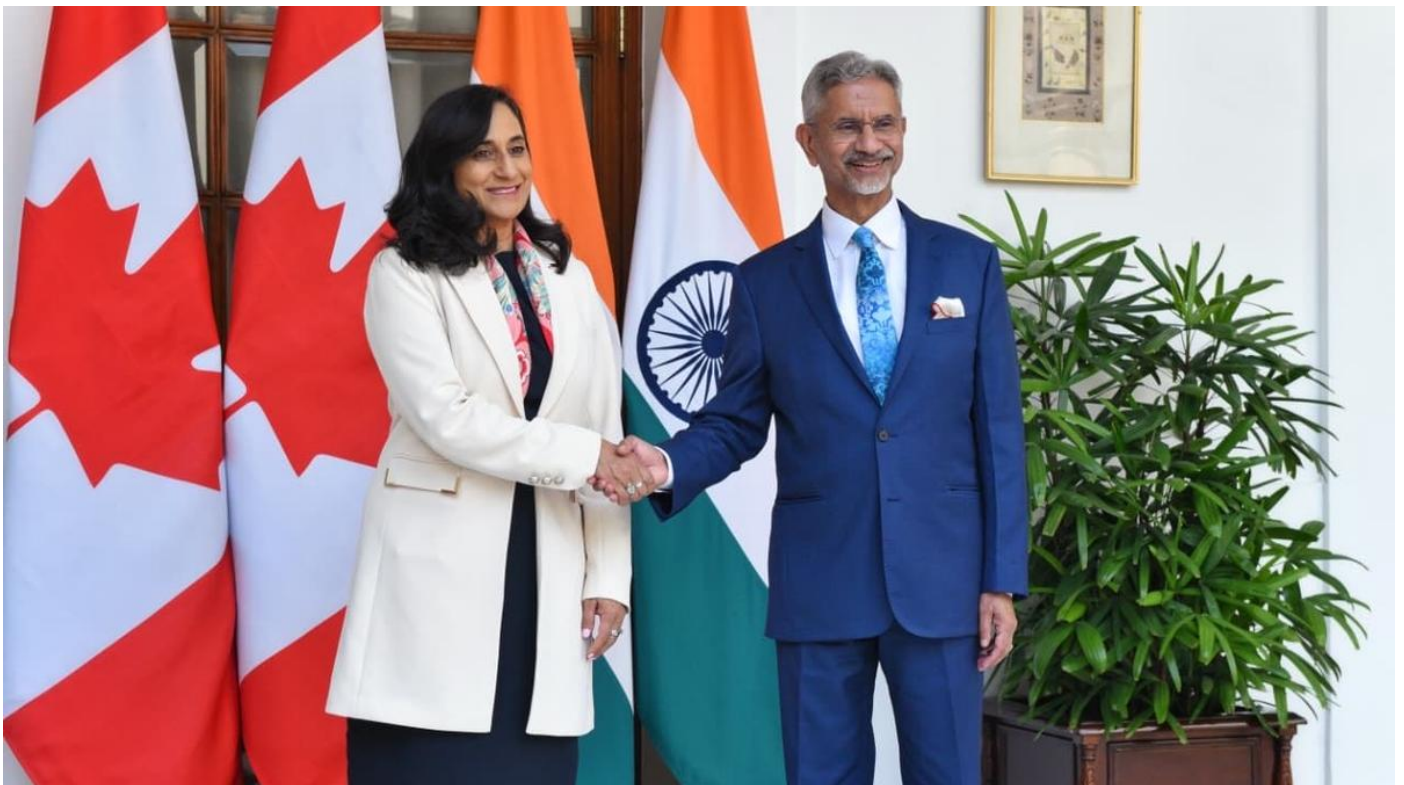


India invites Carney for AI summit, both sides agree to begin trade talks again

Trade and investments, re-establishing Canada India Ministerial Energy dialogue, relaunching the Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee are among some of the major agreements, the two sides said in a joint statement after a meeting between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand

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External Affairs Minister Jaishankar with Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand, in New Delhi, on October 13, 2025. Picture: X/@DrSJaishankar

India and Canada agreed on a series of measures to restore relations, including relaunching the energy dialogue, after talks between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand on Monday (October 13, 2025).

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Sources said the delegations discussed an invitation for Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney to visit India in February next year for the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit.

While Mr. Carney has not yet accepted the invitation, a senior official from the Canadian Prime Minister's Office was present during the meetings, indicating the visit to India was being considered seriously.

Among the major announcements, both sides agreed to begin at the earliest, their ministerial-level discussions on bilateral trade and investments, besides re-establishing the Canada-India Ministerial Energy Dialogue for cooperation on renewables and critical minerals, relaunching the Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee, and encouraging Canadian AI companies and researchers to participate in India's AI Impact Summit from February 19 to 20, 2026. India and Canada have also begun preliminary talks on SMR (Small Modular Technology) nuclear-powered reactors and other cooperation in civil nuclear energy.

In the agricultural sector, the two sides agreed to “developing stable and sustainable supply chains, improving agri-value chains through the exchange of best practices and technological cooperation, enhancing nutritional security, promoting recycling of agri-waste into energy and organic fertilizers, and advancing innovation in climate-resilient agriculture and food systems”.

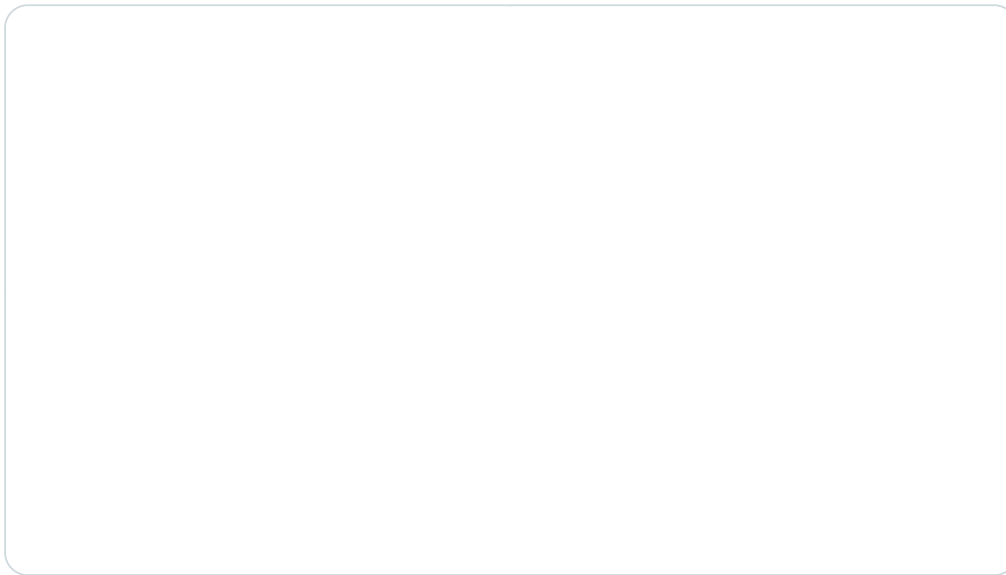
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Delighted to welcome FM [@AnitaAnandMP](#) of Canada today in New Delhi.

Had constructive discussions to restore and reinvigorate the mechanisms necessary to advance our partnership. Also exchanged views on global developments and our responses to shared challenges.

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The focus on a number of issues that have been put on the back-burner since 2023, when Canada accused Indian “government agents” of being involved in the killing of a Khalistani activist in Canada, was an attempt, said officials on both sides, to not allow the security issues between the two countries to overshadow all other areas of cooperation. Since Mr. Carney and Prime Minister Narendra Modi met in June this year, Delhi and Ottawa have intensified talks on repairing relations, and held security level talks separately when Canadian National Security and Intelligence Advisor Catherine Drouin met with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in Delhi in September.

“Building on the momentum of Prime Minister Carney’s meeting with PM Modi this summer at the G7 Summit, Canada and India are elevating the relationship between our

countries, while maintaining our law enforcement and security dialogue and expanding our economic relationship,” Ms. Anand said in a statement.

The officials said that although Mr. Carney and Mr. Modi had agreed during their meeting to restart trade talks for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), they may now abandon the previous effort, and start from scratch. Since 2023, India has entered into a number of free trade agreements (FTAs), including with the UAE, EFTA countries in Northern Europe, and the United Kingdom, which has opened up more areas of the market previously considered “off-limits”. As a result, both sides agreed on Monday to begin talks again, with a view to moving quickly to a determined timeline they said.

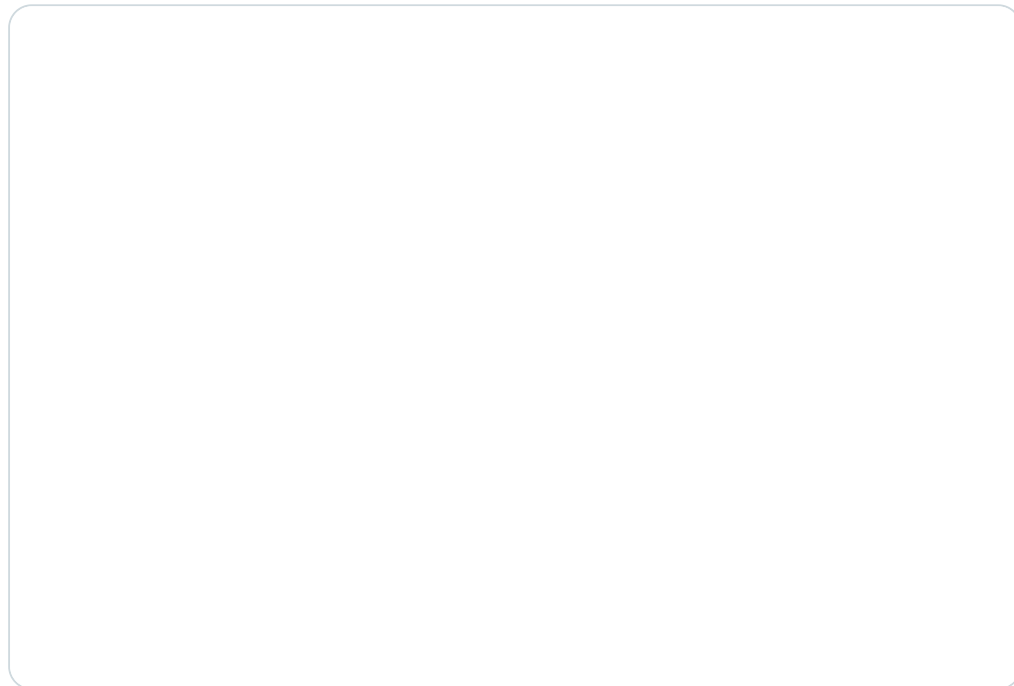
During her one day visit to Delhi, Ms. Anand also met Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal.

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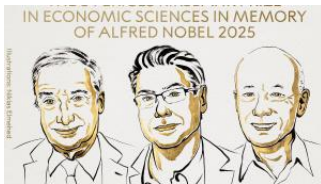
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“Our discussions focused on exploring areas of cooperation in the field of energy, technology, and food security. Also, reiterated India’s readiness to reinvigorate mutually beneficial trade, investment, and economic ties based on trust and respect,” Mr. Goyal posted, without speaking specifically about the CEPA.

The Canadian Foreign Minister flew to Mumbai on Monday evening, and will meet with investors and Indian industry leaders there on Tuesday.

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