

# World's most northern island discovered

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**In news-** A group of researchers last month set foot on a tiny island **off the coast of Greenland** which they say is the world's northernmost point of land.

## About the new island-

- Measuring **60×30 metres and with a peak of three metres above sea level**, it has now become the new northernmost piece of land on Earth.
- The group has suggested the **discovery be named 'Qeqertaq Avannarleq'**, which means "the northernmost island" in Greenland dialect.
- **Before this, Oodaaq was** marked as the Earth's northernmost terrain.
- Oodaaq was discovered by a Danish survey team in 1978.



- The new island is 780 metres northwest of Oodaaq.
- It is **made up of seabed mud and moraine, i.e. soil, rock and other material left behind by moving glaciers, and has no vegetation.**
- The new island, which was exposed by shifting pack ice,

is, however, not a direct consequence of climate change.

- Over the decades, a number of expeditions have been searching for the world's northernmost island.
- An island was found nearby in 2007 by Arctic veteran Dennis Schmitt.