

India & Lesotho Relations

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Why in News?

Recently, India and Lesotho reviewed bilateral ties at the 6th Joint Commission Meeting held in New Delhi.

- India & Lesotho enjoy close ties of friendship rooted in their shared commitment to enhancing South-South cooperation and development partnerships.
- **6th Meeting** - Both sides reviewed progress in bilateral ties and explored ways to strengthen cooperation in areas including trade and economic relations, development partnership, skilling and capacity building.
- They also reviewed collaboration at regional and multilateral forums.
- **Next Meeting** - Both countries agreed that the next meeting of the Joint Bilateral Commission for Cooperation will be held in Maseru, the capital of Lesotho, in 2027.

Lesotho

- **Location** - A landlocked country surrounded by South Africa, with the capital Maseru & in the Maloti Mountains, with the highest peak in southern Africa.
- **Major Mountain Ranges** - Drakensberg and Maloti Mountains.
- **Unique Features** - It is also known as the "Kingdom in the Sky" or "Mountain Kingdom".
- It is the only country in the world entirely above 1400 m elevation.
- Over 80% of the country lies above 1,800 metres (5,906 ft).
- **Global Distinction** - Lesotho is the southernmost landlocked country in the world.
- Largest of the three independent states completely surrounded by another country
 - Lesotho
 - Vatican City
 - San Marino
- It is the only such state outside the Italian Peninsula and Europe.
- Unlike the other two, it is not a microstate.



Reference

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