

14th Indo-EU Summit

Why in news?

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A European Union delegation will be visiting Delhi shortly for the 14th Indo-EU summit.

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What are the expectations?

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- The EU parliament had resolved recently that the EU-India partnership has immense potential for growth.

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- They called upon Brussels and New Delhi to enhance their efforts in promoting effective, rule-based collaboration across domains.

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- Trade, investment, innovation, education, science & technology is expected to rank high on the agenda.

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- Both need to work for giving better market access to the other.

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- Also, given the current global environment, it is vital that such tactical cooperation is also given a strategic & democratic direction.

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- Protecting the established international principles & reforming institutions to suit current realities are two key areas.

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- Greater coordination in the security aspect is another area that needs improvement.

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How does the future look?

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- Rooted in its democratic institutions and open societies, the Indian and European world views very similar.

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- This has resonated in their vision for Eurasian connectivity - both have voiced for financially sustainable & truly multilateral projects.

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- They have identical stands in issues concerning freedom of navigation and many other multi-lateral issues.

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- As the world's two largest democratic regions, India & Europe need to develop a shared liberal vision for a transformed global order.

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