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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.

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