



## India-New Zealand

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The Prime Minister of India met Prime Minister of New Zealand on the sidelines of UNGA meetings in New York.

- The issues of **International Terrorism** were also discussed and convergence of views between the two countries on this issue was appreciated.



- India and New Zealand have cordial and friendly relations rooted in the linkages of **Commonwealth, Parliamentary Democracy and the English language**.
- Bilateral relations between India and New Zealand were established in **1952**.
- NZ has identified India as a **priority country in its "Opening Doors to India" policy** notified in **2011** which was reiterated by New Zealand in 2015.
- India shares **Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)** with New Zealand which ensures the smooth economic relationship between two countries.
  - Both countries are part of the upcoming **Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)**.
  - Also, both countries hold Annual Economic Dialogue since 2009.
  - In **2014 ONGC Videsh Limited** was awarded oil and gas exploration permits by the New Zealand Government for undertaking **offshore hydrocarbon exploration** along the Taranaki coast in New Zealand's North Island region.
- **Indian diaspora and students** in New Zealand are an important **bridge** between the two nations.

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