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### **1. Suu Kyi sentenced to four years in prison ( Dec. 7, 2021 )**

The military junta ruling Myanmar has sentenced the deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi for four years for incitement against the military and breaching COVID-19 rules,

Ms. Suu Kyi, 76, has been detained since the Generals staged a coup and ousted her Government on February 1, ending the Southeast Asian country's brief period of democracy.

U.N. human rights chief Michelle Bachelet on Monday denounced a four-year jail term handed down to Myanmar's ousted leader Suu Kyi after a "sham trial" and called for her immediate release.

Western countries have demanded Ms. Suu Kyi's release and condemned the violence since the coup in which some 1,300 people have been killed,

Myanmar was earlier called **Burma**.

Capital : **Naypyidaw**

Currency : **Myanmar Kyat**

President : **Military leader Min Aung Hlaing**

#### **Aung San Suu Kyi**

She is the youngest daughter of the Burmese Father of the Nation Aung Sang.

She studied in Delhi University and she rose to prominence for leading a democracy movement against the army rule in Myanmar.

Her Party **National League for Democracy(NLD)** won the 1990 election but she was jailed and put in house arrest for almost 15 years

She became the face of the Pro democracy movement in the world

**She got the Nobel Peace Prize 1991.**

Her Party won the 2015 General election and she became the State Counsellor(Prime Minister ).

On 1 February 2021, Aung San Suu Kyi was arrested and deposed by the Myanmar military, along with other leaders of her National League for Democracy (NLD) party, after the Myanmar military declared the November 2020 general election results fraudulent.

### **2. Mount Semeru erupted in Indonesia ( Dec. 6, 2021 )**

- **Mt Semeru (3676 m above sea level) is the biggest mountain on the island of Java.**
- Semeru is one of the most active volcanoes in Indonesia

- The volcano is part of a chain of volcanic mountains stretching from northern Sumatra to the Lesser Sunda Islands.
- **Volcanism in Indonesia is mainly associated with the offshore subduction of the Australian Plate beneath the Sunda Plate.**
- The oldest record of an eruption of Mt Semeru was from 1818
- **Indonesia has more active volcanoes than any other country in the world..** Indonesia is one of many places located within the world's most volcanically, and seismically, active zone, known as the Pacific Ring of Fire.
- **The Only active volcano in India is found at Barren Island in the Andaman and Nicobar islands.**

### **Volcano**

A volcano is an opening in the earth's crust through which gases, molten rocks materials (lava), ash, steam etc. are emitted outward in the course of an eruption. Such vents or openings occur in those parts of the earth's crust where the rock strata are relatively weak. Volcanic activity is an example of an **endogenic** process.

## **3. International News ( Dec. 5, 2021 )**

### **1. Prime Minister Katrin Jakobsdottir to form the new government in Iceland**

- Katrin Jakobsdottir has been chosen by the coalition parties in Iceland to be their leader and the Prime Minister of Iceland.
- She became the Prime minister of Iceland in 2017 for the first time.
- Capital of Iceland: **Reykjavík**

### **2. Barbados becomes a Republic**

The Caribbean island nation of Barbados declared itself a republic on 30 November, a move that coincides with the 55th anniversary of its independence from Britain.

**Barbados capital** Bridgetown

**Currency:** Barbados Dollar

**Prime Minister:** Mia Mottley

### **3. EU announces BRI alternative**

- European Union (EU) plans **300 Billion Euro Infrastructure Fund** to Counter China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) by **2027**.
- **Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission** calls it "**The Global Gateway Plan**" and describes it as "roadmap for major investment in infrastructure development around the world"

### **4. Sri Lanka Finance Minister Visit to India**

India has agreed to help Sri Lanka to deal with its food and energy crisis .

This was agreed by the visiting Sri Lankan Finance Minister Mr. Basil Rajapaksa and the Finance Minister Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs minister Mr. S. Jaishanker.

#### **5. Russia warns US to stop NATO's Eastward Expansion**

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told the U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken that Moscow needed "long-term security guarantees" that would halt NATO's eastward expansion.

Mr. Lavrov and Mr. Blinken was in Stockholm for a meeting of the ministerial level meeting of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

#### **4. Barbados becomes a Republic ( Dec. 1, 2021 )**

The Caribbean island nation of **Barbados declared itself a republic on 30 November** ,a move that coincides with the 55th anniversary of its independence from Britain.

The country of some 3,00,000 citizens is no longer a constitutional monarchy and will not pledge allegiance to the Queen of Britain.

On November 29, Barbados, once known as Little England, swore in its **first President, Sandra Mason.**

However, it will remain a part of the Commonwealth.

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#### **Commonwealth of Nations or Commonwealth**

- Commonwealth of Nations is an association of countries that were once ruled by Britain. The current Commonwealth of Nations was formally constituted by the London Declaration in 1949.
- The head of the Commonwealth is Britain's, Queen Elizabeth II.
- At present, there are 54 members Including India

Headquarters: **London , England**