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# India–Cyprus Discuss Bilateral Ties and Institutional Cooperation

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India and Cyprus held high-level discussions focusing on strengthening bilateral relations and enhancing institutional cooperation.

## **Areas of Cooperation Discussed:**

The discussions covered multiple domains of institutional and bilateral cooperation, including:

Legal and judicial cooperation (extradition, criminal cases)

Exchange of prisoners between the two countries

Consular issues related to Indian diaspora

Strengthening coordination between justice and law enforcement systems

These measures aim to enhance mutual trust and facilitate smoother governance coordination between the two nations.

## **Broader Bilateral Engagement**

India and Cyprus have been actively expanding cooperation across sectors such as trade, investment, defence, digital transformation, renewable energy, fintech, and maritime security. Both countries are working under the India–Cyprus Joint Action Plan (2025–2029), which provides a roadmap for deepening strategic ties.

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Additionally, Cyprus is expected to assume the Presidency of the European Union Council in 2026, making it an important partner for India in strengthening India–EU relations.

Strategic Importance of Cyprus for India

### **Cyprus holds strategic importance for India due to:**

Its location in the Eastern Mediterranean region (gateway to Europe and West Asia)

Membership in the European Union

Role as an investment hub and financial services centre

Support for India's position on international issues, including UN Security Council reforms

Cyprus also serves as a platform for enhancing India's connectivity with Europe through initiatives like the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC).

### **Key Facts:**

Capital of Cyprus: Nicosia

Political System: Presidential Republic

EU Membership: Since 2004

Currency: Euro (€)

### **India–Cyprus Relations:**

Diplomatic ties established in 1962

Cyprus is a significant source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India

### **Recent Developments:**

Joint Action Plan (2025–2029)

Increasing defence and security cooperation

Focus on digital economy and green energy