

India – Japan sealed 10 vital agreements; Covered civil nuclear deal, railways, agriculture among others

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Prime Minister Shinzo Abe signed 10 key pacts during the former's recent visit to Japan. In a move to bolster existing bilateral economic and security ties, India and Japan inked 10 vital pacts including the Civil Nuclear Cooperation pact. The India-Japan relationship witnessed a paradigm shift post recent meet in Japan towards at a new high.

Details of the MOUs/MOCs signed between India and Japan:

- **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) Limited** and **Japan Overseas Infrastructure Investment Corporation** for Transport and Urban Development to enable cooperation and promote investment in infrastructure projects in railways & transportation; port terminals; toll roads; airport terminals and urban development.
- Two memorandums of understanding were signed to boost cooperation in space technology. One of the MoUs, between **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** and **Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)**, concerned cooperation in outer space in satellite navigation and planetary exploration. It provides for cooperation in satellite navigation, planetary exploration and space industry promotion; joint missions and studies; joint use of ground systems for mutual support; joint workshops and training; and personnel exchange.
- One MoU was signed between **India's Ministry of Earth Sciences** and the **Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science**, aims to promote cooperation in areas of joint survey and research, and exchange of scientific visits by researchers and experts.
- One memorandum of cooperation (MoC) was signed between **India's Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** and **Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry** on the manufacturing skill transfer promotion programme.
- One MoC was signed between **India's Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** and **Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries** to deepen the bilateral cooperation in the fields of agriculture and food industries that includes food value chain networking and protecting geographical indication (GI) of agriculture products.
- One MoU was signed between **India's Ministry of Textiles** and the **Japan Textiles Products Quality and**

Technology Centre (QTEC) is aimed at improving quality of Indian textiles for conformity assessment for the Japanese market.

- One MoC was signed to promote bilateral cooperation in the field of **art and culture** which includes exchange of exhibitions and personnel in performing and visual arts; cooperation in preserving the cultural heritage; exchange of exhibitions and experts from museums; and to promote people-to-people exchanges.
- One MoC was signed between **India's Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** and **Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology** seeks to provide a framework for bilateral cooperation in the field of sports ahead of the forthcoming 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics.
- One MoU was signed between the **Gujarat government** and **Hyogo prefectural government of Japan** to promote mutual cooperation between them in the fields of academics, business, cultural cooperation, disaster management and environmental protection.

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