India- CARICOM

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India's historic and warm relations with the countries of the Caribbean witnessed a new momentum with the meeting of **Prime Minister of India with 14 leaders of the CARICOM group** of countries on the **sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.**

- The meeting deliberated on the **steadily intensifying and deepening relations** between India and partner countries of the Caribbean, **not only in the bilateral** but also in the **regional** context.
- India has provided immediate financial assistance of **USD 1 million to recover from the destruction caused by Hurricane Dorian** in the region and the worst-hit island of Bahamas.
- India also announced a USD 14 million grant for **community development projects** in the CARICOM and another 150 million **Line of Credit for solar, renewable energy and climate- change-related projects.**

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

- The Caribbean Community was formed in **1973.**
- CARICOM has **15 members –** Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad & Tobago.
- The Chairmanship of the Community is **rotated every six months** among the member countries.
- The **CARICOM Single Market and Economy** are intended to benefit the people of the region by providing more and better opportunities to produce and sell goods and services and to attract investment.
- The Government of India funded the US$ 1.166 million information technology and communication infrastructure, computer software and community studio at the CARICOM Secretariat in 2005-2006.

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