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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS SIGNED BY INDIA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the objectives behind declaration of a strategic partnership between India and another country; and
- (b) the details of such strategic partnerships entered into since 2020?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a & b) India's foreign policy continues to evolve to reflect its primary objectives of securing its national interests while ensuring India's continued upward trajectory as a fast growing and inclusive economy with a rising profile in global affairs. Towards this endeavour, India has entered into multifaceted strategic partnerships with the several countries with broad objectives like enhancing political ties, furthering diplomatic interests, strengthening national security, greater economic and investments growth, securing energy resources, SDGs, deepening people-to-people ties, expanding cooperation in technology & innovation, infrastructure development and increased global influence. The details of India's strategic partnership is at Annexure-I

India's strategic partnerships with other countries since 2020

S. No	Year	Country	Nature of Partnership	Details
Africa				
1	2023	Egypt	Strategic Partnership	<p>During the State Visit of President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, His Excellency Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to India in January 2023, India and Egypt upgraded relations to Strategic Partnership.</p> <p>It was to institutionalize a long-term commitment to the expanding, mutually beneficial and multifaceted bilateral relations between India and Egypt including in political, development, economic, trade, scientific, technological, defence, security & counter-terrorism.</p>
2	2023	Tanzania	Strategic Partnership	<p>The bilateral relations between India and Tanzania were elevated to strategic partnership on 9 October 2023 during the State Visit of the President of Tanzania, H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, to India.</p> <p>This was done to convey our seriousness to engage with Tanzania in a multi-sectoral framework and our intent to upgrade maritime, defence, and economic cooperation.</p>
Europe				
3	2021	UK	Comprehensive Strategic Partnership	<p>India and UK Strategic Partnership was launched in 2004. The India-United Kingdom bilateral partnership was upgraded to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in May 2021.</p> <p>This was done to pave way for a deeper and stronger engagement over the next ten years in the key areas of people to people contacts, trade and economy, defence and security, climate action and health. An ambitious 'Roadmap 2030' was adopted at the Summit to elevate bilateral ties to a 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'.</p>
4	2023	Italy	Strategic Partnership	<p>India and Italy relations were elevated to a strategic partnership in March 2023.</p> <p>India considers Italy an important partner in Europe and the Mediterranean region. Italy is focusing on the Indo-Pacific and considers India a key player in the region. The strategic partnership will</p>

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				infuse depth and momentum across all domains of bilateral cooperation and strengthen our joint efforts to address global issues.
5	2023	Greece	Strategic Partnership	<p>India and Greece elevated the bilateral relations to the level of a Strategic Partnership in August 2023 during the official visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister to Greece.</p> <p>Building on the foundation of the long-standing warm and close relationship between their countries and peoples, the Prime Ministers decided to upgrade India-Greece bilateral ties to the level of a "Strategic Partnership" to strengthen bilateral cooperation across various areas, including political, security and economic spheres.</p>
6	2024	Poland	Strategic Partnership	<p>India and Poland decided to elevate the bilateral relations to the level of a Strategic Partnership in August 2024 during the official visit of the Prime Minister to Poland.</p> <p>Recognizing their long-standing ties, reaffirming the deep-rooted bonds of friendship between their countries and peoples, and commitment to realizing the full potential of their ties, the two sides decided to elevate India-Poland bilateral relations to the level of a "Strategic Partnership" to strengthen bilateral cooperation across various areas, including political and security cooperation, trade and investment, climate, energy, mining, science and technology, transport and connectivity, cybersecurity, and health.</p>
Gulf				
7	2024	Kuwait	Strategic Partnership	<p>During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Kuwait in December 2024, India-Kuwait bilateral relationship was elevated to Strategic Partnership.</p> <p>To further strengthen bilateral partnership through comprehensive and structured cooperation in key areas, including political, trade, investment, defence, security, energy, culture, education, technology and people-to-people ties.</p>
8	2025	Qatar	Strategic Partnership	<p>During the State Visit of the Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani to India, an Agreement on the Establishment of Bilateral Strategic Partnership was signed on 18 February 2025, in New Delhi.</p> <p>The Agreement will deepen cooperation with Qatar in various fields including political, trade,</p>

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				energy, investment, security, culture and people-to-people ties.
Oceania				
9	2020	Australia	Comprehensive Strategic Partnership	<p>India and Australia entered into Strategic Partnership in 2009 and subsequently upgraded bilateral relationship to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) in 2020.</p> <p>Declaration of CSP reflects India and Australia's strong commitment to strengthening bilateral ties for mutual benefits in the long term. Both countries share the vision of an open, free, rules-based Indo-Pacific region supported by inclusive global and regional institutions.</p>
South East Asia				
10	2022	Regional Grouping-ASEAN	Comprehensive Strategic Partnership	<p>In 2022, ASEAN-India relations were elevated to ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The year 2022 was celebrated as ASEAN-India Year of Friendship to mark 30 years of dialogue relations with ASEAN.</p> <p>India's relationship with ASEAN deepened further after India's Act East Policy came into effect in 2014 and upgradation of relationship from Strategic Partnership to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership indicated this depth.</p>
11	2024	Malaysia	Comprehensive Strategic Partnership	<p>During the State Visit of PM of Malaysia Mr Anwar Ibrahim to India in August 2024, the bilateral relationship between India and Malaysia was elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP), recognising that the relations between India and Malaysia have evolved and matured across a broad spectrum of areas, including with the presence of a large Indian diaspora in Malaysia and that this deepening of engagement has significantly widened and intensified the relations. In 2015, India and Malaysia had signed Enhanced Strategic Partnership.</p> <p>The CSP aims to further deepen India-Malaysia engagement in the fields of high level bilateral political engagement through regular exchanges and dialogue on bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral issues of mutual interest; further intensify defence cooperation through defence industry collaboration as well as defence R&D collaboration, regular exchanges and dialogues, exercises and capacity building cooperation; accelerate collaboration in the digital realm including Digital Public Infrastructure, digital B2B partnership, digital capacity building, cyber security etc and to deepen</p>

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				bilateral trade and investment, among many other areas identified for enhancing cooperation.
12	2024	Singapore	India-Singapore Comprehensive Strategic Partnership	<p>The bilateral relationship between India and Singapore was elevated India- Singapore Strategic Partnership (November 2015) to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in September 2024 during the visit of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi to Singapore on 4-5 September 2024 to deepen and broaden bilateral cooperation, which has developed into an all-round cooperation, including in the areas of political, economic, security, technology, education, people to people and cultural links.</p> <p>The CSP also paves way for close engagement between the countries across the six pillars of the India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR): sustainability, digitization, skills, development, healthcare, advanced manufacturing and connectivity.</p>
13	2024	Brunei-Darussalam	Enhanced Partnership	<p>The bilateral relationship between India and Brunei Darussalam was elevated to Enhanced Partnership in September 2024 during the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi to Brunei.</p> <p>Acknowledging the deep rooted friendship between the countries and the historical linkages between India and Brunei Darussalam facilitated by cultural interactions and trade while also reflecting on the excellent progress in bilateral relations over the years, the countries reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen and enhance partnership in all areas of mutual interest.</p>
