



## INDIA AND UK LOGISTICS AGREEMENT - GS II MAINS

Q. Recently, the U.K. leverages the logistics agreement to expand maritime domain with India. Discuss its provisions and its significance to the Indian context. (10 marks, 150 words)

**News:** *U.K. leverages logistics agreement to expand maritime domain with India*

### What's in the news?

- The U.K. is leveraging a logistics support agreement signed with India to expand military to military engagements, especially in the maritime domain, as it also looks to augment its capability and deployments in the Indo-Pacific.

### Provisions of India-UK Logistics Sharing Agreement:

- The logistics-sharing agreement allows for the provision of logistic support, supplies and services between the U.K. and Indian armed forces.
- This was joint training, joint exercises, authorised port visits and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.
- It has led to increased engagements between our armed forces.
- The vital logistics partnership supports longer deployments of our capabilities in the region and is clear evidence of the U.K.-Indo-Pacific tilt in action.
- India has signed a series of agreements that have significantly expanded the logistics support for the Indian military, especially the Indian Navy which has expanded its operational turnaround across the Indian Ocean Region.

### Advantages for India:

#### 1. Reduced Trade Costs:

- Streamlined logistics processes and potentially lower tariffs on exports to the UK could make it cheaper and easier for Indian businesses to send goods.
- This could boost exports and increase market access for Indian products.

#### 2. Improved Infrastructure:

- The agreement might encourage collaboration on infrastructure development projects.
- Leading to improvements in India's ports, warehouses, and transportation networks.
- This would benefit not just UK trade but also domestic logistics efficiency.

#### 3. Knowledge Transfer:

- Collaboration with the UK, a well-established logistics hub, could lead to knowledge transfer and adoption of best practices in areas like supply chain management and technology.
- This could modernize India's logistics sector and make it more competitive globally.

#### 4. Job Creation:



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- A more efficient and robust logistics sector could create new jobs in areas like warehousing, transportation, and logistics management.

## 5. Increased Competition:

- Easier access for UK goods could lead to increased competition in the Indian market for some products.
- This could put pressure on Indian businesses to improve efficiency and potentially benefit consumers with a wider variety of choices.

## 6. Standardization:

- Adoption of international logistics standards could streamline processes and simplify trade, but it might require adjustments for Indian businesses accustomed to existing practices.

