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Geography

Republic of Estonia

- **Located in** - Northeastern **Europe**.
- **Capital** - Tallinn.
- **Bounded by** - Russia to the east and Latvia to the south.
- It is the most northerly of the 3 Baltic States and has linguistic ties with Finland.
- Indian Prime Minister met President of the Republic of Estonia and it was the 1st meeting between the 2 leaders.



Dabhol

- **Located in** - A small seaport town located in Ratnagiri District of **Maharashtra**.
- **Dabhol LNG Terminal** - Commissioned in early 2013, it consists of three 160,000 cubic meter storage tanks and a receiving capacity of 5 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA).
- It provides access to natural gas to India's southern and western states.
- Gas Authority of India Ltd (GAIL) plans to increase its capacity to 12 mtpa by 2030 to meet rising gas demand.

Polity & Governance

Lord Buddha Trination Triservices Expedition

- **To be launched by** - International Buddhist Confederation (IBC).
- **India, Nepal and Sri Lanka** - It is collaborative initiative brings together the armed forces of India, Nepal and Sri Lanka in partnership with the IBC.
- **Unique motorcycle expedition** - The primary objectives of the expedition include promoting peace and harmony, enhancing tourism, raising environmental awareness.
- It also aims to promote celebrating the deep-rooted ties between India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.
- The expedition will start from Lumbini, Nepal (the birthplace of Lord Buddha) to Galle, Sri Lanka.

SARAS Collection

- It is a store front collection to *market the products of Self-Help Groups (SHG)*.
- **Created by** - The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) in collaboration with Government e-Marketplace (GeM).
- **An e-Commerce platform** - Named (www.esaras.in) has also been launched by the Ministry for online marketing of SHG products.

Coal Gasification Incentive Scheme

- It plays a pivotal role in India's ambitious target of *reaching 100 million tonnes of coal gasification by 2030*.
- **Designed to** - Accelerate technological advancements in coal gasification, reduce carbon emissions, bolster energy security, and create a foundation for a more sustainable energy landscape.
- **Awardees under the Scheme** - Coal Ministry Issues Letters of Award to Selected Applicants under Categories II of the Financial Incentive Scheme for Coal Gasification.
- The selected Private Sector/ Government PSUs are:
 - Jindal Steel and Power Limited
 - New Era Cleantech Solution Private Limited
 - Greta Energy Limited.

International Relations and Issues

Legacy of Indo- Oman Relations

- **Aim** - A joint initiative to *promote cultural understanding and academic research* through archival exchanges.
- It is an **exhibition** that was jointly inaugurated by the ***National Archives of India (NAI)*** in collaboration with the *National Records and Archives Authority (NRAA), Sultanate of Oman*.
- The exhibition showcases a *collection of rare archival documents* that trace centuries-old trade, diplomatic relations, and cultural exchanges between India and Oman.
- It highlights significant historical moments and collaborations that have shaped bilateral relations over time.

Economy

Gender Budget

- The Gender Budget now constitutes *8.86% of the total budget (Union Budget 2025-26)*, increasing from 6.8% in FY 2024-25.
- **4.49 lakh crore** - A record allocation of 4.49 lakh crore rupees has been designated for *women's welfare*, reflecting a 37.25% increase from the previous year.
- **Gender-focused programs** - Ministry of Women and Child Development remains at the forefront, allocating *81.79%* of its budget towards *gender-focused programs*.

Net Direct Tax

- The net direct tax collection **grew at 14.69%** to over 17.78 lakh crore rupees for the fiscal year 2024-2025.
- **Central board of direct taxes (CBDT)** - as per the data released by the CBDT, the net non-corporate taxes, which include mainly *personal income tax* **grew 21%** year-on year to about 9.48 lakh crore.
- **Net corporate tax collection** - Rose more than 6% to over 7.78 lakh crore "between" April 1 2024 to February 10 2025.

Security

INS Tushil (F 70)

- **Multi-role stealth-guided missile frigate** - It is the latest multi-role stealth-guided missile frigate, was commissioned into the Indian Navy.
- **Designed for** - *Blue water operations* across the spectrum of naval warfare in all 4 dimensions air, surface, underwater and electromagnetic.
- **Armed with** - A range of advanced weapons, including:
 - Jointly-developed Brahmos supersonic cruise missiles,
 - Vertically-launched Shtil Surface-to-Air Missiles with enhanced ranges,
 - Upgraded medium-range anti-air and surface gun with advanced stealth features,
 - Optically-controlled close-range rapid fire gun system,
 - Anti-submarine torpedoes and rockets and
 - Advanced electronic warfare and communication suite.
- **Upgraded anti-submarine** - The ship is also capable of embarking the upgraded anti-submarine and airborne early warning helicopters, the Kamov 28 and Kamov 31, which are formidable force multipliers in themselves.

Miscellaneous

4-tier Narco-Coordination Centre (NCORD) mechanism

- **Aim** - To bring all agencies on supply, demand and harm reduction side under one umbrella.
- **Constituted by** - The Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Four tier coordination mechanism** - For increasing coordination amongst the nationwide stakeholders from grass root level to apex level and effectively combating the menace of drugs.
- **Four pillars** - The Apex NCORD, Executive NCORD, State NCORD and District NCORD are four pillars of mechanism.
- In addition to this 04-tier structure Monthly NCORD meetings are chaired by the Director General, NCB.