constructed on the **river Feni in Tripura State.**
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- The 150-metre bridge will connect Sabroom of India and Ramgarh in Bangladesh.
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- Chittagong port is located 72 kilometre away from Sabroom. Thus this bridge would facilitate implementation of a protocol India earlier signed with Bangladesh to use Chittagong sea port as a ‘port of call’.
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- This connectivity plan is to benefit Tripura and other landlocked northeastern States with international and domestic shipments using the sea port.
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River Feni

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- Feni River is a **trans-boundary river,** originated in the state of Tripura and passes through sabroom town and finally enters into South Eastern border of **Bangladesh.**
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- Muhuri is the tributary of Feni, which originates from Tripura and combines with feni near to the region of Bay of Bengal in Bangladesh.
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- Muhuri River is also called as the Little Feni.
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