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Chabahar Port

What is the deal?

- 21 years ago, in 2003, both Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Iranian President Khatami proposed a plan to work together which included a plan to develop the Chabahar port.
- In 2016 between, three countries India, Iran and Afghanistan entered into an agreement to build a route through the Chabahar port.
- India has entered into a short-term contract to handle containers and cargo at the Shahid Beheshti terminal, one of the two terminals at the port.
- It is worth noting that it for the first time India will fully handle the operations of a foreign port

Importance of Chabahar:

- Chabahar port is located in Sistan Baluchistan province of Iran.
- It is the largest of Iran's ports
- Chabahar is the only port with direct access to the Indian Ocean.
- Also, the port is close to Gujarat and Mumbai seaports.
- To put it more simply, the distance between Gujarat's Kandla port and Chabahar port is less than the distance between New Delhi-Mumbai.
- Gwadar port of Pakistan is located 178 km east of this port.
- This port is leased to China for 40 years.
- India's Treaty on Chabahar Port will monitor China's activities. It will also help strengthen our country's dominance in the Indian Ocean region.
- Also, without expecting Pakistan's cooperation, India can provide relief supplies to neighboring Afghanistan in times of calamity.
- Besides, it will facilitate India's access to Central Asian countries, Europe and Russian markets.

First Indian to travel to space for tourism

- Andhra's Gopichand Thotakura, 30, has become the first Indian to travel to space.
- Amazon founder Jeff Bezos' company, Blue Origin, is implementing a plan to take humans on a tour of space.
- A six-person crew aboard NewShepherd from Texas, USA. They went on a space tour and successfully returned to earth.
- In 1984, Indian Army Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma went into space for the first time.
- After him, Gopichand became the second Indian to travel in space.

Iran President dies in Helicopter crash

- Iran and Azerbaijan have jointly built a huge dam across the Aras River, which runs between their countries.
- President of Iran Seyed Ibrahim Raisi and President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev participated in the opening ceremony in Komarlu, Azerbaijan.
- The helicopter he travelled crashed while returning to Iran.

Appointment of Interim President

- Vice President Mohammad Mogbar was appointed as the Interim President.
- According to Iran's rules, elections will be held within the next 50 days.

5,000 were sentenced to death

- During the Iran-Iraq War of 1980 to 1985, the Mujahideen-e-Khalq, an Iranian left-wing group, fought against the Iranian military.
- At the end of the Iraq war, more than 5,000 Mujahideen-e-Khalq fighters were captured.
- The commission, headed by Seyed Ibrahim Raisi, who served as the official, passed the death sentence on all of them.
- Raisi, who held various responsibilities in the judiciary, was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the country's Supreme Court in 2019. He contested and won the presidential election in 2021.
- Raisi ordered action against women in Iran who do not wear hijab.