

India-Netherlands Strategic Partnership (2026-2030) Roadmap

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Netherlands in May 2026. During the visit, India and the Netherlands elevated their bilateral ties to a Strategic Partnership and adopted the India-Netherlands Strategic Partnership Roadmap (2026-2030) at The Hague with Dutch Prime Minister Rob Jetten.

Key Pillars of the India-Netherlands Strategic Partnership

The India-Netherlands Strategic Partnership (2026-2030) is a comprehensive framework that strengthens cooperation between the two countries across political, economic, technological, security, and socio-cultural domains for long-term mutual benefit.

Political and Diplomatic Cooperation

- India and the Netherlands agreed to maintain regular high-level political interactions between Heads of Government, Foreign Ministers, and senior ministers.

- A new annual mechanism at the level of Foreign Ministers will review the implementation of the strategic roadmap.
- Both countries will deepen cooperation in multilateral forums such as the **United Nations**, **G20**, and **WTO**.
- Ministries from both sides will increase regular interaction to improve coordination in multiple sectors.

Economic Cooperation and Investments

- The Joint Trade and Investment Committee will work to increase trade, investment, and market access in key sectors like semiconductors, energy, telecom, infrastructure, agriculture, and pharmaceuticals.
- Both countries will promote participation in trade fairs and business forums to connect companies and industry bodies.
- The Fast Track Mechanism will be reviewed regularly to resolve investment-related issues quickly.
- Cooperation will expand in critical minerals to strengthen and diversify global supply chains.
- Two-way investments will be promoted in renewable energy, maritime, infrastructure, medtech, and high-tech sectors, with focus on startups and SMEs.

Water, Agriculture and Health Cooperation

- The Netherlands will continue supporting India in integrated water management, flood control, and climate-resilient water infrastructure.
- Cooperation will focus on river basin management, urban water systems, coastal zone management, and water quality improvement in the Ganga Basin.
- Urban River Management Plans will be developed using the Dutch “Water as Leverage” approach.
- Collaboration through the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure will strengthen disaster-resilient urban infrastructure.
- Agricultural cooperation will include agri-tech, biotechnology, sustainable farming, food security, and climate-resilient agriculture.
- Both countries will strengthen cooperation in infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, digital health, and disease surveillance.
- Collaboration between the Indian Council of Medical Research and Dutch health institutions will support One Health research and public health preparedness.
- Cooperation in pharmaceuticals and medical devices will strengthen resilient healthcare supply chains.

Emerging Technologies, Innovation and Education

- India and the Netherlands agreed to enhance cooperation in semiconductors, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, cybersecurity, and advanced materials.
- The Indian Semiconductor Mission will collaborate with the Dutch Semicon Competence Centre to build trusted semiconductor supply chains.
- A semiconductor “Brain Bridge” will connect Dutch universities with Indian institutions such as Indian Institute of Science and IITs.
- Dutch technology companies such as ASML and NXP Semiconductors will play an important role in semiconductor cooperation.

- Both countries signed an MoU on Higher Education to strengthen academic exchanges and research partnerships.
- Space cooperation will focus on climate monitoring, food security, water management, and environmental sustainability.

Energy Transition and Maritime Development

- A Joint Working Group on Renewable Energy will promote cooperation in green hydrogen, renewable energy, battery storage, and clean technologies.
- India and the Netherlands will develop a Green and Digital Sea Corridor for sustainable maritime connectivity. The corridor is expected to facilitate India's future green hydrogen exports to Europe.
- Both countries will cooperate under initiatives such as the International Solar Alliance and the Global Biofuels Alliance.
- Cooperation will also expand in circular economy practices, waste-to-energy systems, and sustainable urban development.
- Maritime cooperation will include green ports, digital shipping, and inland waterways.

Defence and Security Cooperation

- India and the Netherlands agreed to strengthen military cooperation through structured tri-services interactions.
- Maritime cooperation will increase through naval exercises and engagement with the Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region.
- The Netherlands will enhance participation in India-led Indo-Pacific initiatives.
- A Defence Industrial Roadmap will promote cooperation between defence industries and research institutions of both countries.
- Both countries will explore a Mutual Logistic Support Agreement for operational cooperation.
- **Cybersecurity**, cybercrime prevention, and counterterrorism cooperation will be strengthened.
- India and the Netherlands will also work towards concluding a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty and a new Extradition Treaty.

Migration and Mobility

- Resolved to facilitate fair migration and mobility to each other's countries.
- Determined to jointly take appropriate steps to prevent and counter irregular migration.
- Cooperate to facilitate fair mobility of students, academics, doctoral students, researchers, and highly skilled professionals, including young professionals.

Culture and People-to-People Exchanges

- Enhance bilateral cultural cooperation through continuous dialogue, exchange programs, and joint initiatives, including knowledge exchange on preservation and restoration of heritage sites and buildings.

- Welcome the ongoing efforts for implementation of Memorandum of Understanding on cultural cooperation with the focus on strengthening collaboration in design, visual arts, cultural heritage, performing arts and museum sectors.
- Continue to cooperate in the handling of the request for the return and restitution of cultural artifacts.
 - The return of the Leiden Copper Plates symbolised growing trust and cultural diplomacy between the two countries.
- Both sides will support cultural exhibitions and museum partnerships to increase awareness of each other's culture.
- Efforts will be made to increase tourism and travel between the two countries.
- The two countries acknowledged the important contribution of Indian and Dutch communities, including the Indian diaspora in the Netherlands, in strengthening long-standing cultural relations and promoting enduring people-to-people ties

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Significance

- The partnership strengthens India's engagement with Europe through a trusted and innovation-driven partner in the Netherlands.
- It supports India's strategic interests in the Indo-Pacific region by enhancing maritime cooperation and aligning with a rules-based order.
- It helps diversify and secure global supply chains, especially in critical areas such as semiconductors, critical minerals, pharmaceuticals, and renewable energy.
- The partnership supports India's ambitions under initiatives such as Make in India, Digital India, Semiconductor Mission, **National Green Hydrogen Mission**, and Smart Cities Mission.
- It accelerates India's green transition by expanding cooperation in green hydrogen, **renewable energy**, **circular economy**, and climate adaptation technologies.
- It boosts India's technological capabilities through collaboration in semiconductors, AI, quantum technologies, cybersecurity, and advanced manufacturing.
- It strengthens India's water governance and climate resilience by leveraging Dutch expertise in flood management, urban water systems, and river basin management.
- It enhances India's trade and investment flows by promoting joint ventures, SME participation, and improved market access in high-value sectors.
- It supports India's human capital development through academic exchange, research collaboration, and skill-building in emerging technologies.
- It deepens defence and security cooperation, including maritime security, cyber security, and defence industry collaboration.
- It strengthens cultural diplomacy and people-to-people ties, reinforcing long-term goodwill through diaspora engagement and heritage cooperation.

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