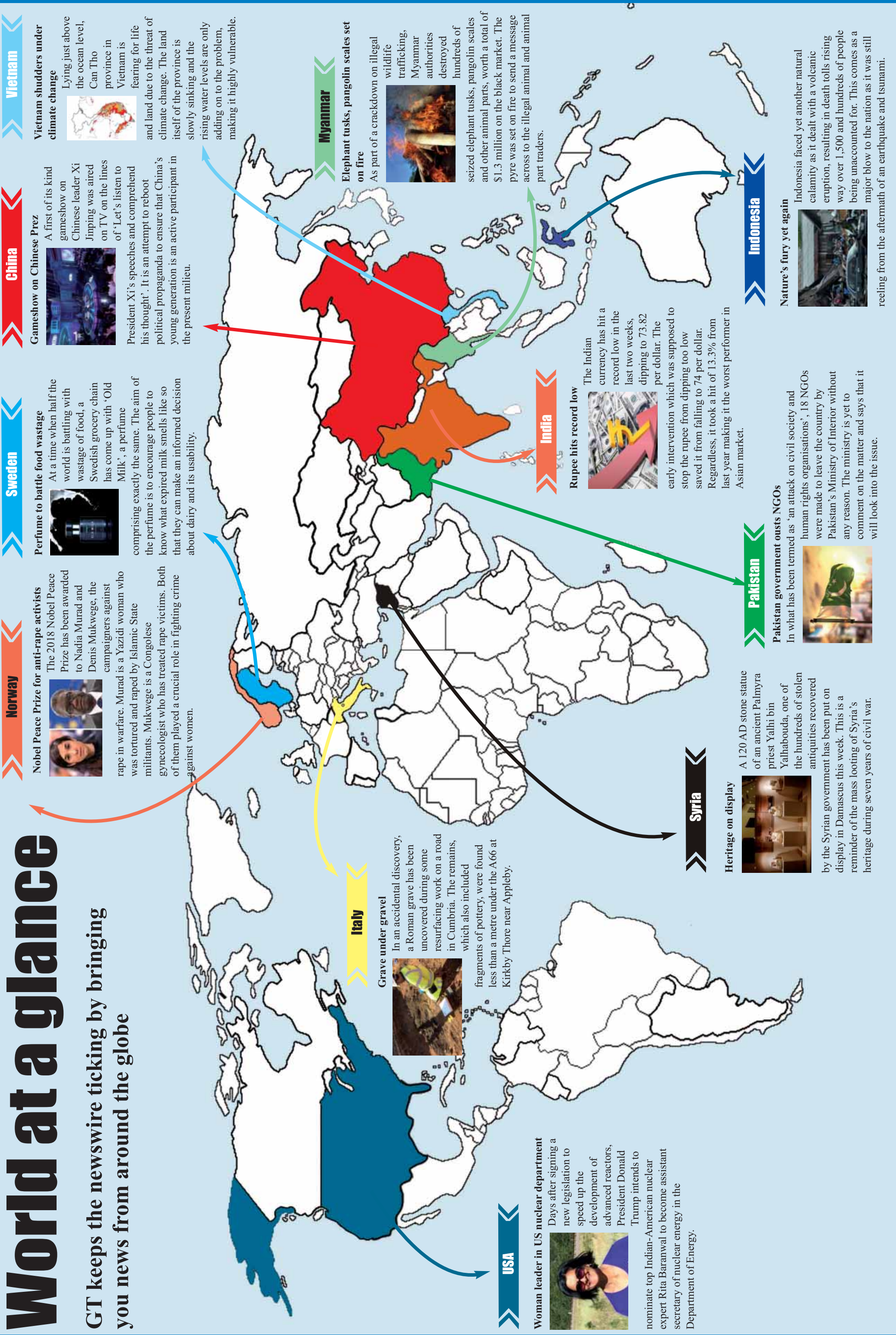


The life span of wild pandas is almost 20 years whereas the captive pandas live to be 25-30 years old.



World at a glance

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Norway
Nobel Peace Prize for anti-rape activists
 The 2018 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to Nadia Murad and Denis Mukwege, the campaigners against rape in warfare. Murad is a Yazidi woman who was tortured and raped by Islamic State militants. Mukwege is a Congolese gynecologist who has treated rape victims. Both of them played a crucial role in fighting crime against women.



Sweden
Perfume to battle food wastage
 At a time when half the world is battling with wastage of food, a Swedish grocery chain has come up with 'Old Milk', a perfume comprising exactly the same. The aim of the perfume is to encourage people to know what expired milk smells like so that they can make an informed decision about dairy and its usability.



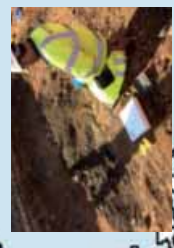
China
Gameshow on Chinese Prez
 A first of its kind gameshow on Chinese leader Xi Jinping was aired on TV on the lines of 'Let's listen to President Xi's speeches and comprehend his thought'. It is an attempt to reboot political propaganda to ensure that China's young generation is an active participant in the present milieu.



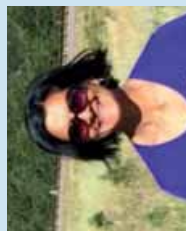
Vietnam
Vietnam shudders under climate change
 Lying just above the ocean level, Can Tho province in Vietnam is fearing for life and land due to the threat of climate change. The land itself of the province is slowly sinking and the rising water levels are only adding on to the problem, making it highly vulnerable.



Italy
Grave under gravel
 In an accidental discovery, a Roman grave has been uncovered during some resurfacing work on a road in Cumbria. The remains, which also included fragments of pottery, were found less than a metre under the A66 at Kirkby Thore near Appleby.



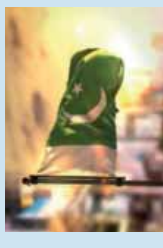
USA
Woman leader in US nuclear department
 Days after signing a new legislation to speed up the development of advanced reactors, President Donald Trump intends to nominate top Indian-American nuclear expert Rita Baranwal to become assistant secretary of nuclear energy in the Department of Energy.



Syria
Heritage on display
 A 120 AD stone statue of an ancient Palmyra priest Yalhi bin Yalhabouda, one of the hundreds of stolen antiquities recovered by the Syrian government has been put on display in Damascus this week. This is a reminder of the mass looting of Syria's heritage during seven years of civil war.



Pakistan
Pakistan government ousts NGOs
 In what has been termed as 'an attack on civil society and human rights organisations', 18 NGOs were made to leave the country by Pakistan's Ministry of Interior without any reason. The ministry is yet to comment on the matter and says that it will look into the issue.



India
Rupee hits record low
 The Indian currency has hit a record low in the last two weeks, dipping to 73.82 per dollar. The early intervention which was supposed to stop the rupee from dipping too low saved it from falling to 74 per dollar. Regardless, it took a hit of 13.3% from last year making it the worst performer in Asian market.



Myanmar
Elephant tusks, pangolin scales set on fire
 As part of a crackdown on illegal wildlife trafficking, Myanmar authorities destroyed hundreds of seized elephant tusks, pangolin scales and other animal parts, worth a total of \$1.3 million on the black market. The pyre was set on fire to send a message across to the illegal animal and animal part traders.



Indonesia
Nature's fury yet again
 Indonesia faced yet another natural calamity as it dealt with a volcanic eruption, resulting in death tolls rising way over 1,500 and hundreds of people being unaccounted for. This comes as a major blow to the nation as it was still reeling from the aftermath of an earthquake and tsunami.

