



Jamaican Prime Minister's Visit to India

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Why in News?

Recently, the **Prime Minister of Jamaica** visited India to solidify bilateral ties in a range of key areas including trade and investment. It will be the **first-ever bilateral visit of the Prime Minister of Jamaica to India**.

What are the Key Outcomes of the Visit?

- **Meeting the President of India:**
 - Both leaders agreed on the **need to further strengthen partnerships** across various levels, including parliamentary, academic, and cultural exchanges, as well as **collaboration in international forums**.
 - The President appreciated Jamaica's participation in all **three editions of [the Voice of the Global South Summits](#)** and emphasised the shared commitment of both nations to reform multilateral institutions, including the **[UN Security Council](#)**, through groupings like the **L-69**.
- **Several Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) were Signed:**
 - The **governments of India and Jamaica** collaborate to share successful **[digital public infrastructure](#)**, the Cultural Exchange Programme, and **cooperation in sports**.
 - Between **NPCI International Payments Limited** and **Egov Jamaica Limited**.

The Voice of the Global South Summit (VOGSS)

- It is a new and unique **India-led initiative** that envisages bringing together countries of the Global South and sharing their perspectives and priorities on a **common platform** across a whole range of issues.
- It is a reflection of India's philosophy of **[Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam](#)**, or "One Earth, One Family, One Future", and the Prime Minister's vision of **[Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas](#)**.

How are the Relations between India and Jamaica?

- **India** was **among the first nations to recognize Jamaica after its independence**, establishing diplomatic relations in 1962, and setting up a resident mission in Kingston in 1976 following PM Indira Gandhi's visit.
- Jamaica established its Resident Mission in India in 2020.
- India and Jamaica have historically maintained **cordial and friendly relations**, built on shared ties of history, **parliamentary democracy, Commonwealth membership**, and a mutual love for cricket.
- Jamaica is home to a 70,000-strong **[Indian diaspora](#)**, one of the **girmitiya countries**, serving as a vital connection between the two nations. The year 2022 marks 177 years of the Indian community's presence in Jamaica.
 - The **Girmitiya countries** are countries where Indian indentured labourers settled, such

as **Fiji, Guyana, Mauritius, South Africa, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and Reunion Island.**

- Both countries are members of international organizations like the **Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)** and **G-77**.
 - As **developing nations**, India and Jamaica share similar goals, such as **economic growth**, **equity**, **poverty eradication**, and **improving citizens' quality of life**.

Jamaica

- It is **an island country of the West Indies** and **third largest island in the Caribbean Sea**, after Cuba and Hispaniola.
- It is situated **west of Haiti, south of Cuba, northeast of the nearest point on the mainland, Cape Gracias a Dios, on the Caribbean coast of Central America.**
- The **national capital is Kingston.**
- Its population being of **African ancestry**, descended from slaves brought by European colonists.
- **Jamaica gained independence from the UK in 1962** and remains a Commonwealth member.

