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# India–Netherlands Joint Trade & Investment Committee (JTIC)

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**Subject Preference:** GS Paper II (Bilateral Relations) | GS Paper III (Indian Economy & Investment)

- **The News (Dec 2025):** During the visit of Dutch Foreign Minister **David van Weel**, India and the Netherlands signed an MoU to establish the JTIC. This is a formal ministerial-level mechanism to review trade and address barriers.
- **Apt Topic: "Institutionalizing Bilateral Economic Diplomacy"**
- **Strategic Gateway:** The Netherlands is India's **3rd largest export destination** in Europe. It acts as a logistical hub (Port of Rotterdam) for Indian goods entering the EU.
- **The Semiconductor Pivot:** A key highlight of this news is the focus on **Semiconductors and Emerging Tech**. The Netherlands (home to ASML) is a global leader in lithography; the JTIC aims to integrate India into the global semiconductor supply chain.
- **Investment Security:** India recently terminated many Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs). The JTIC provides a "soft" alternative to resolve disputes and "Ease of Doing Business" issues for Dutch investors without immediate litigation.

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