

India's Neighbouring Countries

Chapter 14: India and Her Neighbours · Topic 1

Key Concept

India's neighbours include Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka (a maritime neighbour), each sharing historical and cultural ties with India.

Relations with neighbours vary - some, like Bhutan and Nepal, generally have close, cooperative relationships, while others, like Pakistan and China, have experienced periods of tension.

India engages with its neighbours through trade agreements, cultural exchange programs, and regional organisations like SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation).

Maintaining good relations with neighbouring countries is important for regional stability, trade, and addressing shared challenges like environmental issues and security concerns.

Quick Revision Notes

- India's neighbours include Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar.
- Sri Lanka is a maritime neighbour of India.
- Relations vary - some close, some tense.
- Bhutan and Nepal generally have cooperative relations with India.
- Pakistan and China relations have experienced tension.
- SAARC is a regional cooperation organisation.
- India engages through trade and cultural exchange.
- Good neighbour relations support regional stability.

Practice Questions

- 1 Name India's neighbouring countries.
- 2 Research India's relationship with one neighbouring country.
- 3 Discuss what SAARC does.
- 4 Explain why good neighbour relations matter.
- 5 Research a shared challenge India faces with a neighbour.
- 6 Create a map showing India and its neighbours.