

India-Norway Joint Statement

Oslo, 18 May 2026

1. The Prime Minister of Norway, Jonas Gahr Støre, hosted the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, for an official visit from 18–19 May 2026. During the visit, besides holding bilateral discussions with the Prime Minister, the Indian Prime Minister also had an audience with His Majesty King Harald V and addressed the India-Norway Business and Research Summit.

2. The Prime Ministers reviewed the longstanding India-Norway bilateral relationship and welcomed the progress made in various areas since their last meeting in November 2024. The leaders also exchanged views on global issues of mutual concern, including Ukraine, the West Asia/Middle East, terrorism and multilateral issues.

3. The leaders re-emphasized that their shared values of democracy, freedom, human rights, pluralism, international peace and security, a world order based on international law and respect for the United Nations Charter are at the core of the growing bilateral relationship. They reaffirmed their commitment to deepening bilateral, regional and international cooperation for a more stable, prosperous, and sustainable world.

4. The leaders underlined the importance of business cooperation, bilateral trade and investments, and warmly welcomed the entry into force of the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between India and the EFTA States. They agreed to work together to promote bilateral trade and investments. During the India-Norway Business and Research Summit, the leaders encouraged business representatives to work towards new and more dynamic tie-ups across sectors in order to meet the shared objectives of USD 100 billion in investments and creation of 1 million jobs in India under TEPA.

5. Reaffirming their shared aim to combat climate change, create new green industries and jobs, accelerate the green energy transition while maintaining energy security, strengthen circular economy and encourage investment, the Prime Ministers decided to elevate the India-Norway relationship to a “Green Strategic Partnership” and encourage both sides to strengthen the current mechanisms and formulate a Joint Action Plan for future cooperation.

6. The leaders agreed to continue and strengthen cooperation in climate issues and on environmental matters by collaborating on the implementation of shared global commitments, including through dialogue on environmental policies and regulatory frameworks and the sharing of knowledge and research. In particular, they agreed to share experiences on greenhouse gas and other non-CO₂ emissions, and to explore further collaboration within forests and biodiversity. They further agreed to support cost effective, competitive and scalable technologies, to efficiently and sustainably utilize available resources and strengthen circular economy, including by observing the principles of Mission LiFE for more sustainable lifestyles, and to continue exploring and discussing this cooperation further in the Joint Working Group on Environment.

7. Prime Minister Støre appreciated the ambitious goals and rapid progress made by India in developing renewable energy. The leaders affirmed their commitment to advancing just and inclusive energy transitions and to support actions to reduce emissions from the energy sector in line with Nationally Determined Contribution commitments and national priorities and contexts. They also emphasized the importance of access to affordable financing, technology and critical minerals in accelerating transformative change in energy systems and that carbon capture and storage can play a vital role in reducing CO₂ emissions. In this regard, they welcomed the investments in renewable energy in India by the Norwegian Climate Investment Fund and called on developed countries to play a decisive role in filling

the widening financing gap. They also agreed to explore developing bilateral cooperation under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement.

8. The leaders underlined the importance of energy security and reliable access to affordable energy and noted that the transition will require a balanced energy mix, including continued access to and development of oil and gas, alongside a rapid scale-up of renewables. The leaders discussed the importance of bilateral energy trade, including supply of Norwegian LNG to India. They further agreed to explore opportunities for cooperation on low-emission solutions such as carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS).

9. The leaders agreed to continue and strengthen the excellent cooperation in the domain of Blue Economy in line with the MOU on Ocean Dialogue signed in 2019. They recognised the importance of UNCLOS and respect for the right to freedom of navigation and overflight for all in the international seas for the benefit of maritime security, maritime trade and international peace and stability. They reiterated their shared commitment to promoting a free, open, peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific, in accordance with international law, including the UNCLOS. In this context, India welcomed Norway joining the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative.

10. They also acknowledged the value of continued cooperation at the IMO, including the Green Voyage 2050 project subject to national laws in force. They recognised the further strengthened and successful Norway-India collaboration in the fields of sustainable ocean management and marine and plastic pollution and supported exploring a government-to-government collaboration on plastic pollution.

11. Recognising the ambitious Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 of India, the leaders decided to enhance and expand collaboration on green shipping and ports. In this context, the Norwegian side welcomed the decision of Indian side to set up a pavilion at Nor-Shipping 2027. The collaboration also includes exploring partnerships with innovative clusters as well as green

transition strategies, sustainable practices and regulatory frameworks, under the Joint Working Group on Maritime Cooperation between the two countries. The leaders recognized the significance of cooperation in the shipping industry as well as collaboration in fisheries, aqua-culture and seafood sectors.

12. The leaders agreed to further strengthen cooperation in research, innovation and higher education. Areas of cooperation would include renewable energy technologies, oceans, polar research, climate and environment, health, critical minerals, emerging technologies and information technology and AI. In the context of Higher Education, focus areas could include mutually beneficial opportunities in the areas of institutional and academic collaboration, e.g. through joint degree programmes; working towards mutually compatible credit transfer systems; mutual recognition of qualifications; and mobility of students and staff.

13. The leaders applauded the commendable achievements in maternal and child health care through the Norway-India Partnership Initiative (NIPI) and the support it has provided to the National Health Mission of India. They agreed to strengthen the cooperation in health in areas of shared interest, such as digitalization, AI and research to promote sustainable and high-quality health services and health promotion and prevention, preparedness and response. They also agreed to explore the possibility of cooperation in digitalization and AI, and tasked the relevant Ministries to explore entering an MoU to foster work on concrete and substantial actions on the digital transition.

14. The leaders agreed to collaborate on jointly supporting projects and development efforts in third countries in the field of Digital Public Infrastructure for the achievement of SDGs.

15. The leaders noted the potential of defence cooperation, especially defence industrial collaboration, and acknowledged the investment

opportunities including 100% FDI being offered in Indian Defence Industrial Corridors.

16. The leaders recognized the accelerating impacts of climate change on the polar regions and their global consequences, and reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cooperation in polar affairs. They underscored the importance of the Arctic and Antarctica for climate regulation, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable development. The leaders agreed to deepen scientific collaboration and enhance joint logistical capabilities in the polar regions, while reaffirming their commitment to environmentally responsible practices and support for relevant multilateral frameworks, including the Arctic Council.

17. The leaders noted the importance of exchange of professionals and mobility of students, researchers, professionals, skilled workers and businesspersons, which is done in a fair, transparent and legal manner as well as with the protection of rights of such people.

18. The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to multilateralism, making international organizations more representative and reforming the UN, including the UN Security Council. The Prime Minister of Norway reiterated Norway's support for permanent membership for India in a reformed and expanded UN Security Council. The Norwegian side welcomed India's application to the Nuclear Suppliers Group. They emphasized the importance of the international multilateral export control regimes in upholding non-proliferation and international peace and security. The leaders also called for an accelerated realization of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of SDGs.

19. On Ukraine, leaders expressed concern over the ongoing war, which continues to cause immense human suffering and carries global consequences. They will continue to support efforts towards the achievement of a comprehensive, just and lasting peace through dialogue

and diplomacy, based on the principles of the UN charter and of international law.

20. Regarding Palestine, the leaders called on all parties to respect the ceasefire and uphold their obligations under international law. They reiterated their concern over the humanitarian situation and emphasized the need for safe, sustained, and unhindered humanitarian assistance throughout Gaza. The leaders encouraged all parties to implement UN Security Council resolution 2803 of 17 November 2025 in its entirety, in line with international law and the UN Charter.

21. The leaders expressed deep concerns over the situation in West Asia/Middle East and its global effects. They welcomed the ceasefire announced on 8 April 2026. They underlined the importance of de-escalation and reiterated that all issues must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy. They also called for freedom of navigation and global flow of commerce through the Strait of Hormuz, consistent with the provisions of UNCLOS.

22. The leaders unequivocally and strongly condemned terrorism and violent extremism, in all its forms and manifestations including cross-border terrorism. They called for decisive and concerted international efforts to combat terrorism in a comprehensive and sustained manner and in accordance with international law and concerted action against terrorists and terrorist groups including those listed in the UNSC 1267 sanctions regime and their affiliates, proxies, sponsors, backers and financiers. They agreed to enhance cooperation to counter violent radicalization and violent extremism, combat financing of terrorism, promote internationally agreed anti money laundering standards, prevent exploitation of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes, and tackle terrorist recruitment. The leaders reaffirmed strong commitment to continue taking active measures to disrupt the terror financing channels including at the UN and FATF. They condemned in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu

and Kashmir on 22 April 2025 and the terror incident near Red Fort, New Delhi on 10 November 2025.

23. The Prime Ministers welcomed the MoUs signed and announcements made which are available on the MEA website.

24. Prime Minister Modi thanked Prime Minister Støre and the people of Norway for hosting the 3rd India-Nordic Summit and extending warm hospitality to him and his delegation. Both leaders agreed on keeping up the momentum of high-level exchanges.
