



India Denmark Cooperation

For Prelims: Green strategic Partnership, World Trade Organization, International Solar Alliance, Arctic Council.

For Mains: Green Strategic Partnership, India-Denmark Ties.

Why in News?

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change expressed that India and Denmark can jointly demonstrate the feasibility of achieving ambitious climate and sustainable energy goals during the **'India-Denmark: Partners for Green and Sustainable Progress Conference'** in New Delhi.

- Since the launch of the [Green Strategic Partnership](#) in 2020, the bilateral cooperation is focused on promoting green and sustainable development.



What is Green Strategy Partnership?

- 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](#).
- 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**.

What is the State of India Denmark Cooperation?

- **Background:**
 - The diplomatic relations between [India and Denmark](#), established in September 1949, are marked by **regular high-level exchanges**.
 - Both countries **share historical links, common democratic traditions and a shared desire for regional**, as well as international peace and stability.
 - Bilateral relations were elevated to the level of **“Green Strategic Partnership”** during the Virtual Summit held in 2020.
- **Commercial and Economic Relations:**
 - Bilateral trade in goods and services between India and Denmark has grown by 78%, from USD 2.8 billion in 2016 to **USD 5 billion in 2021**.
 - The **major export items from India** to Denmark are textiles, apparels and yarns related, vehicles and components, metal goods, iron and steel, footwear, and travel goods.
 - Major **Danish exports to India** are medicinal/pharmaceutical goods, power generating machinery, industrial machinery, metal waste and ore, and organic chemicals.
- **Cultural Exchange:**
 - India's 75th Independence Day was celebrated in Copenhagen with a great enthusiasm with a flag hoisting ceremony and vibrant **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, attended by a large number of the diaspora**.
 - Important streets and public places have been named after Indian leaders which include the **Gandhi Plaene (Gandhi Park)**, Copenhagen and a **Nehru Road** near Aarhus University in Aarhus.
- **Intellectual Property Cooperation:**
 - The MoU signed in 2020 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](#).

Way Forward

- India and Denmark 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.

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