Editorial

Yet another year has passed now and we have entered 2019, not in any great style but with some time-framed responsibility in relation to climate change. Practically all countries who are members of the climate meeting in Paris agreed to definite timeline and goals in respect of GHG emission targets. This is a good thing and remains to be seen in its implementation stage.

Indonesia faced yet another tsunami with great loss of property, people and many forms of life due to sudden collapse of volcano and plate tectonics. Rhino and ornagotan are some of the animals facing acute space and food constraints here. Literally they are living on the edge everyday and need help of the humanity to survive from one disaster to another.

China has come down heavily on polluters in order to arrest air pollution related questions. On the other hand Japan has decided to renew whaling in a big way after a gap of several years due to domestic pressure but is likely to face international outrage. In the meantime, India, being a complex society, theories are being analysed as to answer who is an Indian. Ethnically or anthropologically - attempts are now being made to use ancient DNA to understand the migratory passage through historical time and prove, from where and when and who moved into greater Indian sub-continent. Remember when man moves, animals and plants and hence biodiversity moves as well!

Happy New Year and happy reading!

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