



INDIA-FRANCE RELATIONS

Why in news?

India and France announced Defense Industrial Roadmap for cooperation on defense production during French President's visit to India as Chief Guest at the Republic Day celebrations

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Roadmap aimed at deepening integration between defense industrial sectors

Collaboration for co-design, co-development, and coproduction

Support broader progress in scientific, technological, digital, and material sciences fields for Viksit Bharat vision for 2047

Defense and Security

- France instrumental in India's defense modernization
- Transfer of technology for Scorpene submarines, supply of Rafale aircrafts
- Joint Defense Exercises: Varuna, Garuda, Shakti
- Agency-level counter-terrorism cooperation
- France 2nd largest arms supplier to India

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Economic and Trade

- France as 11th largest foreign investor in India
- Support for India-EU Free Trade Agreement
- Collaboration in digital payments with UPI launch in France

Technology

Strategic Space Dialogue and civil nuclear ties

Global Governance

- Support for India's UNSC permanent membership
- Assistance in multilateral export control regimes

Climate Change

- International Solar Alliance and High Ambition Coalition
- Year of Indo-French alliance towards a Greener Planet

Key Challenges in India-France relations

- Divergent approaches towards strategic autonomy
- Underutilized trade potential
- Nuclear liability issues
- Mostly Government-to-Government cooperation
- Sub-optimal Business-to-Business and People-to-People cooperation

Conclusion

- India-France relationship marked by shared values and mutual respect
- Need for stronger B2B cooperation and P2P ties for solidifying partnership

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