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India and South Korea Signs Logistics Pact

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India and South Korea have concluded a **Military Logistics Agreement** during the ongoing visit of Defence Minister to Seoul.

- The two countries have also formulated a forward-looking **road map to take bilateral defence industry cooperation to the next level.**



- The roadmap has also listed other areas of cooperation like Land Systems, Aero Systems, Naval Systems, R&D cooperation and collaboration in Testing, Certification and Quality Assurance.
- The **two Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)** were signed during the meeting which covers:
 - **Defence Educational Exchanges,**
 - **To extend Logistical Support to each other's Navies.**
- The above agreements would help:
 - Assured logistic support when India operates in the Indo-Pacific in the ports of South Korea.
 - To extend the reach, presence and sustainability of Indian Navy ships when deployed at great distances.

- The recent meeting has also been considered as an opportunity to combine **India's 'Act East Policy'** with the Republic of Korea's **'New Southern Policy'**.

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