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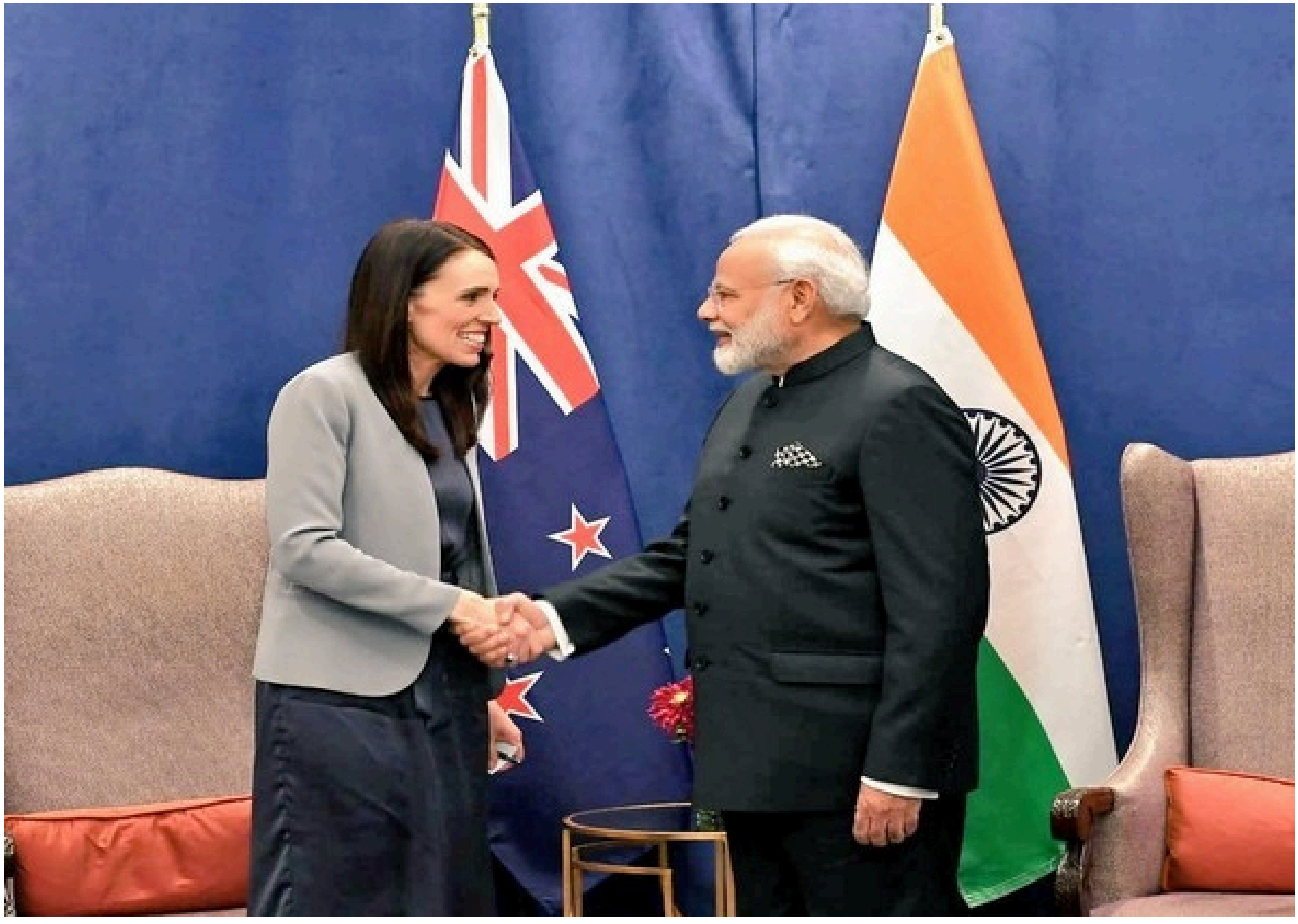


BILATERAL RELATIONS

INDIA - NEW ZEALAND

INTRODUCTION

India–New Zealand relations refer to the interaction between India and New Zealand. Both these countries were once part of the British Empire. There are approximately 175,000 people of Indian descent in New Zealand.



HISTORY

Bilateral relations were established between India and New Zealand in 1952. India has a High Commission in Wellington with an Honorary Consulate in Auckland, while New Zealand has a High Commission in New Delhi along with a Consulate in Mumbai, trade offices in New Delhi and Mumbai and an Honorary Consulate in Chennai.

India–New Zealand relations were cordial but not extensive after Indian independence. More recently, New Zealand has shown interest in extending ties with India due to India's impressive GDP growth.



TRADE RELATION

The countries set up a Joint Trade Committee in 1983 and have had discussions on a free trade agreement either bilaterally or through the East Asian Summit, but this has not emerged due to disagreements over agricultural subsidies. There is also some educational cooperation, with around 23,000 Indian students studying in New Zealand.



DEFENCE COOPERATION

Defence cooperation has been more limited, but there have been joint naval exercises, and Indian and New Zealand troops have served together in United Nations peacekeeping missions in Kosovo and Sudan.

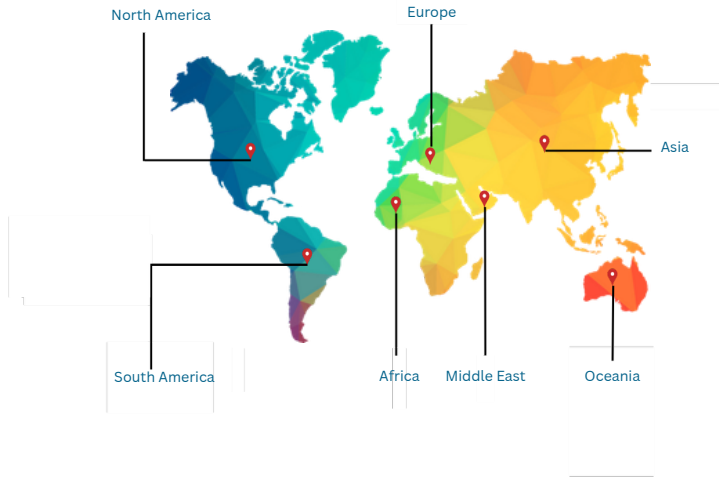


NEW ZEALAND INDIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The New Zealand India Research Institute is a result of the increasing co-operation. Based at Victoria University in Wellington it will involve nearly 40 academics in five New Zealand universities – Victoria, Auckland, Massey, Canterbury and Otago - in research on India and NZ-India relations. The inaugural meeting of the India-New Zealand Education Council took place in 2012 when the Institute was established.



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