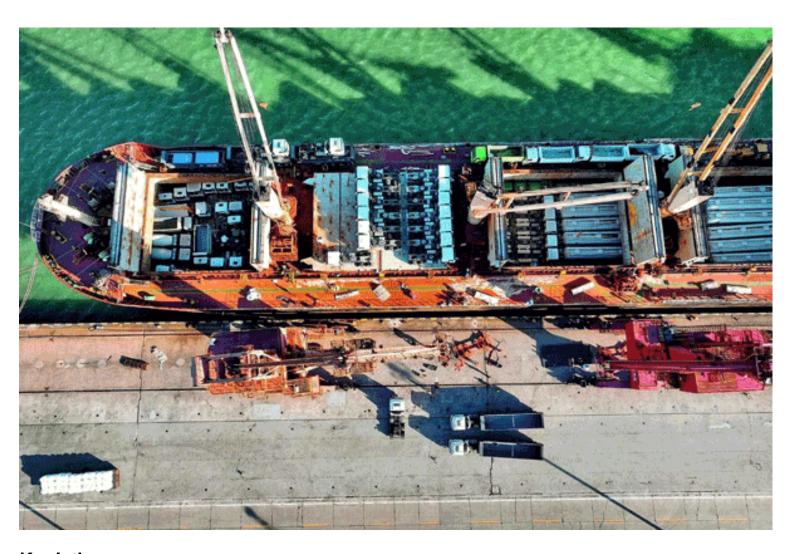


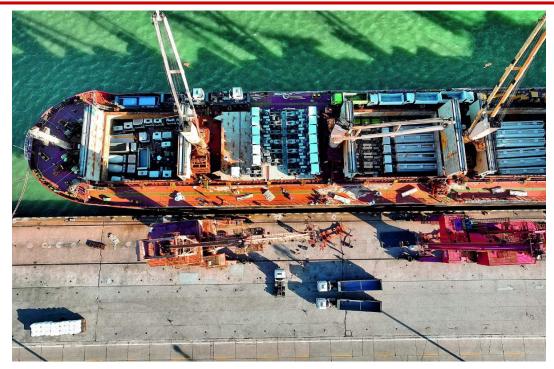
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The **Prime Minister of Thailand** has recently pitched a **land-bridge project** in the **Kra Isthmus** at the **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation** (APEC) **Summit**.



[Ref - Times of India]

## About Kra Isthmus:



[Ref - South China Morning Post]

- The Kra Isthmus located in Thailand is the narrowest part of the Malay Peninsula.
- The western part of the isthmus belongs to Ranong Province and the eastern part to Chumphon Province, both in Southern Thailand.



- It is bordered by the **Andaman Sea** (West) and the **Gulf of Thailand** (East).
- It marks the **boundary** between two sections of the mountain chain **from Tibet** through the **Malay peninsula**.
- The southern part is the **Phuket Range**, which is a continuation of the **Tenasserim Hills**, extending further northwards beyond the **Three Pagodas Pass**.
- It is in the **Tenasserim-South Thailand** semi-evergreen rain forests ecoregion.
  - **Dipterocarps** are the dominant trees in the ecoregion.

## About Kra Canal:

- The Kra Canal or Thai Canal refers to the proposals for a canal that would connect the Gulf of Thailand with the Andaman Sea across the Kra Isthmus in southern Thailand.
- This would provide an **alternative** to transit through the **Straits of Malacca** and shorten transit for shipments of oil to **Japan and China**.