



ADB Regional Conference and PM Gati Shakti

For Prelims: [Asian Development Bank \(ADB\)](#), [PM Gatishakti National Master Plan](#), Logistics sector related initiatives

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Why in News?

Recently, the **2023 Regional Cooperation and Integration (RCI) Conference** was organised by the [Asian Development Bank \(ADB\)](#) at Tbilisi, Georgia where India showcased its [PM Gatishakti National Master Plan](#).

What is the Asian Development Bank?

▪ About:

- ADB is a **regional development bank established in 1966** with the objective of promoting social and economic development in Asia and the Pacific.
 - It has **68 members**; 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside. **India is a founding member.**
- ADB assists its members and partners by providing loans, technical assistance, grants, and equity investments to promote social and economic development.
- As of 31st December 2022, **ADB's five largest shareholders** are **Japan** and **the US** (each with 15.6% of total shares), **China** (6.4%), **India** (6.3%), and **Australia** (5.8%).
- It is headquartered in **Manila, Philippines.**

▪ About ADB Conference:

- **Theme for 2023 Conference:**
 - Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Integration through Economic Corridor Development (ECD).
- **Objective:**
 - Explore ways to integrate spatial transformation/area-centric approach with the ECD and strengthen regional cooperation through a broader approach.
 - Knowledge sharing on application of the ECD framework and operational guidelines for investable projects.
- **Participation:**
 - The conference saw participation from more than 30 member countries.
- **India's Role:**
 - At the RCI Conference, **India offered its indigenously developed GIS-based technology** through knowledge sharing to ADB and [South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation \(SASEC\)](#) countries for enhancing socio-economic planning and regional cooperation.

What is PM GatiShakti National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity?

- It is a **Made in India** initiative, a transformative 'whole-of-government' approach for **integrated planning of multimodal infrastructure connectivity** to economic nodes and social infrastructure, thereby improving logistics efficiency.
 - PM Gati Shakti principles bring **socio-economic area-based development** as part of **regional connectivity**.
 - PM GatiShakti was launched in October 2021.
- The Gati Shakti scheme subsumed Rs. 110 lakh crore **National Infrastructure Pipeline** launched in 2019.
- PM Gatishakti National Master Plan is a **Geographic Information System (GIS)** data-based digital platform with over 1400 data layers and 50+ tools.
 - It provides visual representation of trunk and utility infrastructure, land use, existing structures, soil quality, habitation, tourism sites, forest sensitive areas etc.
- The initiative is also being implemented to enhance connectivity with regional partners as well. Some of the suitable examples are:
 - The **Indo-Nepal Haldia Access Controlled Corridor** project (eastern Indian states and Nepal)
 - **Regional Waterways Grid (RWG)** project for multimodal connectivity to growth centres and border points.

Government of India's Other Initiatives for Logistics Sector:

- [National Logistics Policy \(NLP\)](#)
- [Multimodal Transportation of Goods Act, 1993.](#)
- [Multi Modal Logistics Parks](#)
- [LEADS Report](#)
- [Dedicated Freight Corridor](#)
- [Sagarmala Projects](#)
- [Bharatmala Project](#)
- **Digital Initiatives:**
 - **Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP)**
 - **Logistics Data Bank (LDB)**

UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year's Question (PYQs)

Mains

Q. The Gati-Shakti Yojana needs meticulous coordination between the government and the private sector to achieve the goal of connectivity. Discuss. **(2022)**