



# LEADS 2024 Report

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## Why in News?

Recently, the **Ministry of Commerce & Industry** released the 6<sup>th</sup> [Logistics Ease Across Different States \(LEADS\)](#) 2024 report.

- **GatiShakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV)** launched a course on **PM GatiShakti Concept for Efficient Infrastructure Planning and National Development**.

## What are the Key Highlights of the LEADS 2024 Report?

- **About:** It is an annual assessment released by the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** to promote **inter-state competitiveness** and help policymakers improve logistics performance.
  - LEADS was conceived on the lines of the [Logistics Performance Index \(LPI\)](#) of [World Bank](#) in 2018.
- **Objective:** It aims to evaluate logistics performance across **States and Union Territories (UTs)** to identify **reforms, attract investments**, and improve **logistics efficiency**.
- **Evaluation:** The report assesses logistics performance based on **four key pillars**:
  - Logistics Infrastructure
  - Logistics Services
  - Operating and Regulatory Environment
  - **Sustainable Logistics** (introduced in 2024).
- **Ranking of States and UTs in 2024:**

Group	Achievers	Fast Movers	Aspirers
Coastal States	Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu	Andhra Pradesh, Goa	Kerala, West Bengal
Landlocked States	Haryana, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand	Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan	Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand
North-Eastern States	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh	Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura	Manipur
Union Territories	Chandigarh, Delhi	Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu, Jammu & Kashmir, Lakshadweep, Puducherry	Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Ladakh

- **Key Recommendations:**
  - The logistics sector needs to adopt the **LEAD framework** to transform the logistics sector.
    - LEAD framework includes **Longevity, Efficiency and Effectiveness, Accessibility and Accountability, and Digitization of processes**.

- Promotion of **green logistics** and sustainable transport initiatives.
- Encouraging **public-private partnerships (PPPs)** to enhance multi-modal logistics hubs.
- Develop **regional and city-level logistics plans** as well for last-mile connectivity.
- Promote **gender inclusivity**
- Adopt new technologies like **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, **Machine Learning (ML)**, and **Data Analytics** for enhanced logistics performance.

## India's Logistics Sector

- **Contribution:** It contributes **13-14% to India's GDP** and provides livelihood to over **22 million people**; projected to add **1 crore jobs by 2027**.
  - In FY22, India's logistics market stood at **USD 435 billion** and is projected to expand to **USD 591 billion by FY27**.
- **Logistics Costs:** Presently, India's **logistics cost is 13-14% of GDP** which is extremely high.
  - The **National Logistics Policy (NLP) 2022** aims to reduce India's logistics costs to align with global benchmarks of **8-9% of GDP**.
- **Global Position:** India ranked **38th among 139 countries** in the World Bank's **Logistics Performance Index Report 2023**.
  - The LPI is an **interactive tool** developed by the **World Bank** that helps countries **identify challenges and opportunities** in trade logistics and **improve their performance**.

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

### Prelims

**Q. With reference to 'National Investment and Infrastructure Fund', which of the following statements is/are correct? (2017)**

1. It is an organ of NITI Aayog.
2. It has a corpus of Rs 4,00,000 crore at present.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Ans: (d)**