Outcomes of 3rd India-Australia Annual Summit

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Why in News?

The third India-Australia Annual Summit took place in Melbourne on July 9, 2026, hosted by Australia to review bilateral ties and chart the next phase of cooperation.

Key Outcomes

- **Technology** – Signed the *Australia-India Partnership on Cyber, Critical Technologies, and Supply Chains (PACTS) agreement* to strengthen partnership in cybersecurity, critical technologies, supply chains, digital resilience, and defence research collaboration.
- Signed the Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation Partnership MoU.
- **Space** – Strengthened ties between ISRO and the Australian Space Agency.
- Australia reiterated its support for India's Gaganyaan Human Space Flight Mission through the commissioning of a temporary space tracking facility on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
- **Energy** – Signed the Administrative Arrangement under the *Australia-India Nuclear Cooperation Agreement, 2015* for long-term Australian uranium exports to India for exclusively peaceful purposes, which will remain subject to IAEA safeguards.
- Australia reiterated its *support for India's membership* of the Nuclear Suppliers' Group.
- Acknowledged progress under the India-Australia Renewable Energy Partnership, including Rooftop Solar Academy.
- **Supply Chain Resilience** – Focused on semiconductor supply chains and critical minerals through coordinated investment and regulatory alignment.
- **Defence** – Announced a Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation to deepen their bilateral defence partnership.
- Agreed to establish an Annual Defence Ministers' Dialogue, expand defence exercises and strengthen interoperability under the Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement.
- Adopted the *India-Australia Maritime Security Collaboration Roadmap* & an MoU signed between Australia's Maritime Border Command & Indian Coast Guard to support maritime security.
- **Economic Front** – Growth under *India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)* and reaffirmed their commitment to *Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)* & alignment of India's Make in India with Australia's Future Made in Australia.
- **Education & people-to-people ties** – Expansion of Australian Universities in India,

recognition of Indian Diaspora's contributions (now Australia's largest overseas-born community).
- Australia announced AUD 10 million for the Centre for Australia-India Relations' Maitri grants.
- National Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Mining in Odisha.
- **Sports** – *India-Australia Sports Collaboration Roadmap* to strengthen cooperation ahead of the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad and the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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