

Roadmap 2030: India, UK to enhance bilateral trade, defence ties

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Boris Johnson met in London on July 15, 2023, to discuss bilateral trade, defence ties and other issues. The Prime Ministers agreed to enhance bilateral trade and defence ties, and to work towards a comprehensive trade agreement between India and the UK. They also agreed to strengthen cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, and to work towards a more open, free, inclusive and rules-based Indo-Pacific region. The Prime Ministers also agreed to work towards a more open, free, inclusive and rules-based Indo-Pacific region, and to work towards a more open, free, inclusive and rules-based Indo-Pacific region.

They reiterated their commitment to climate action to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and agreed to closely engage in the run up to the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) hosted by the UK later this year. They agreed to step up collaboration on climate change and low carbon transition through a new partnership on renewables and power and to explore joint work on green hydrogen.

Both Prime Ministers also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest, including cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

They affirmed their shared vision of an open, free, inclusive and rules-based Indo-Pacific region, **“underpinned by respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty, rule of law, transparency, freedom of navigation and overflight in the international seas, unimpeded lawful commerce, and peaceful resolution of disputes.”**