India - Singapore Joint Statement

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Why in News?

Recently, India and Singapore have signed 5 key agreements to deepen their comprehensive strategic partnership.

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) –** 5 MoUs signed between India and Singapore, which include
  - Co-operation on a green and digital shipping corridor
  - Collaborations in the space sector
  - Training, Research and Development in the field of Civil Aviation
  - Digital asset innovation
  - Setting up of a national centre of excellence for skilling in advanced manufacturing in Chennai.
- **Co-operation on a green and digital shipping corridor –** It focused on infrastructure and technologies to enable uptake of ***zero or near-zero*** greenhouse gas emission fuels.
- It includes regulatory standards and collaboration on digital solutions and smart port technologies to optimise maritime operations.
- **Collaboration in Space Sector –** It promotes collaboration between the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) and the Office for Space Technology & Industry, Singapore.
- Cooperation in *space policy and law, and joint R&D* in areas like Earth observation and satellite communication.
- **Civil aviation** – MoU between the Airports Authority of India and Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore for training, research and development.
- It enhances cooperation ***on Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)*** towards promoting cleaner and sustainable energy solutions in the aviation sector.
- **Digital asset innovation –** MoU between *the Reserve Bank of India and the Monetary Authority of Singapore,* focusing on developing efficient digital financial channels to support cross-border financial flows.
- It strengthens cooperation between stakeholders on both sides on ***cyber***

policies, CERT-CERT information exchange, cyber security capacity building and cybersecurity-related issues.

- **Skill Development –** The agreement to set up a ***National Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Advanced Manufacturing in Chennai*** highlights a focus on vocational and technical education, crucial for India's ambition to become a manufacturing hub.
- **Defence Co-operation –** Regular meetings between the two Defence Ministers through the Defence Policy Dialogue.
- **Defence Technology –** It collaborates in Quantum Computing, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Unmanned Vessels.
- **Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative –** Cooperate on maritime security and submarine rescue under the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative.
- Work closely with regional frameworks like the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific.
- Singapore acknowledged India’s plans to patrol the strategically important **Malacca Strait.**
- **Cross-border terrorism –** It will strengthen cooperation to fight against terrorism and terror organisations, proscribed by the UNSC 1267 Sanctions Committee and to combat terror financing through platforms like the FATF.

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