India- Portugal Relationship

Prelims – *Current events of national and international importance.*

Mains (GS II) – *India and its neighborhood- relations.*

Why in News?

President Droupadi Murmu recently held extensive discussions with President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa of Portugal and deliberated on various aspects of India-Portugal relations.

- Both sides agreed to further strengthen the ties in several areas, including *trade and investment, IT, renewable energy and connectivity*.
- **Commemorative postage stamps -** Both sides launched commemorative postage stamps marking ***50 years of diplomatic relations*** between India and Portugal.
- The stamps reflect the rich artistic and cultural heritage of India and Portugal, and feature vibrant folk attire from both countries
  - Rajasthan's distinctive Kalbeliya costume, and
  - The traditional Viana do Castelo dress from Portugal.



- President of India visited the Church of Santa Maria and laid wreath at the tomb of Luis Vaz de Camoes, the national poet of Portugal.
- She toured the Monastery of Jeronimos, a masterpiece of 16th-century architecture in Portugal.
- President receives ***"Key of Honour"*** of Lisbon City in Portugal.
- **Significance -** The relationship between India and Portugal enhances the overall strength of the India-European Union partnership.
- Currently, trade between the two nations stands at $1.5 billion and has been experiencing consistent growth.
- Portugal was also the first country in Europe with whom India had signed a ***Migration***

and Mobility Agreement.

- It was during the Portuguese presidency of the EU in 2000 that the first India-EU summit was hosted by Portugal.

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