

Geography

1. Ecuador

Why in News?

Ecuador, a South American country has become the first country in the world to give legal rights to wild animals.

About

- Ecuador is a country in the **northwestern part of South America**.
- It is bordered by **Colombia** on the north, **Peru** on the east and south, and the **Pacific Ocean** on the west.
- Ecuador also includes the **Galápagos Islands** in the Pacific which is about 1,000 kilometres west of the mainland.
- Ecuador is a **part of the Pacific Rim's "Ring of Fire" region**. It has **eight volcanoes** in its territory.
- Capital: **Quito**.



2. Nanar Oil Refinery

Why in News?

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has indicated that the Nanar oil refinery project in Konkan region may be revived as the Maharashtra government was reconsidering its decision about stalling the project.

About

- The project, Ratnagiri Refinery and Petrochemical Limited, was going to be **Asia's 'biggest oil refinery'** and was proposed to be built at **Nanar village** in Ratnagiri district in coastal Konkan region.
- It was supposed to be a **joint venture** between **Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum**, and Saudi Arabia-owned Aramco and United Arab Emirates' National Oil Company.



3. Bucha

Why in News?

India condemned the killing of civilians in Bucha, Ukraine, at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), calling for an independent U.N. inquiry.

About

- Bucha is a **city in Ukraine's Kyiv Oblast**.
- During **World War II**, before the liberation of Kyiv from Nazi forces in December 1943, Bucha was the location of the **headquarters of the 1st Ukrainian Front commanded by General Vatutin**.



4. Shinku-La Tunnel

Why in News?

India will soon be home to the world's longest highway tunnel beneath Shinku-La Pass.