



Indian PM's '3 Day, 3 Nation' Europe Visit

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded his three European Nation visits which strengthen the spirit of cooperation with Germany, Denmark and France. During his visit, he held series of bi-lateral meetings to boost ties in a range of areas including green and renewable energy, climate action, cooperation in trade and investments, innovations and skill development. This edition of CUTS Occasional News Wrap (ONW) reflects on the three European Nation's visit with compilation of articles which highlights the talks and developments covered in print and electronic media.

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Day 1: Germany	
<p>A democratic and strategic dissonance in India-German ties <i>By Shanthie Mariet D'Souza</i> The Hindu May 10, 2022</p>	<p>It remains a fact that India-Germany relations have yet to achieve their full potential. One of the factors for that, possibly, is the lack of understanding of each other's strategic cultures and domestic politics. In times of shifting geopolitical alliances and realignments, India and Germany can emerge as important poles in shaping the new world order.</p>
<p>"India ended 3 Decades of instability by pressing button": Prime Minister in Germany NDTV May 03, 2022</p>	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi said while interacting with the Indian diaspora at Potsdamer Platz in Berlin that India has ended the politically unstable atmosphere of the last three decades by pressing a button. PM Modi began his address by stating that he is in the German capital to neither talk about himself nor the Modi government only to talk about the capabilities of crores of Indians and sing their praises.</p>
<p>India, Germany stress on free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific The Economic Times May 03, 2022</p>	<p>India and Germany stressed the significance of a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific and underlined the importance of unimpeded commerce and freedom of navigation in accordance with international law. At the joint press event with Modi, Scholz called the Indo-Pacific as one of the most dynamic global regions.</p>
<p>Germany, India pledge climate cooperation but far apart on Ukraine Reuters May 02, 2022</p>	<p>German Chancellor Olaf Scholz pledged 10 billion euros (US\$10.51 billion) to help India achieve its climate goals. In a statement to media, Scholz highlighted the countries' common aims, such as fighting climate change, and the importance of cooperation between democracies.</p>

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<p>India, Germany made significant progress over last few years Business Standard May 02, 2022</p>	<p>Underlining the importance of India's bilateral ties with Germany, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said both countries share several common values and have made significant progress over the last few years. Addressing a joint statement with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Berlin, Prime Minister Modi said, so many firsts in this visit show how much priority India and Germany accord to this important partnership.</p>
Day 2: Denmark	
<p>Modi's visit to Denmark thaws almost 20 years of frost in bilateral relations; green is the watchword <i>By KP Nayar</i> Money Control May 07, 2022</p>	<p>On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-nation European tour, genuine progress was made in Copenhagen, relations between India and Denmark are firmly back on track. According to the World Happiness Report 2022, Denmark is the world's second happiest country. The outcomes of Modi's visit reflect a desire to share some of that happiness.</p>
<p>Prime Minister Modi seeks Danish investment for infrastructure and green industries <i>By Dipanjan Roy Chaudhury</i> The Economic Times May 04, 2022</p>	<p>India and Denmark on May 03, 2022 signed nine documents including key pact on migration and mobility while the Prime Minister's sought Danish investments including pension fund for infrastructure sector as well as green industries.</p>
<p>India, Denmark to strengthen Green Strategic Partnership The Hindu May 04, 2022</p>	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi told reporters after talks with his Danish counterpart, Mette Frederiksen that during our discussions, we reviewed the joint work plan for the Green Strategic Partnership, significant progress has been made in various fields, especially in the areas of renewable energy, health, ports, shipping, circular economy and water management.</p>
<p>PM Modi holds bilateral meetings with Nordic leaders The Hindu May 04, 2022</p>	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 04, 2022 held a series of bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Norway, Sweden, Iceland and Finland during which he discussed with them ways to further deepen bilateral ties and also exchanged views on regional and global developments. Discussions also took place on regional and global developments. As members of the UN Security Council, India and Norway have been engaging with each other in the UN on global issues of mutual interest.</p>
<p>India-Denmark joint statement: Prime Minister Modi, Danish counterpart vow to strengthen bilateral ties, cooperation <i>By Karthikeya</i> OneIndia May 03, 2022</p>	<p>India-Denmark took note of the progress in the work of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and welcomed planned Danish support to the work of ISA, including through strengthening the Secretariat of ISA. A good progress made in collaboration in the fields of urban and rural water supply, groundwater mapping, wastewater management, river rejuvenation and digitalization.</p>

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Day 3: France	
<p>Strengthening the France-India Partnership <i>By Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan</i> The Diplomat May 16, 2022</p>	<p>French President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed a range of bilateral and global issues. The joint statement issued during Modi’s visit captured the essence of the India-France partnership, one that is rooted on mutual trust, commitment to international law.</p>
<p>Indo-French ties stronger than ever before <i>By Oorja Tapan</i> Modern Diplomacy May 11, 2022</p>	<p>The major factor responsible for India’s ‘proactive neutrality’ in the current Ukraine war is its dependence on Russia for defence supplies. France also becomes a ‘unique defence supplier’ to India given the fact that it does not trade with India’s rivals- This makes Paris ‘special’ for New Delhi. This makes Paris special for New Delhi.</p>
<p>India-France ties: After Prime Minister Modi's visit, France ready to work on Make in India initiatives in space, defence Livemint May 09, 2022</p>	<p>India and France agreed to work in close proximity in line with the Make in India initiatives to address challenges related to space issues, besides having deeper ties in climate change and defence-related matters. During the meeting between Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron, both sides welcomed the ongoing intense cooperation across all defence domains.</p>
<p>India and France are reliable partners <i>By Manjeet Kripalani and John Seaman</i> Gateway House May 07, 2022</p>	<p>The strength and trust in the India-France bilateral was evident during the May 4th visit of Prime Minister Modi to Paris. Beyond the difficult discussions on multilateral issues, the partnership has been deepened in several key areas of cooperation, from defence to education, climate, energy, digitalisation and technical collaboration.</p>
<p>India and France agree to work for building more secure 5G and 6G telecom systems TelecomTalk May 05, 2022</p>	<p>India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with French President Emmanuel Macron and talked about preparations for the future to deepen cooperation between both countries. India and France have agreed to work together for more secure and sovereign 5G/6G telecom systems. Recently, CUTS International announced that it has bagged a grant under the second round of the Australia-India Cyber and Critical Technology Partnership (AICCTP) programme.</p>

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