India and Poland agree to deepen defence, space and nuclear energy cooperation – Polish PM Donald Tusk visits India

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News

Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk paid an official visit to India on 21–23 Oct 2026. On 22 Oct he held talks with PM Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House, New Delhi. 'Today we have agreed to deepen ties in defence, space and nuclear energy,' Modi said. A 'Defence Industry Dialogue' for co-development and co-production will be set up; the two aim to double bilateral trade by 2030 using the India–EU Free Trade Agreement; a new partnership in critical minerals. Finance and Economy Minister Andrzej Domański and about 100 business representatives accompanied him; a business forum is scheduled in Bengaluru on 23 Oct.

Key facts

Visit	21–23 Oct 2026; talks 22 Oct, Hyderabad House, New Delhi; business forums – New Delhi, Bengaluru
Significance	Tusk's last visit as PM was in 2010 – first in 16 years
Defence	Defence Industry Dialogue; 8th Joint Working Group on Defence – Warsaw, Sept 2026; classified-information agreement soon
Trade	US$6.36 billion in 2025 (Indian exports 4.83 billion); target to double by 2030

Other areas	Critical minerals, semiconductors, battery recycling; National Archives pact finalised
Poland	Capital Warsaw (on the Vistula); currency złoty; NATO 1999; EU 2004; GDP crossed US$1 trillion

Background

- History: India–Poland diplomatic ties began in 1954. PM Modi's visit on 21–22 Aug 2024 (the first by an Indian PM in 45 years, after Morarji Desai in 1979) raised ties to a 'Strategic Partnership'; an Action Plan for 2024–28 was adopted.
- 'Good Maharaja': in World War II, Jam Saheb Digvijaysinhji of Nawanagar (today's Jamnagar, Gujarat) sheltered hundreds of Polish children rescued from Soviet camps at Balachadi in 1942. Warsaw has a 'Good Maharaja Square' in his honour. The Valivade camp near Kolhapur was the largest Polish refugee settlement in India.
- Geography–politics: Poland is a Central European country with about a 530-km border with Ukraine. During 'Operation Ganga' (2022) it helped Indian students leave Ukraine safely.
- Economy: Indian investment in Poland exceeds US$3 billion; about 10,000 Poles work for Indian IT firms. Poland is to get €43.7 billion in loans from the EU's SAFE defence-procurement fund.

Tamil Nadu link: the visit made no direct announcement for Tamil Nadu. But the State matters in two of the agreed sectors: nuclear energy – Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant in Tirunelveli district (Russian cooperation, VVER reactors) is India's largest; space – ISRO's second launch port (for small launch vehicles) is being built at Kulasekarapattinam, Thoothukudi district.

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