

India, Australia signed six agreements

After talks between Prime Minister of India ,Mr. Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Australia Mr. Malcolm Turnbull recently in New Delhi, India and Australia signed six agreements, including the one intended to enhance counter-terrorism cooperation.

The two leaders held comprehensive discussions on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest and concern. And also, they covered a range of issues in their formal discussions including national security, counter terrorism, education and energy and signed six agreements.

India is Australia's tenth-largest trading partner and fifth-largest export market. Two-way goods and services trade between Australia and India totalled 18 billion dollars in 2014-15. The entire scope of ties has been taken into consideration by both the leaders and many "forward-looking" decisions including the one on an early holding of the next round of talks on a comprehensive economic cooperation agreement (CECA) has also been taken.

Mr. Narendra Modi said challenges like terrorism and cyber-security call for global strategy and solutions, emphasizing on peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. The two sides signed a deal to improve counter-terrorism cooperation which was agreed between the Ministry of Home Affairs and its counterpart Australian ministry.

Australian Prime Minister's visit has raised high hopes of gasping new life into the caught up trade negotiations but the two leaders admitted that the improvement was "very sluggish".

The list of Agreements,MoUs signed between Australia and India has been attached for your reference.

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