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India and Cyprus Elevate Relations to Strategic Partnership

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India and Cyprus have upgraded their bilateral ties to the level of a “Strategic Partnership” during talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides.?

The two countries also decided to establish a joint task force to deepen cooperation in sectors such as: infrastructure, shipping, trade, investment and technology.

Key Outcomes of the Meeting

Both sides agreed to: strengthen economic cooperation, expand investments, improve connectivity and increase collaboration in innovation and strategic sectors.

India highlighted that:

investments from Cyprus into India have nearly doubled over the last decade and both countries aim to double investments again within the next five years.

Joint Task Force

A new joint task force will be created to promote cooperation mainly in: infrastructure development, maritime connectivity and shipping-related projects.

This move is expected to improve: business partnerships, logistics cooperation and economic engagement between the two countries.

Focus on Strategic Cooperation

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India and Cyprus discussed cooperation in: defence, maritime security, digital technology, startups, innovation and counter-terrorism.

Both countries also supported:

stronger India–EU relations,
reforms in global institutions,
and peaceful resolution of international conflicts.

Why Cyprus is Important for India

Cyprus is strategically important because:

it is a member of the European Union (EU),
located in the Eastern Mediterranean region,
and acts as a gateway for Indian businesses entering European markets.

The partnership may also support: India–Europe trade connectivity, maritime cooperation and investment expansion.

About Cyprus

Capital: Nicosia

Currency: Euro

Region: Eastern Mediterranean

Cyprus became independent from Britain in: 1960

Note: India and Cyprus established diplomatic relations in: 1962.