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### International Relations and Issues

**List of Outcomes – Visit of Prime Minister to Jordan**

• **MoUs / Agreements**
- MoU on Technical Cooperation in the Field of New and Renewable Energy.
- MoU on Cooperation in the field of Water resources Management & Development.
- Twinning Agreement between Petra and Ellora.
- Renewal of the Cultural Exchange Programme for the years 2025-2029.
- Letter of Intent on Cooperation in the field of sharing successful digital solutions implemented at population scale for digital transformation.

**2nd WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine**

• **Co-hosted by –** World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Ayush.
• **Theme –** "Restoring balance: The science and practice of health and well-being."
• **Guided by –** WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025–2034.
• **Objectives –**
- To focus on investing in science to drive progress in Traditional Medicine.
- To centre on re-imagining health systems for balance, safety and resilience.
- To strengthen the evidence base, policy environment and global cooperation in Traditional Medicine.

**The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia**

*Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday (December 16, 2025) was conferred with Ethiopia's highest award 'The Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia' by his Ethiopian counterpart Abiy Ahmed Ali.*
• **Ceremony hosted at –** Addis International Convention Centre.
• **Award for –** His exceptional contribution towards strengthening India-Ethiopia partnership and for his visionary leadership as a global statesman

### Economy

**New chief of Coal India**

*State-owned miner Coal India appointed B. Sairam as their new Chairman and Managing Director effective Monday (December 15, 2025).*
• Prior to his latest appointment at the Maharatna, Mr. Sairam previously served as the *Chairman and Managing Director of Northern Coalfield Limited*.
• He has also served as the Director (Technical) at Coal India's subsidiary Central Coalfield Limited.

### Agriculture

**Marine exports**

• **Growth rate –**
- Marine exports have seen a *20% growth* in the past few months despite the imposition of anti-dumping duty by various countries
- In the last 12 months, 102 marine fish export establishments have been *registered in the European Union*, a bloc of 27 nations.
- Similarly, 25 such establishments have been *registered and approved in Russia.*

## Environment

### India's Green Maritime Odyssey - Agenda for a Sustainable Ocean Economy

• **Key highlights**

- Indian ports are going green, adding renewable capacity, LNG bunkering, green cover expansion to reduce emissions and improve environmental performance.
- New Mangalore Port has achieved *100% solar power integration*, serving as a benchmark for renewable adoption
- India's major ports handled 855 million tonnes of cargo in FY 2024-25 - up from 581 million tonnes in FY 2014– 15, reflecting a *decadal growth of 47.16 %.*

## Security

### 8th Edition of Exercise Ekatha

• **Annual bilateral maritime exercise between** – Indian Navy and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF).
• **Established in –** 2017.
• **Activities –** Technical and combat diving, boarding operations, firing drills, demolition and explosive handling, asymmetric warfare tactics, and special heli-borne operation drills.
• **Aim –** To addresses regional maritime security challenges, enhancing training engagements, strengthening cooperation against drug trafficking, and reviewing the progress of ongoing defence projects.
• **Significance –** India's vision of 'Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth for all in the Region *(MAHASAGAR), and the Neighbourhood First policy.*

### AH-64E Apache

*The Indian Army received the final batch of three AH-64E Apache attack helicopters, completing its six-unit fleet at the 451 Army Aviation Squadron based in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.*

• It is regarded as the world's most advanced multi-role combat helicopter, equipped with cutting-edge avionics, sensors and weapon systems, and capable of operating in all weather and terrain conditions.
• **Significance -** Its induction is expected to provide a major boost to the Indian Army's offensive and deterrence capabilities along the western border.

### EKUVERIN

• **Bilateral military exercise between –**Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Forces (MNDF).
• **Concluded with –** A joint validation exercise at Thiruvananthapuram, marking the culmination of two weeks of intensive training.
• **Focus on –** A counter-insurgency and counter-terrorist operations in contemporary operational environments, with the aim of enhancing interoperability, operational synergy and tactical coordination between the two forces in sub-conventional conflict scenarios.
• **Key training activities –** Cordon and search operations, room intervention drills, small team tactics, reflex firing and close-quarter battle techniques aimed at improving precision, speed and effectiveness during counter-terror operations.
• **Special emphasis on –** Amphibious drills, intelligence-led operations, real-time decision-making and joint mission planning under dynamic operational conditions.
• Both contingents also rehearsed handling of explosives, demolition techniques and advanced field craft, strengthening their capability to neutralise threats and secure sensitive areas.
• **Significance -** It reaffirmed the shared commitment of India and Maldives to strengthening professional military cooperation and contributing to peace and security in the Indian Ocean Region.

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**"Rethinking Homestays: Navigating Policy Pathways"**

• **Report by** – NITI Aayog.

• **Aim –** To advance framework that states can adopt to harmonise regulations and establish an inclusive homestay ecosystem, thus promoting sustainable tourism growth.

• **Roadmap –** The best practices are available from this report for States/UTs to adopt.

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