

Roadmap of India-Netherlands Strategic Partnership [2026-2030]

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Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of the Netherlands Mr Rob Jetten during their meeting at the Hague on 16 May 2026 agreed to elevate the India-Netherlands bilateral relationship to a Strategic Partnership by following focused, time bound initiatives and joint plans of action. To this end, India and the Netherlands adopted the Roadmap of India-Netherlands Strategic Partnership for the next 5 years (2026-2030).

Both sides agreed to:

I. Political Dialogue

- a. Maintain meetings and reciprocal visits, on a regular basis, between Heads of Government / State, Ministers of Foreign Affairs and other Cabinet Ministers including on the sidelines of multilateral events.
- b. Institute a mechanism at the level of Foreign Ministers which will hold annual meetings to take stock of the progress of the Roadmap of this Strategic Partnership and give strategic guidance for future action.
- c. Intensify meetings and interactions between the heads of relevant Ministries, to deepen cooperation in all sectors of common interest.

II. Economic Cooperation and Investments

- a. Leverage annual meetings of the overarching Joint Trade and Investment Committee (JTIC), to increase bilateral trade, market access and investment, especially in sectors with high potential such as renewable energy, telecommunications, maritime, infrastructure and urban development, innovation, electronics, semicon, agriculture, pharmaceuticals and medical technology, organic chemicals textiles, , iron & steel, aluminium, including through joint ventures, industrial partnerships and technological collaboration between companies of the two sides with the aim of enhancing supply chain resilience.
- b. Promote the participation in each other's trade fairs and holding of business fora, with the involvement of industrial and economic associations and chambers of commerce.
- c. Periodically review the work of the bilateral Fast Track Mechanism for investment facilitation and resolution of issues, if any.
- d. Scope and facilitate a bilateral strategic joint partnership across the Critical Raw Materials value chain for supply chain diversification, under the Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of critical minerals,

exploration, research and innovation, integration of value chains, supply chain resilience, circularity and ESG standards and related assessments.

e. Promote identified two-way investments between India and the Netherlands in priority sectors such as renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, maritime, infrastructure, pharmaceuticals, medtech and high-tech and innovation. To this end, both sides will facilitate business-to-business matchmaking, support joint ventures and public-private partnerships, and encourage collaboration between knowledge institutions and industry. Focus will be placed on enabling SME participation, enhancing investment facilitation, and strengthening innovation ecosystems to drive sustainable growth, job creation, and resilient value chains.

III. Water, Agriculture and Health

a. Express the shared ambition to renew the Strategic Partnership on Water signed in March 2022 and running until March 2027; and review its progress through the Ministerial Joint Working Group on Water.

b. Enhance collaboration in integrated water resources management, integrated coastal zone management, urban water management, flood resilience, river basin management and sustainable water quality & availability in the Ganga Basin.

c. Leverage the Centre of Excellence on Water with National Mission for Clean Ganga, to support its ongoing work by exchanging knowledge and expertise, building capacity and promoting start-ups.

d. Support the creation of Urban River Management Plans for the agreed cities in India by promoting and integrating the Urban River Management Planning and 'Water as Leverage' approach in its framework and stimulate application through projects, thereby fulfilling the Water Action Agenda joint commitment.

e. Support the development and enhancement of disaster-resilient urban water infrastructure in India and globally through capacity building initiatives led by the India-led Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).

f. Continue the Joint Agriculture Working Group to strengthen and promote bilateral cooperation in the field of agriculture and animal husbandry, including but not limited to reviewing the progress of India-Netherlands Centres of Excellence, on phytosanitary and veterinary market access, joint support for climate resilient agriculture, responsible value chains and global food security.

g. Promote exchanges on Ag-Tech and biotechnology, knowledge sharing and skill development, and support co-development of new agricultural technologies like for the creation of Clean Plant Centres and inter alia through support to startups.

h. Combat global public health risks by facilitating bilateral cooperation under the Memorandum of Understanding on Healthcare & Public Health and its Joint Working Group, with a focus on priority areas such as cross-border infectious diseases and anti-microbial resistance (AMR), non-communicable diseases (NCD), digital health (including AI and cybersecurity), the interlinkages between climate change & health, and capacity building. This cooperation will be further strengthened through the recently signed Letter of Intent between the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). Focus areas include infectious diseases, vector borne diseases, One Health and disease surveillance.

i. Promote bilateral cooperation in pharmaceuticals and medical devices to support resilient global supply chains and to strengthen research and innovation, in line with the Memorandum of Understanding signed in June 2025 and through regular meetings of the Joint Working Group set up under the Memorandum of Understanding. This includes, amongst others, academic cooperation, regulatory cooperation, engagement between businesses, and knowledge exchange on market access.

j. Exchange knowledge through interactions between food safety authorities on international standards, notification and cooperation mechanisms and the use of electronic (certification) systems as outlined in the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding between Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA) and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

IV. Emerging Technologies, Innovation, Science and Education

a. Taking into account India and the Netherlands' national research priorities, enhance innovation and research collaborations, with special emphasis on key enabling technologies such as semiconductors, AI, cybersecurity, energy materials and biomolecular and cell technologies, involving governments, academia and industries, through the existing Joint Working Group on Science, Technology and Innovation collaboration.

b. Leverage the Memorandum of Understanding on the India-Netherlands Partnership on Semiconductors and Related Emerging Technologies to:

- i. Explore new avenues of cooperation to build trusted and resilient supply chains through collaboration between the semiconductor industry of both India and the Netherlands.
- ii. Expand cooperation on research and development in emerging technologies, forging technology value chains partnerships in both countries, in sectors such as artificial intelligence, photonics, quantum, and cyber-security.

- iii. Connecting the Dutch Semicon Competence Centre to the Indian Semiconductor Mission, to support and strengthen the semiconductor sector, specifically industries, startups, scale-ups, SMEs, and their suppliers, through collaboration, technology- and talent development.
- c. Support the Memorandum of Cooperation between. between Eindhoven University of Technology and University of Twente and six Indian leading Technical Institutes (IISc Bangalore, IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Gandhinagar, IIT Guwahati and IIT Madras) for a brain bridge in semiconductors and related technologies, supported by NXP, ASML, TATA and CG Semi.
- d. Implement the Memorandum of Understanding on the Netherlands-India collaboration on Higher Education and hold regular interactions to establish and execute a joint working plan to foster further collaboration between knowledge institutions.
- e. Increase and strengthen educational and research engagements, such as in the STEM domain, and explore a platform for institutional partnerships.
- f. Acknowledging the ongoing space partnership between India and the Netherlands, further collaboration can be explored at a government, industry and academic level, including using space-based applications in addressing societal challenges including climate change, water issues, food security as well as air quality.

V. Energy Transition, Sustainable Development and Maritime Development

- a. Set up a Joint Working Group on Renewable Energy and hold regular meetings to share best practices and experiences, promote knowledge of each other's industrial ecosystems and facilitate industrial partnerships cooperation in green hydrogen, bioenergy, bio-chemicals or circular feedstocks, renewables and battery storage.
- b. Collaborate to draft an action plan for joint activities in the field of renewable hydrogen, including a green corridor between India and the Netherlands.
- c. Explore avenues for robust cooperation on environment by establishing a Joint Working Group to deepen bilateral relations on climate; share best practices, knowledge and technology on climate adaptation and mitigation.
- d. Work together to strengthen bilateral partnerships on biofuels, circular economy and waste to energy through initiatives like the Global Biofuels Alliance, Integrated Biorefineries Mission, International Solar Alliance and the Combitrack on Sustainable Waste Management.
- e. In order to contribute to a safe, secure and sustainable maritime sector, promote innovative green energy solutions in ports, inland waterways and shipping as well as further develop cooperation in the context of the recently

renewed Memorandum of Understanding on Maritime Cooperation and the agreed Letter of Intent on a 'Green and Digital Sea Corridor' between India and the Netherlands. This would also promote India's green hydrogen exports by integrating domestic production capacities with the European markets.

f. Within the framework of the Joint Working Group on Maritime Cooperation, both countries will explore a comprehensive 'Roadmap on a Green and Digital Sea Corridor', which aims at working towards an environmentally sustainable, digitally integrated and economically efficient future-ready maritime corridor between India and the Netherlands.

g. Work together to deliver capacity building, knowledge exchange on Sustainable Urban Development through a Joint Working Group under the Memorandum of Understanding on spatial planning and urban development. Identify niche areas of cooperation under the themes of Solid Waste & Water Management, Circular Economy, Urban Active Mobility, Zero Emission Transportation and Charging Infrastructure and Urban Sustainability and Governance.

VI. Defence Cooperation

a. Plan structured Joint Tri-services interaction between respective Ministries of Defence of the Directorates of International Military Cooperation to coordinate bilateral military cooperation including cooperation between Defence Industry and Research Centres.

b. Enhance maritime cooperation, through mutual participation in naval exercises and tailored involvement in the IFC-IOR.

b. Promote interactions between respective Armed Forces in the framework of Netherlands' growing interest in the Indo-Pacific Region, aimed at increasing cooperation in the context of the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) and the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS).

c. Explore avenues on technology collaboration of platforms and equipment between respective Ministries of Defence.

d. Work towards a Defence Industrial Roadmap between the two Ministries of Defence in order to promote cooperation between Defence Industry and Research Centre through respective sectoral organisations, the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and the Netherlands Industry for Defence and Security (NIDV).

e. Examine feasibility of institutionalizing logistic support to military units/formation during training exercises through signing of Mutual Logistic Support Agreement

VII. Security Cooperation

- a. Enhance cooperation through regular exchanges on traditional and non-traditional security issues, including defence, maritime security, economic security, knowledge security, counterterrorism, critical and emerging technologies, cyber security, and other mutually agreed matters of international security.
- b. Strengthen bilateral cyber dialogue engagements to support the implementation of the Letter of Intent on enhanced cyber cooperation in areas of mutual interest, including closer coordination in multilateral fora and joint efforts to counter cyber threats and cybercrime through capacity building and knowledge exchange.
- c. Strengthen cooperation in the fight against terrorism at the bilateral, regional and international forums through information-sharing with respect to threat assessments and best practices as well as working together for the adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism at the UN.
- d. Continue to work together to conclude a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty and a new Extradition Treaty.
- e. Increase cooperation in the context of the Netherlands membership to the Indo-Pacific Ocean's Initiative (IPOI).

VIII . Migration, Mobility and Consular Matters

- a. Recognising the long-standing and historical bonds of friendship between India and the Netherlands, and wishing to give a new impetus to the same.
- b. Resolved to facilitate fair migration and mobility to each other's countries.
- c. Determined to jointly take appropriate steps to prevent and counter irregular migration.
- d. Cooperate to facilitate fair mobility of students, academics, doctoral students, researchers, and highly skilled professionals, including young professionals.
- e. Implement the Memorandum of Understanding on Mobility and Migration.
- g. Hold regular exchanges on pending consular matters through the India-Netherlands Consular Dialogue.

IX. Culture and People-to-People Exchanges

- a. Enhance bilateral cultural cooperation through continuous dialogue, exchange programs, and joint initiatives, including knowledge exchange on preservation and restoration of heritage sites and buildings.
- b. Welcome the ongoing efforts for implementation of Memorandum of Understanding on cultural cooperation with the focus on strengthening collaboration in design, visual arts, cultural heritage, performing arts and museum sectors.
- c. Continue to cooperate in the handling of the request for the return and restitution of cultural artifacts.
- d. Encourage exhibitions and cultural initiatives to deepen mutual knowledge, also through the establishment of partnerships between museums.
- e. Foster connections and tourist flows in both directions.
- f. Acknowledge the contributions of the vibrant Indian and Dutch communities, as well as significant Indian Diaspora in the Netherlands, in promoting bilateral and cultural ties and long-standing bonds of friendship.
