



Green Strategic Partnership between India and Denmark

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Why in News

India and the Kingdom of Denmark have launched the **Green Strategic Partnership** for delivering sustainable solutions to India.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for **Intellectual Property (IP) Cooperation** with Denmark.

Key Points

- **Green Strategic Partnership:**
 - The Partnership will focus on **expanding economic ties, green growth, and cooperation on global challenges such as climate change**.
Green growth is a term to describe a path of economic growth that uses natural resources in a sustainable manner.
 - Danish companies with niche technologies and expertise have offered to help India in meeting its **air pollution** control targets, including in the key area of tackling the problem of **burning crop stubble**.
 - Other key points under the partnership include dealing with the **Covid-19** pandemic and **cooperation in water efficiency and water loss**.
 - The creation of **India-Denmark energy parks** in areas with large numbers of Danish firms and an **India-Denmark skill institute** to train Indian manpower has been proposed.
 - The Green Strategic Partnership will build on an existing **Joint Commission for Cooperation** and existing **joint working groups**.

- **Intellectual Property Cooperation:**

- The MoU aims at increasing IP co-operation between the two countries by way of, exchange of information and best practices on processes for disposal of applications for patents, trademarks, industrial designs, and **Geographical Indications**, and cooperation in the field of protection of Traditional Knowledge.
- It will be a landmark step forward in India's journey towards becoming a major player in global innovation and further the objectives of the **National Intellectual Property Rights Policy, 2016**.

- **India Denmark Relationship:**

- India and Denmark had signed a **Joint Commission for Cooperation in February 2009** for cooperation in politics, economics and commerce, science and technology, energy, environment, and education.
- They have **joint working groups** on Shipping; Food, Agriculture and Fisheries; Environment, Biotechnology; New and Renewable Energy; and Labour Mobility.
- Currently, over 140 Danish companies are participating in the **Make in India** initiative.
- However, the relations got affected due to the **non-extradition of the main accused of the Purulia arms drop case** (Kim Davy) to India by Danish Officials.
 - **Purulia arms drop case, 1995:** Unauthorised arms were dropped from an aircraft in Purulia district in the state of West Bengal in India.
 - In the recent meeting for Green Strategic Partnership, both sides agreed that concerned officials will work for an early resolution of the matter.
- India has also invited Denmark to join the **supply chain resilience initiative**, which is proposed between Japan, Australia to diversify supply chains and reduce dependence on any one nation.



- **Location:** It is an archipelago of more than 400 islands to the east of the **Jutland peninsula** in Europe.
- **Flag:** 
- **Capital:** Copenhagen
- **Currency:** Danish krone
- **People:** Mostly inhabited by ethnic Danes.
- **Languages:** Danish is official.
- **Religions:** Catholic Christians, Jews.
- **Government:** The Kingdom of Denmark is a unitary state.
 - In addition to Denmark proper, two autonomous territories in the North Atlantic Ocean: Greenland and the Faroe Islands.
 - It establishes a sovereign state in the form of a constitutional monarchy, with a representative parliamentary system.
 - The Danish parliament is unicameral and called the Folketing.
- **Others:** Denmark ranked 1st in **Digital Quality of Life 2020**, **Corruption Perceptions Index 2019**, **Environmental Performance Index 2020**, **Global Social Mobility Index 2020**. It also ranked in **the top 10 in the most powerful passports** in 2020 and was one of the **most peaceful countries** according to the **Global Peace Index 2019**.

Way Forward

- India and Denmark have shared values of human rights, democracy, and rule of law and they must cooperate in multilateral fora like the **World Trade Organization**, **International Solar Alliance**, **Arctic Council** to advance democracy and human rights and promote a rule-based multilateral system.
- The Green Strategic Partnership is a mutually beneficial arrangement to advance political cooperation, expand economic relations and green growth, create jobs, and strengthen cooperation on addressing global challenges and opportunities; with a focus on an ambitious implementation of the **Paris Agreement** and the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**.

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