

India - Cyprus Relations

Prelims: Current events of National Importance and International Importance | International Relations

Why in News?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi landed in Cyprus recently, first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Cyprus in over 20 years.

- **Cyprus** - Cyprus is an island in the **Eastern Mediterranean Sea**, located close to Turkey and Syria.
- It is a member of the **European Union (EU)** despite being geographically in Asia.
- Cyprus supports India's candidature as a **permanent member of the expanded UN Security Council**.
- It has also extended its full support for the
 - **India-US Civil Nuclear Agreement**, within the Nuclear Supplier Group (NSG) and
 - **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**, which helps India address its increasing energy needs and benefit its economic development.
- Cyprus is a crucial part of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), an infrastructure project that India expects multiple benefits from.
- IMEC is supposed to boost trade and connectivity between India and Europe via the Middle East, and Cyprus, in the Mediterranean, has an important role to play.
- Cyprus is set to hold the **Presidency of the Council of the EU** in the first half of 2026, and as India looks to build stronger trade and security ties with Europe, Nicosia could be a crucial ally.

Reference

[The Indian Express | PM Modi in Cyprus](#)