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State Level Women's Conference in Dholpur (December 19, 2025)



Why in News?

- A 'State Level Women's Conference' was organized on December 19, 2025, in Pachgaon, Dholpur, under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister.



Key Points:

- This conference was organized as part of a series of programs celebrating the completion of 2 years of the state government.
- **Launch of Outbound Portability:** During the State Level Women's Conference, the Chief Minister launched outbound portability under the 'Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana'.

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- Rajasthan is the first state in the country to adopt this system. Under this, patients from Rajasthan will be able to receive cashless treatment in other states as well.

Facts for Prelims:

Major schemes run by the state government for the socio-economic empowerment of women:

Educational Development:

- Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Yojana (Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child Scheme).

Economic Development:

- Mukhyamantri Nari Shakti Udyam Protsahan Yojana (Chief Minister Women's Empowerment Entrepreneurship Promotion Scheme).
- Mukhyamantri Nari Shakti Prashikshan Evam Kaushal Samvardhan Yojana (Chief Minister Women's Empowerment Training and Skill Enhancement Scheme).
- Mukhyamantri Work from Home - Job Work Scheme.
- Pannadhay Suraksha Evam Samman Yojana (Pannadhay Security and Honor Scheme).

Social Welfare:

- Mukhyamantri Kanyadan Yojana (Chief Minister's Daughter's Marriage Scheme).
- Widow Marriage Gift Scheme.
- LPG Cylinder Subsidy Scheme.
- Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (Prime Minister's Maternity Benefit Scheme).
- Kishori Balika Yojana (Adolescent Girl Scheme).

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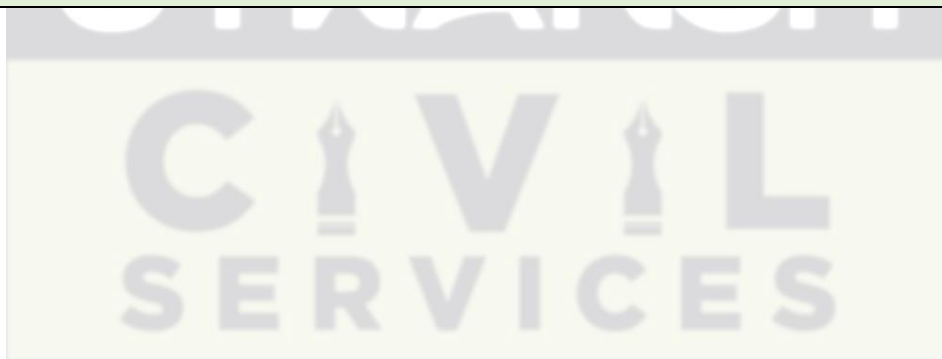
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- **Women Development Program.**
- **Chief Minister Mass Marriage and Grant Scheme.**
- **Lado Protsahan Yojana (Girl Child Promotion Scheme).**
- **Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013**
- **Three-tier Women's Grievance Redressal Committee.**
- **Kalibai Bhil Women and Child Development Research Institute.**
- **State Hub for Women Empowerment "Mission Shakti"**

Social Security:

- **Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Vriddhavastha Pension Yojana.**
- **Mukhyamantri Ekal Nari Samman Pension Yojana.**
- **Divisional Level 'Nari Niketan' / State Level 'Mahila Sadan' (Women's Shelter).**



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Rajasthan Ranks Second in Milk Production



Why in News?

- According to the 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics (BAHS) 2025' report of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Rajasthan ranks second in milk production across the country, after Uttar Pradesh.



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Key Points:

- **BAHS-2025** provides comprehensive data on livestock and dairy sector trends at the national level. The recently released report is based on the results of an integrated sample survey for the period from March 1, 2024 to February 29, 2025.
- **Milk Production:** According to the report, India ranks first globally in milk production. The total milk production in the country during 2024-25, is estimated to be 247.87 million tonnes.
- **Per capita availability:** Increased from 319 grams/day in 2014-15 to 485 grams/day in 2024-25.
- **Top 5 milk-producing states:** Uttar Pradesh (15.66 percent), Rajasthan (14.82 percent), Madhya Pradesh (9.12 percent), Gujarat (7.78 percent), and Maharashtra (6.71 percent). These states together contribute 54.09 percent to the country's total milk production.

State Government's efforts to promote milk production:

- **Chief Minister Milk Producer Incentive Scheme:** An incentive of ₹5 per liter is being transferred directly to the bank accounts of milk producers in the state. The applicant must be an active milk producer who regularly sells milk to cooperative societies or government-authorized collection centers.
- **Ujala Milk Producer Company Limited:** To promote 40,000 women dairy producers, 'Ujala Milk Producer Company Limited' has been established in Kota, Baran, Jhalawar, Karauli, Sawai Madhopur and Bundi districts at a cost of ₹41.89 crore with the technical support of the National Dairy Development Corporation.

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- **Saras Group Health Insurance Scheme:** Under the Saras Group Health Insurance Scheme for milk producers, an insurance amount of up to ₹3 lakh is being provided.
- **Saras Lado Mayra Scheme:** The 'Saras Lado Mayra Scheme' was launched by Jaipur Dairy (Jaipur District Milk Producers' Union Limited) on April 5, 2025. Under this scheme, Jaipur Dairy provides a "Mayra" (traditional gift) of ₹21,000 for the marriage of daughters of milk producers.
- **Note:** Under the White Revolution 2.0 in Rajasthan, the online registration process for primary milk producers' cooperative societies was started on July 17, 2025.
- **Rajasthan's First Sex-Sorted Semen Lab:** On August 11, 2025, the Minister of Animal Husbandry, Cow Rearing, Dairy and Devasthan, Joraram Kumawat, inaugurated Rajasthan's first sex-sorted semen lab established at the Frozen Semen Bank in Bassi, Jaipur district.

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Great Indian Bustard: The State Bird of Rajasthan



Why in News?

- Recently, the Supreme Court, accepting the detailed findings of the expert committee, designated an area of 14,013 square kilometers in Rajasthan and 740 square kilometers in Gujarat as the final 'priority area' for the conservation of the Great Indian Bustard (GIB).



Key Points:

- The court ordered that no new wind turbines, solar parks with a capacity of more than 2 megawatts, or overhead power lines exceeding 11 kilovolts will be allowed to be installed in this area.
- Great Indian Bustards (GIBs) are low-flying birds and cannot clearly see high-voltage overhead transmission lines in clear skies, leading to collisions and deaths.

Great Indian Bustard:

- This bird was declared the state bird of Rajasthan in 1981.
- **Scientific name:** Ardeotis Nigriceps
- **Other name:** Son Chiraiya (Golden Bird)
- **Highest population:** Desert National Park (Jaisalmer), Sankhaliya (Ajmer), and Sorsen (Baran)
- GIB breeding centers are located in Sudasari (Jaisalmer), Sorsen (Baran), and Jodhpur.
- A GIB hatching center (artificial breeding center) is located in Ramdevra (Jaisalmer).

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Other Important Points:

- The Great Indian Bustard (GIB) is the largest of the four bustard species found in India; the other three are the MacQueen's Bustard, Lesser Florican, and Bengal Florican.
- The natural habitat of the GIB was primarily the Indian subcontinent, but over time it has shrunk and is now limited to Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Pakistan.
- The GIB is considered a flagship bird species of subtropical grasslands.
- The population of the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) in India has fallen to less than 250.

Conservation Efforts:

- **Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972:** Listed in Schedule I.
- **CITES:** Listed in Appendix I.
- **Convention on Migratory Species (CMS):** Listed in Appendix I.
- **IUCN Red List:** Critically Endangered
- The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, launched the 'Great Indian Bustard (GIB) Recovery Programme' in 2015, for the recovery of the Great Indian Bustard.
- Under the program, the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and the Rajasthan Forest Department jointly established conservation and breeding centers.

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NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

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1.	<p>Permanent Center for Kayaking and Canoeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ A permanent center for kayaking and canoeing will be developed in Fateh Sagar Lake in Udaipur, with the aim of developing Udaipur as a water sports hub by the Rajasthan State Sports Council.■ Kayaking and canoeing are water sports involving paddling small boats, with the main differences being the type of boat, seating position, and paddle design.
2.	<p>Jodhpur City Knowledge and Innovation Cluster Exhibition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Recently, Professor Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, inaugurated an exhibition organized by the Jodhpur City Knowledge and Innovation Cluster (JCKIC) at The Kunj Mall in New Delhi.■ This exhibition showcased prominent handicrafts, handlooms, innovations by artisans, and design-registered products developed under national science, technology, and livelihood programs from Rajasthan.
3.	<p>Cochlear Implant Surgery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Recently, the first cochlear implant surgery was performed at the Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS) in Jaipur.■ In Rajasthan, cochlear implant treatment has been included under the 'Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana', making this advanced medical facility accessible to economically weaker sections of society.

4.

RVPNL's Transparent System Becomes a Model for the Entire Country

- Recently, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) issued directives for other states to adopt the transparent system implemented by the Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited (RVPNL).
- Notably, the Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited (RVPNL) is regularly publishing updated information on the available surplus transmission capacity at the state's 400 kV, 220 kV, and 132 kV grid substations on the corporation's official website.

5.

Rajasthan's First Biowaste Decomposition Plant: Muhana Mandi (Jaipur)

- Rajasthan's first biowaste decomposition plant is being established at Muhana Mandi in Jaipur, which will produce CBG (bio-CNG) gas and fertilizer from organic waste. It is based on the Surat model.
- This plant will utilize 50 tons of green waste generated daily from the market. 2000 kg of CBG gas will be produced here every day.
- It will use the 'bio-methanization process,' in which green waste is decomposed with oxygen for 25 days.

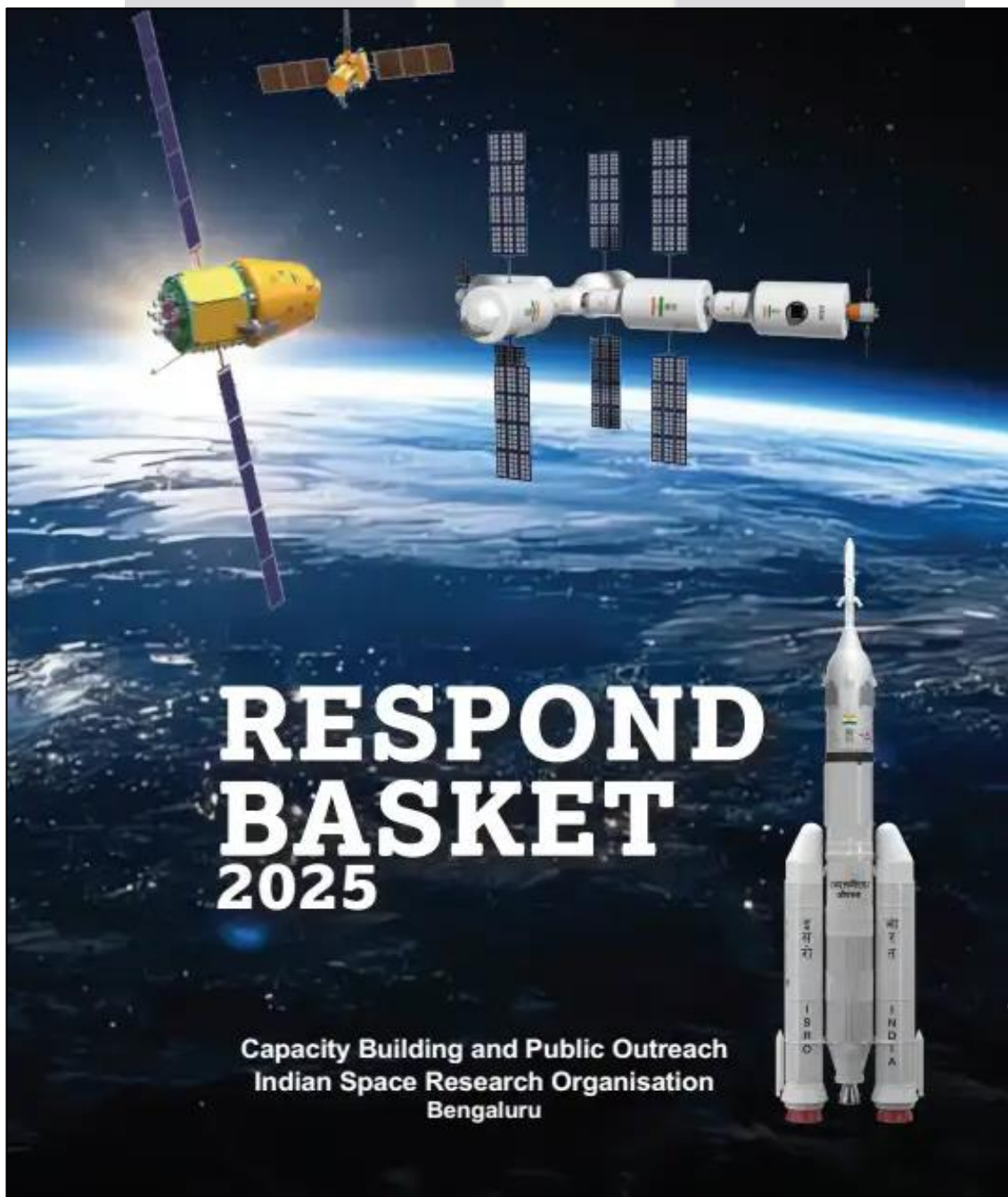


RESPOND Basket 2025



Why in News?

- Recently, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched RESPOND Basket 2025.



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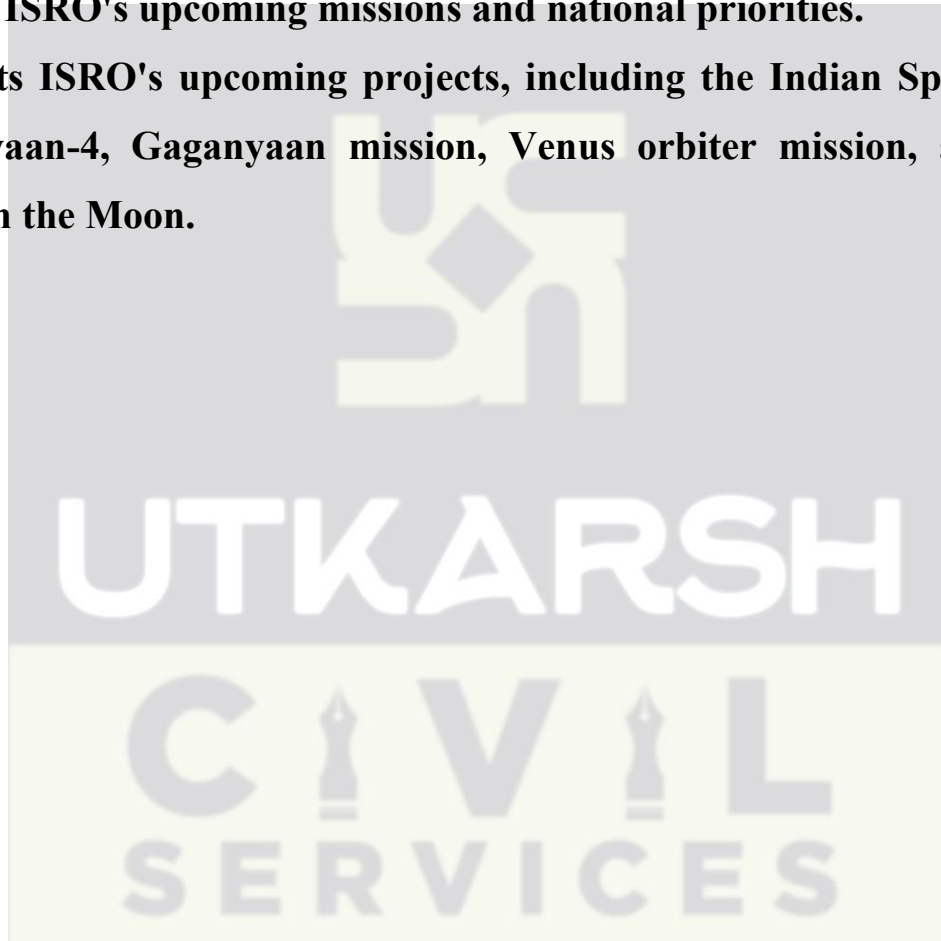
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Key Points:

RESPOND Basket 2025

- It invites research proposals from various leading universities and other recognized academic and research and development institutions in areas related to ISRO's upcoming missions and national priorities.
- It supports ISRO's upcoming projects, including the Indian Space Station, Chandrayaan-4, Gaganyaan mission, Venus orbiter mission, and human landing on the Moon.



Competition Commission of India (CCI)



Why in News?

- Recently, the CCI took cognizance of disruptions in IndiGo flights to investigate potential abuse of market dominance.



Key Points:

Competition Commission of India (CCI)

- **Origin:** A statutory body under the Competition Act, 2002.
- The Competition Act, 2002 was amended by the Competition (Amendment) Act, 2007.
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- **Structure:** The CCI consists of a Chairperson and a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 6 members appointed by the Central Government.



INTERNATIONAL



Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)



Why in News?

- India and Oman have signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

The infographic features a red and orange background with the Indian and Omani flags at the top. It includes the PIB logo in the top left corner. The main text is in Hindi, announcing the signing of a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and Oman. It highlights that 98.08% of tariff lines will be zero-duty and 99.38% of Indian exports will be duty-free in Oman. At the bottom, there are portraits of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Omani Prime Minister Nasser bin Ali Al-Nahbi.

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भारत ओमान

व्यापक आर्थिक साझेदारी समझौता (CEPA) पर हस्ताक्षर

द्विपक्षीय आर्थिक
सहयोग में एक नया अध्याय

ओमान से भारत के लिए अभूतपूर्व टैरिफ रियायतें

भारत-ओमान CEPA से ओमान की 98.08% टैरिफ लाइनों पर जीरो-ड्यूटी एक्सेस मिलेगा, जिसमें भारतीय निर्यात का 99.38% शामिल है

समझौते के लागू होने के पहले दिन से ही 97.96% जीरो ड्यूटी रियायतें

भारतीय निर्यात को ओमान के बाजारों में ज्यादा पहुंच मिलेगी

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Key Points:

- In recent years, India has also successfully concluded similar free trade agreements with the United Kingdom, the European Free Trade Association, Australia, and the United Arab Emirates.

Key Features of CEPA

- **Market Access:** To boost the current bilateral trade of US\$10 billion,
- Oman will provide zero-duty access to Indian goods on nearly 98% of tariff lines (99.38% by value).
- India has offered liberalization on approximately 78% of its tariff lines. This excludes sensitive products such as dairy, tea, coffee, and rubber.
- **Services and Investment Sectors:** 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has been allowed for Indian companies in key service sectors in Oman.
- **Traditional Medicine:** A commitment has been made on traditional medicine for the first time, covering almost all modalities. This will create opportunities for India's AYUSH and healthcare sectors in the Gulf countries.
- **Facilitation of Movement of Indian Professionals:** This includes increasing quotas for skilled professionals and liberalizing rules for their entry and temporary stay.
- **Non-Tariff Barriers:** The agreement also addresses non-tariff barriers to trade.



ECONOMIC SCENARIO



Securities Market Code Bill 2025 in Lok Sabha



Why in News?

- The Union Finance Minister introduced the Securities Market Code Bill 2025 in the Lok Sabha.



Key Points:

The Bill proposes to consolidate the following:

- Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Act, 1992
- Depositories Act, 1996

Key Provisions

- **Improvement in SEBI's structure:** The Bill proposes to increase the number of SEBI Board members from 9 to 15, including the Chairperson.
- SEBI Board members are required to disclose any direct or indirect interest before participating in decision-making.
- **Decriminalization and Enforcement Framework:** The Bill also proposes to convert violations of a minor, procedural, and technical nature into civil penalties to improve ease of doing business and reduce the compliance burden.
- Under this Bill, "unlawful gain or loss" will be brought under the purview of civil penalties, and punishment will be limited to cases such as insider trading or trading while in possession of material or non-public information.
- **Limitation on Inspections:** In case of violation of any rule or provision of the Code, no inspection can be conducted after eight years have elapsed from the date of the violation.

New Logo for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)



Why in News?

- The Government of India, in collaboration with NABARD, has unveiled a common logo for all Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) under the "One RRB, One Logo" initiative.



Key Points:

“One RRB, One Logo” Initiative

- A reformative measure to implement a uniform visual identity for all 43 Regional Rural Banks operating in India.
- Jointly implemented by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) of the Ministry of Finance and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).



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About RRBs

- Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) were established under the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976, to extend institutional credit to rural areas and serve small farmers, self-help groups, artisans, and micro, small, and medium enterprises.

RRBs have a tripartite ownership structure:

- **Government of India – 50%**
- **Concerned State Government – 15%**
- **Sponsor Bank – 35%.**

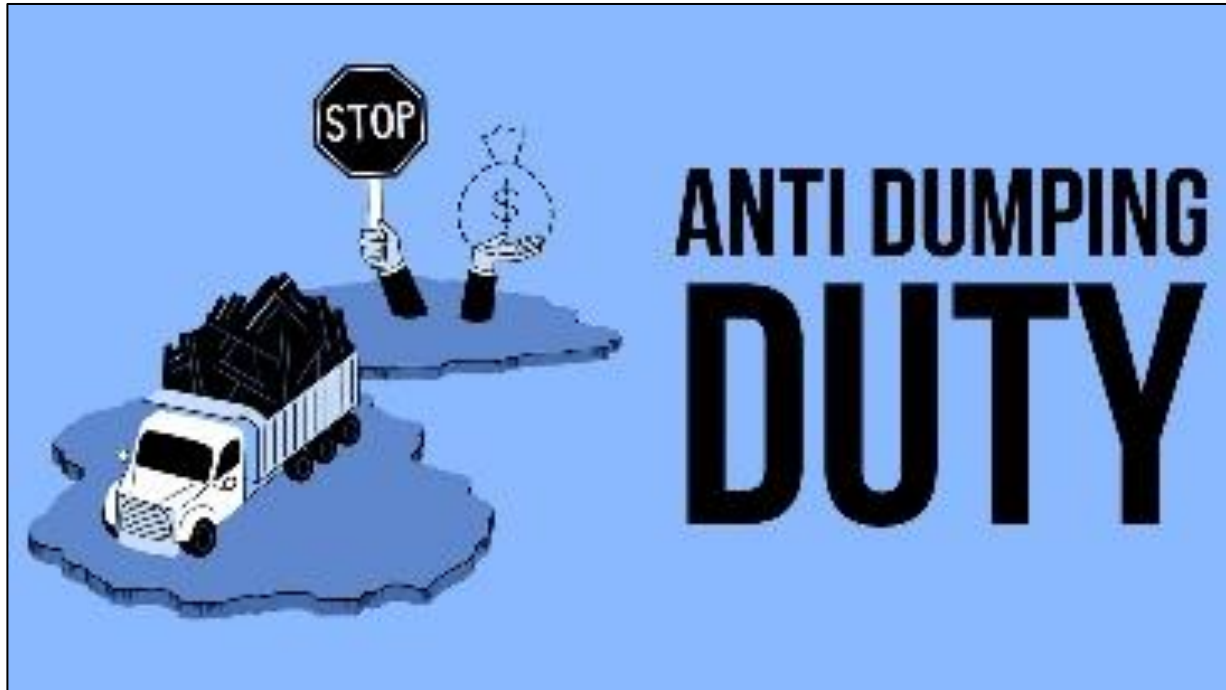


Anti-Dumping Duty



Why in News?

- India has imposed anti-dumping duties on certain steel imports from China.



Key Points:

Anti-Dumping Duty

- An anti-dumping duty is a trade measure. It is imposed by a country when another country exports a product at a price lower than its domestic market price.
- Anti-dumping tariffs are imposed to protect domestic industries from cheap imports.
- Anti-dumping measures are permitted under the WTO Anti-Dumping Agreement to ensure fair competition.



IMPORTANT DAYS



Goa Liberation Day



Why in News?

- On December 19, Goa was liberated from Portuguese rule and formally integrated into India in 1961.



Key Points:

Sequence of Invasion

- **Year 1510:** Albuquerque captured Goa with the help of the local chieftain, Timoji.

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- During the monsoon season, Adil Shah's forces recaptured Goa.
- **November 1510:** Albuquerque returned with additional troops and decisively defeated the Bijapur forces.

Background:

- After the country's independence in 1947, the government faced several major challenges.
- The Indian government made several diplomatic efforts to persuade Portugal to peacefully hand over Goa. Portugal rejected all such requests. As a result, the Goa Liberation Movement was born.

Operation Vijay

- Operation Vijay was launched by the Indian Armed Forces during Jawaharlal Nehru's tenure as Prime Minister to take control of Goa and integrate it into the rest of India.
- The operation lasted for over 36 hours and involved coordinated attacks by the Indian Armed Forces on air, sea, and land.
- **Result:** The Portuguese forces surrendered on December 19, 1961, resulting in the liberation of Goa along with Daman and Diu.
- On May 30, 1987, the Union Territory was bifurcated, and Goa became the twenty-fifth state of India, while Daman and Diu remained a Union Territory.