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India and New Zealand Sign Five MoUs to Deepen Strategic Partnership

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India and New Zealand have signed five Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) covering defence, animal husbandry and dairy, tourism, sports, and disaster management following delegation-level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon in Auckland.

The agreements aim to strengthen bilateral cooperation in strategic, economic, and people-to-people sectors while enhancing collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region.

The visit marks the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in nearly 40 years.

Five MoUs Signed:

Defence Cooperation:

Memorandum of Arrangement between the Ministry of Defence (India) and the New Zealand Defence Force.

Focus on maritime cooperation, defence exchanges, and Indo-Pacific security.

Animal Husbandry and Dairy: Cooperation in livestock management, dairy research, innovation, and exchange of best practices.

Tourism Cooperation: Promotion of tourism, visitor exchanges, and collaboration between tourism stakeholders.

Joint Action Plan on Sports: Cooperation in sports development, athlete exchanges, coaching, and sports administration.

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Disaster Management: Collaboration in disaster preparedness, emergency response, risk reduction, and resilience building.

India–New Zealand Relations:

Diplomatic Relations: Established in 1952.

Strategic Partnership: Relations elevated to a Strategic Partnership during the Prime Ministerial visit.

First Indian PM Visit: First visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in about 40 years.

Both countries cooperate in:

Indo-Pacific security

Trade and investment

Agriculture and dairy

Education

Science & Technology

Sports

Climate and disaster resilience.

Defence Cooperation

About New Zealand:

Capital: Wellington.

Largest City: Auckland.

Currency: New Zealand Dollar (NZD).

Parliament: Unicameral Parliament (House of Representatives).

Neighbouring Water Bodies: Tasman Sea and South Pacific Ocean.

Other Recent Bilateral Developments:

Free Trade Agreement (FTA): Signed in April 2026 to boost bilateral trade.

International Solar Alliance (ISA): New Zealand has ratified the ISA Framework Agreement.

Customs Cooperation Arrangement: Signed to facilitate trade and improve customs cooperation.

Exam Focus Points:

Countries: India and New Zealand.

Venue: Auckland, New Zealand.

Leaders: Narendra Modi and Christopher Luxon.

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MoUs Signed: Five.

Key Sectors: Defence, animal husbandry & dairy, tourism, sports, and disaster management.

Defence Focus: Maritime cooperation and Indo-Pacific security.

Diplomatic Relations: 1952.

First Indian PM Visit in: Nearly 40 years.

Capital of New Zealand: Wellington.

Currency: New Zealand Dollar (NZD).