

SMILE Programme

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About SMILE Programme:

- The **Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem (SMILE)** is a programmatic **policy-based loan (PBL)** to support the government in undertaking wide-ranging reforms in the logistics sector in India.
- The programmatic approach comprises two subprograms, which aim to expand India's **manufacturing sector** and improve the resilience of its **supply chains**.
- This initiative is in collaboration with the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) under the Ministry of Finance, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and ADB.
- **Key pillars of the programme:**
 - **Strengthening institutional frameworks:** Developing capacities at national, state, and city levels for the seamless integration of multimodal logistics infrastructure.
 - **Standardising warehousing:** Establishing uniform standards to streamline supply chains and attract private investment.
 - **Improving trade logistics:** Enhancing the efficiency of India's external trade operations.

- **Promoting smart, low-emission systems:** Leveraging advanced technologies to boost efficiency while reducing environmental impact.
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Q1: What is the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

It is a multilateral development bank established on 19th December 1966. It is the principal international development finance institution for the Asia-Pacific region.

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