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Polity & Governance

National Waterways (Construction of Jetties/Terminals) Regulations, 2025

- **Formulated by** - Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
 - **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).
- A **jetty** is a man-made structure that extends from the land into the water.*
- **Objectives** - To attract private sector investment in setting up terminals and operate jetties, streamline processes and promote efficient use of India's vast waterways network.
 - To open up new opportunities for investment, trade, and economic growth, which improving logistical efficiency.

Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0

- **Launched in** - 2021.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- It is an *Integrated Nutrition Support Programme*.
- **Objective** - To address the challenges of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers through a strategic shift in nutrition content.
- **Duration** - 2021-2026.

Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs)

- **Launched in** - 2016.
- **Umbrella scheme** - Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).
- **Nodal Ministry** - NITI Aayog.
- **ATL** - It is a *workspace where young minds can give shape to their ideas* through hands on do-it-yourself mode and learn innovation skills.
- **Objective** - To cultivate an innovative mindset among school students.

Sagar Ankalan

- **About** - It is the *Logistics Port Performance Index (LPPI)* for FY 2023-24.
- It *evaluates all major and non-major ports* under Bulk (Dry & Liquid) and Container categories.
- **Aim** - To benchmark port performance, drive operational excellence, and strengthen India's trade connectivity. **Launched in** - 2025.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).
- **Indicators** - Cargo handling, turnaround time, berth idle time, container dwell time and ship berth-day output.

MAITRI (Master Application for International Trade and Regulatory Interface) App

- **Launched in** - 2025.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).
- **Aim** - To *streamline trade processes*, reduce bureaucratic redundancies and expedite clearances, reinforcing India's commitment to ease of doing business.
- It is set to *redefine international trade*, positioning India as a leader in global logistics and trade facilitation.
- **Role** - Operationalising the *Virtual Trade Corridor (VTC)* between India & United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- **Significance** - It aligns with India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) and is expected to expand *BIMSTEC and ASEAN nations*.

Bharat Global Ports Consortium

- **Launched in** - 2025.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).
- **Aim** - To *develop ports overseas* and looks to improve competitiveness of its own harbors to grow trade and widen its maritime footprint.
- **MoU** - Was signed between Indian Ports Global, Indian Ports Rail & Ropeway Corporation and Sagarmala Development Company to form the Bharat Ports Global Consortium.

Bilateral Relations

College of Commissioners of European Commission

- **About** - The College of Commissioners meets once per week to debate and adopt legislative proposals and to discuss current developments.
- **Principle of collegiality** - Decisions are taken collectively by the College of Commissioners based on the principle of collegiality.
- **Composition** - The College is composed of Commissioners from 27 EU countries.
- **Term** - 5 years.
- **The President** - Of the Commission assigns responsibilities for specific policy areas to each Commissioner.

Economy

Core Sectors

Core sector output growth slowed from 4.8%-4.6% in January 2025.

- **Released by** - Ministry of commerce and industry.
- **8 key industries** - Constitute the core sectors of an Indian economy.
- **8 core sectors** - Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement and Electricity.
- The core sectors contribute 40.27% to the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), which measures overall industrial growth.

India's GDP Growth in Q3 of FY 25

- India's GDP growth accelerated to 6.2% in the 3rd quarter (Q3) of fiscal year 2024-25.
- **Released by** - Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- **Reasons for the Growth:**
 - Increase in the rural demand.
 - Good monsoon.
 - Increased government spending on infrastructure.
 - Revival in consumer-centric sectors during the festive season.

Ibex Brigade

- **IBEX Brigade** - It is a unit of Army that *guards the treacherous snow bound Himalayan terrain* of Middle sector training to master the skills of Survival and combat skiing.
- **Significance** - It is the *only independent mountain brigade* of the Indian Army.
- **Recent Uttarakhand avalanche** - The search and rescue operation is being led by the Army's Ibex Brigade, working alongside the ITBP and BRO.

