NORTH POLE SOLUTION - I AM THE EAST

Going clockwise from the top, flat answers are as follows:

Letter Shift FROTH / FORTH Letter Bank POSER / PROSPERO Transposal NEPAL / PLANE Transdeletion FOOTERS / FOREST Terminal Letter Change HOUSE / MOUSY Phonetic Beheadment MATES / AITS Consonantcy LOOSEN / LESION 1st Sound Change TUNNY / HONEY **Terminal Deletion ROPINESS / OPINES** Transaddition MARLINE / MALINGER

Connecting dots between flat types in the order they're listed at the bottom of the puzzle spells the message LETTER CHANGE X20 SOL IS 4 WD TITLE. Each of the twenty words from the flat solutions can have a letter change performed on them. There may be multiple possibilities, but, per the intro text, South (or S) is your only option.

FROTH / FORTH FROSH / FORTS
POSER / PROSPERO POSES / PROSPERS
NEPAL / PLANE SEPAL / PLANS
FOOTERS / FOREST FOSTERS / SOREST
HOUSE / MOUSY SOUSE / MOSSY
MATES / AITS SATES / SITS

LOOSEN / LESION
TUNNY / HONEY
ROPINESS / OPINES
MARLINE / MALINGER

LOOSES / LESSON
SUNNY / HONES
ROSINESS / SPINES
MARLINS / SALINGER

The letters that get changed, reading around the ring, spell THRONE OF HUMANITY POEM, a clue to Ameen Rihani's poem I AM THE EAST.