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Signing of India -Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)

- The signing of India -Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) in a short time span reflects the depth of the mutual confidence between the two countries, said Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- Shri Modi underlined the huge potential that exists in the two economies to fulfil the needs of each other and this agreement will enable the two countries to fully leverage these opportunities. "This is a watershed moment for our bilateral relations", he emphasized. The Prime Minister said "On the basis of this agreement, together, we will be able to increase the resilience of supply chains, and also contribute to the stability of the Indo-Pacific region.
- The India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement ("IndAus ECTA") was signed by Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Government of India and Mr. Dan Tehan, the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Government of Australia in a virtual ceremony, in the presence of Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi and the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Scott Morrison today.
- India and Australia are natural partners, connected by shared values of democracy, rule of law & transparency apart from our shared love for Cricket, Food & Movies, Shri Goyal said Ind-Aus ECTA is expected to almost double bilateral trade to about \$ 50 Billion in five years. He said there is great potential for Indian exports in sectors like textiles & apparels, leather, hospitality, gems & jewellery, engg. goods & pharma, IT, Startups etc.
- Australia has committed key areas of India's interest in Services like Education, IT, Business, Professional Services, Health & Audio-visual while Australia will also provide Post-study work visas for students, quota for Chefs & Yoga instructors and Work & Holiday visa for young professionals.
- Ind-Aus ECTA covers the entire gamut of the trade & commercial relations, removing trade barriers & opening a plethora of opportunities in both goods & services. Expected that with ECTA, the present bilateral trade for merchandise & services of \$

27.5 bn (2021), may reach a level of about \$ 45 to \$ 50 Billion in next 5 years.

- It is expected to create new employment opportunities, raise living standards & enhance the overall welfare of the peoples of both the countries. Additional employment generation is expected to be 10 lakhs within the next 5 years.
- In services, Australia has offered 135 sub-sectors to India, while India offered 103 sub-sectors to Australia. Key areas of India's interest like Education, IT, Business, Professional Services, Health, Audio-visual have been committed by Australia under ECTA. Australia will also be providing Post-study work visas for students, quota for Chefs & Yoga instructors and Work & Holiday visa for young professionals.

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