

What is International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC)?

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Key facts about International North-South Transport Corridor

- It is a multimodal transportation agreement formed with a trilateral agreement between India, Iran and Russia at the Euro-Asian Conference on Transport in 2000.
- It links the **Indian Ocean** to the Caspian Sea via the Persian Gulf onwards into Russia and Northern Europe.
- The corridor encompasses **sea, road and rail routes**.
- The main purpose of the corridor was to **reduce carriage costs** and transit time between India and Russia. The transit time is expected to reduce to almost half, once the corridor becomes fully functional.
- The agreement has been **ratified by 13 countries** namely, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Armenia, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Oman, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey, and Ukraine.

About Chabahar Port

- It is located Off the Gulf of Oman in Iran's southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchistan & is the only Iranian port with direct access to the ocean.

Q1) Where strait of Hormuz?

The Strait of Hormuz is a strait between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. It provides the only sea passage from the Persian Gulf to the Indian Ocean.

Source: [Workshop conducted on 'Linking Chabahar Port with INST](#)

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