

# D28 Iceberg

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## Why in news?

- D28 iceberg recently broke off from the Amery ice shelf of Antarctica.

## About the iceberg:

- The calved block **covers 1,636 sq. km in area** and is called D28.
- Approximately **30 km wide and 60 km long, and with a thickness exceeding 200 m**, the iceberg is estimated to contain over 300 billion tones' of ice.
- In the 1960s Amery had calved a bigger iceberg which was a whopping 9,000 sq. km in area.
- **Amery is the third largest ice shelf in Antarctica**, and is a key drainage channel for the east of the continent.
- Scientists have found that the event is not related to climate change as **Iceberg production is part of the normal cycle of ice shelves**, which are an extension of the ice cap.