

Editorial

World is gradually moving over to a near new normal life after a gap of two years. Hope this would not adversely affect the ongoing debate about rapid climate changes happening in front of us now.

In the desire to normalise the global economy, we should not lose sight of rapid acceleration of global temperature that has serious consequences in the short run as well.

Asian monsoon behaviour so far has not been normal at all with a very heavy flooding in northeastern part of India due to early high rain events. The wettest part of the world in Meghalaya recorded more than 2 meters rainfall in 49 hours whereas for east coast Mumbai the entire four months of monsoon, the rainfall is around that level suggesting the erratic nature of monsoon due to climate change. It remains to be seen how the remaining three months of rainy season will behave. The preceding summer was of course very harsh with temperature well over 40 degrees for more days than previous decades. The political climate globally does not encourage pro-climate active policies to be implemented forcefully; in the end the natural processes are at the receiving end.

One of the sad news is the likely extinction of giraffes - their number have gone down by more than 40% in the last few decades; hope rehabilitation and conservation measures will reduce the rate of decrease in their population.

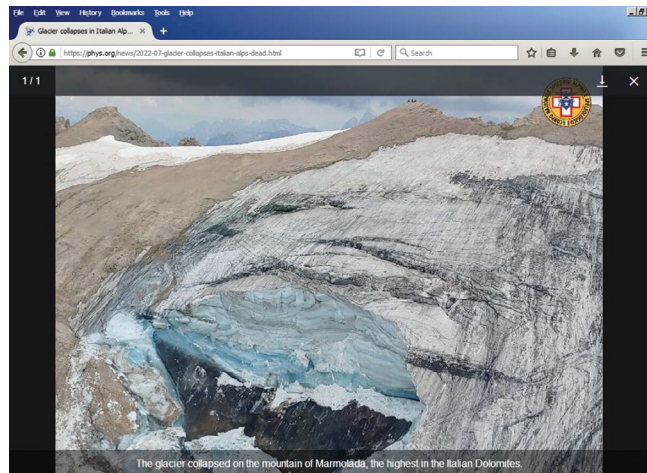


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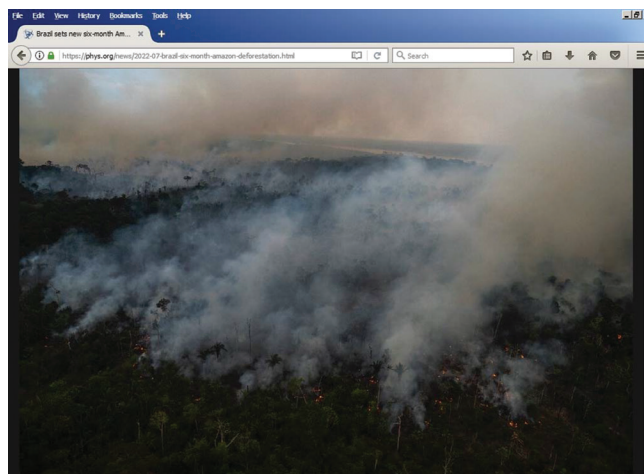
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Snapshot 1



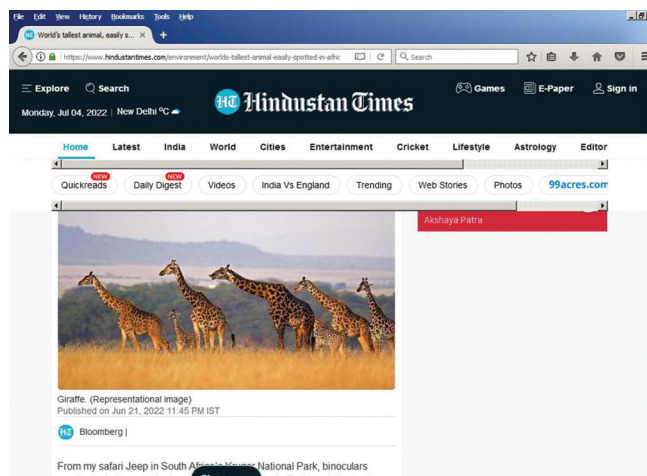
Collapse of Alpine Glacier, June 2022.

Snapshot 2



Deforestation, Amazon, Brazil.

Snapshot 3



Giraffe - becoming extinct!

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