

Govt policies

Q) Absolute vesting powers in the geological survey of India alone may impede paleontological research. Do you agree with this view? comment

Recently, geo-heritage and geo-relics amendment bill specifies some powers in the hand of geological survey of India.

Impede paleontological research

- ① Non-independent - Director general declare site of heritage.
- ② Taking from private people - without consideration with many stakeholders.
↳ deteriorates the trust of people.
- ③ Director general have a power to fine fine & imprisonment
↳ So, it have conflict on judiciary.
④ Geo heritage bill 2022,
Slack fine for violates

- ④ Geo survey of India has prohibit infrastructure development
- ⑤ OSI prohibit 100 meters area from its geo-heritage area

Way ahead :-

- ① National geo-heritage democratic committee for declaring sites.
- ② Discussion committee consist of stakeholders & stops unwanted prohibition.
- ③ Setup geo-heritage tribunal may reduce conflict between judiciary and geo survey of India
- ④ Guidelines for people - to construct infrastructure away from the sites.

It is the right time to study the draft and make discussions upcoming Parliament session to tackle this issue in India.