



India-Jordan Relations: The "Anchor of Stability" in West Asia

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Background: India and Jordan established diplomatic ties in 1950. While historically viewed through the prism of the Palestine conflict, the PM's standalone visit in 2025 signals a de-hyphenated foreign policy. Jordan serves as a crucial partner in India's "Link West" policy, acting as a bridge between the Mediterranean and the Gulf.

Basics of Bilateral Ties:

- **Fertilizer Diplomacy:** Jordan is India's largest source of Rock Phosphate and phosphoric acid, vital for India's food security (PM-PRANAM scheme).
- **Aqaba Process:** An initiative by King Abdullah II for international cooperation against terrorism and radicalization, which India actively supports.
- **Palestinian Cause:** Jordan is the "Custodian of Holy Sites" in Jerusalem. India's engagement with Jordan reaffirms support for a Two-State Solution while maintaining ties with Israel.

Significance for UPSC:

- **Regional Stability:** Jordan is a rare peaceful nation in a region torn by the Syria-Iraq conflicts.
- **Energy and Trade:** Discussions on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) and its potential links to Jordanian ports are critical for GS II questions on global connectivity.