India Israel strategic partnership

Why in news?

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India and Israel elevated their ties to the “strategic partnership” and signed seven pacts.

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What are the MoUs signed?

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- India and Israel signed 7 agreements to step-up cooperation in key sectors like space, agriculture and water conservation.
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- **Science -** They agreed to set up a $40 million India-Israel Industrial R&D & Technical Innovation Fund, with both countries contributing $20 million each.
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- They also agreed for cooperation between the ISRO and the Israel Space Agency (ISA) regarding cooperation in atomic clocks.
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- Besides, separate MoUs were signed between ISRO and ISA for cooperation in GEO-LEO optical link, and in electric propulsion for small satellites
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- **Water -** They signed a pact on National Campaign for Water Conservation in India.
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- Another pact was signed on state water utility reform in India
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- **Farm sector -** The two countries have agreed upon a three-year work programme in agriculture from 2018 to 2020.
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- They vowed to do more together to combat growing radicalisation and terrorism.
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- The issue of terror and “strategic threats” was higlighted.
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- A joint statement called for strong measures against terrorists, terror organisations, their networks and all those who encourage, support and finance terrorism, or provide sanctuary to terrorists and terror groups.
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- Both leaders also committed to cooperate for the early adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.
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