India-Norway Green Strategic Partnership

Prelims: Current events of national and international importance.

Why in the News?

During a historic state visit to Oslo, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Norwegian counterpart Jonas Gahr Store officially upgraded bilateral ties to a Green Strategic Partnership.

Highlights of Summit 2026

- **12 Bilateral Agreements -** The two nations signed twelve pacts covering critical sectors, including space, health, and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- **Royal Honor -** King Harald V conferred the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit upon the Indian Prime Minister.

Significance of the Upgrade

- **EFTA TEPA Implementation -** The partnership accelerates the India-EFTA (European Free Trade Association) Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement, which targets $100 billion in investments and one million jobs over 15 years.
- **Green Shipping Transition -** It merges India's extensive manufacturing capacity with Norway's technical expertise in green hydrogen and ammonia-based shipping to create low-emission maritime transport networks.

Geography in Focus: Kingdom of Norway

- **Political Profile -** It is a Nordic sovereign state and a unitary parliamentary constitutional monarchy with its capital at Oslo.
- **Border Nations -** Located in Northern Europe with long coastlines along the North Atlantic Ocean and the Barents Sea, Norway shares land borders with three nations: Sweden, Finland, and Russia.

Geological & Hydrographic Features:

- **Glaciated Fjord Topography -** Deeply indented, rugged coastlines characterized by fjords—long, narrow inlets with steep cliffs carved out by retreating glaciers during past ice ages.
- **The Scandinavian Mountains -** An ancient mountain range running south to north. It contains **Galdhopiggen** (2,469 meters), the highest peak in Northern Europe.
- **Arctic Archipelagoes -** Norway holds absolute sovereignty over ecologically critical remote territories in the Arctic Ocean, specifically the Svalbard Archipelago and Jan Mayen Island.
- **Hydrographic Abundance -** Due to fast-flowing rivers fed by mountainous snowmelt, Norway generates over 95% of its domestic electricity completely from hydropower.
- **Strandflat-** A unique, low-lying platform of land and shallow reefs wrapping around the

coast, which serves as the foundation for the country's massive aquaculture and fishing industries.

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