



India and Denmark

For Prelims: Global Digital Health Partnership, World Trade Organization, International Solar Alliance, Arctic Council.

For Mains: Green Strategic Partnership, India-Denmark Ties, Antimicrobial Resistance, Global Digital Health Partnership.

Why in News?

During the Indian **Prime Minister's Visit to Denmark**, India and Denmark agreed to further strengthen the [Green Strategic Partnership](#) with a focus on [green hydrogen](#), **renewable energy and wastewater management**.

- Further, India conveyed its acceptance of the Danish invitation to join the **International Center for [Antimicrobial Resistance Solutions \(ICARS\)](#)** as a **Mission Partner**.
- The Danish Prime Minister confirmed Danish accession to the [Global Digital Health Partnership](#) on India's invitation to **improve public health and well-being through evidence-based digital technologies**.

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What is the Status of India-Denmark Ties?

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.

What is Green Strategic 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](#).
- India and Denmark both have **ambitious goals within the climate agenda**.
- India is the world’s **third-largest CO2 emitter and by 2030**, the country is expected to have doubled its carbon emissions.
- The Danish government has the ambition to reduce **CO2 emissions by 70% by 2030** and aims to undertake international leadership on SDG 7 on affordable and clean energy.
- By partnering, India and Denmark will demonstrate to the world that delivering on ambitious climate and sustainable energy goals is possible.
- **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.
 - Indian community in Denmark include IT professionals, doctors and engineers.
 - 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.

International Center for Antimicrobial Resistance Solutions (ICARS)

- The idea of an **international independent research and knowledge centre** focusing on intervention and implementation research in **low- and middle-income countries** was fostered through talks between Denmark and the World Bank during fall of 2017 and spring 2018.
- At a meeting in **March 2018**, it was agreed that there was an unmet need in this area, and that it was important to pursue the idea further, **exploring whether Denmark could initiate and host such a centre given its long history of working in [One Health](#)**.
- In November 2018, the Danish Government formally announced its ambition to establish ICARS.

Global Digital Health Partnership

- The **Global Digital Health Partnership (GDHP)** is an **international collaboration of governments, government agencies and multinational organisations** dedicated to improving the health and well-being of their citizens through the best use of evidence-based digital technologies.
- It was established in February 2018, to **provide an opportunity for transformational engagement between its participants**.
- **Australia was the host country** for the inaugural summit in 2018.
- The '**4th Global Digital Health Partnership Summit**' was held in February, 2019 in New Delhi.

Way Forward

Cooperation at Multilateral Forum: India and Denmark have shared values of human rights, democracy, and rule of law and they should 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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