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India's New Route Challenges China's Silk Road

• China, which was the home of silk production in ancient times, used the Silk Route to establish the silk to the rest of the world

China's 'One Belt One Road' initiative

- China has launched One Belt One Road, a new economic Silk Road initiative
- It is the dream project of Chinese President Xi Jinping
- This mega project, which will be carried out across many countries of the world, will improve the infrastructure facilities like highways, new ports and waterways.
- 150 countries have joined this program which was started in 2013. It is estimated that the cost estimate is around 332 lakh crores and may rise further

Security tension

- Our neighbors Pakistan, Bangladesh, Maldives and Sri Lanka are also involved in this project, creating security tension for India.
- In particular, the One Belt One Road project highway connecting Pakistan passes through POK

New Economic Corridor

- A plan for a new economic corridor connecting India-Middle East-Europe has been announced
- The United States of America, the European Union, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates have agreed to this agreement with India
- It will connect India with West Asia and Europe by rail and sea
- This will make it possible to move goods between these countries quickly and cost-effectively. A lot of infrastructure will be developed in participating countries

Appreciation from the leaders

- The project will be divided into two major sections namely the East-West Corridor connecting India and West Asia and the Northern Corridor connecting West Asia and Europe.
- Dubai Port will be a major connectivity hub in this project which will connect India with countries like Saudi Arabia, UAE, Jordan, Israel, Italy, France, Germany.

Indonesia Masters 2023 badminton

• Kiran George, 50th in the badminton rankings, beat world No. 82 Koo Takahashi of Japan in the Indonesia Masters 2023 badminton being held in Medan, Indonesia

Coco Gauff won the title at the age of 19

- 19-year-old American Coco Gauff defeats Belarus' Aryna Siarhiejemna Sabalenka to win US Open tennis title
- With this, she has become the youngest player to win the title since 1999

Belt & Road Project

- China announced the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative to connect Asia with Africa and the European Union by road and sea.
- Italy is the only G7 country that joined the Belt and Road Initiative in 2004. Under these circumstances, Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani had said earlier this month that the BRI agreement with China did not meet our country's expectations.

Prathamesh Jawkar won silver in Archery World Cup

• Archery World Cup is being held in Hermosillo, Mexico. India's Prathamesh Jawkar took on Denmark's Mathias Fullerton in the men's compound final.