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Geography

Panama Canal

• **Panama Canal** – It is a *lock-type canal*, opened in *1979*.
• **Connects** – The Atlantic and Pacific oceans across the Isthmus of Panama.
• **Owned and administered by** – The Republic of Panama.
• From its opening in 1914 until 1979, it was controlled solely by the United States, which built it.

Economy & Agriculture

Bio pesticides

• They are living organisms which can intervene the life cycle of insect pests in such a way that the crop damage is minimized.
• **In India** – Around 20 microorganisms are registered as biopesticides.
• **Examples** – Bacillus thuringiensis, Trichoderma, Pseudomonas, Metarhizium, Beauveria.
• **Importance** – For sustainable crop protection.

Kisan Kavach

• A reusable protective suit designed to protect farmers from the harmful effects of pesticide exposure.
• **Kisan Kavach Protective Shield** – It includes a full-body suit, mask, headshield, and gloves, offering comprehensive protection.
• **Developed by** – BRIC-inStem in Bangalore, in collaboration with Sepio Health Pvt. Ltd.,

Environment & Disaster Management

Chilika Lake

• Asia's largest brackish water lagoon, is a *Ramsar site* spanning 64 km in length and 13.5 km in width.
• **Location** – Near Satapada of *Odisha*, is connected to the Bay of Bengal via a shallow and narrow channel.
• **Biodiversity** – It is habitat of the *endangered Irrawaddy* dolphins, frequently sighted in the Satapada region.

Unclassed forests

• They are non-notified forests under government ownership, mainly belonging to revenue department or other departments such as railways or even forests.

Miscellaneous

The Order of Mubarak Al- Kabeer

• The *Prime Minister of India* was recently conferred with the Order of Mubarak Al- Kabeer.
• It is highest *national award of Kuwait*.

Bharat Ratna awards

• It is the highest civilian award of the country, instituted in *1954*.
• **Aim** – To recognize exceptional service/performance of the highest order in any field.
• **Recommendations** – Made by the Prime Minister to the President.
• **Nodal ministry** – Ministry of Home Affairs.
• **Number of awards** – Normally restricted to a *maximum of 3* in a year, can be *conferred posthumously*.

The order of the Civilian Awards in India

• Bharat Ratna
• Padma Vibhushan
• Padma Bhushan
• Padma Shri

Chaudhary Charan Singh Awards 2024

• **Honours** – Outstanding achievements in *agriculture, rural development, and journalism*.

Kalam Ratna Award - Journalism

• It was presented to Ms. Neerja Chowdhury for her dedication to insightful journalism.

Sewa Ratna Award

• It was conferred upon Dr. *Rajendra Singh, the "Waterman of India,"* for his pioneering efforts in water conservation.

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