



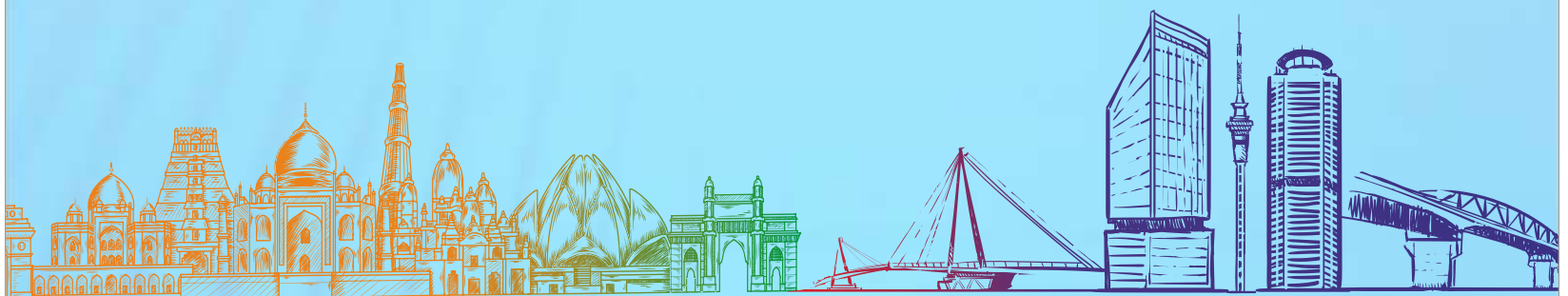
INDIAN BUSINESS DELEGATION TO NEW ZEALAND

COINCIDING WITH THE VISIT OF
SHRI NARENDRA MODI
HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

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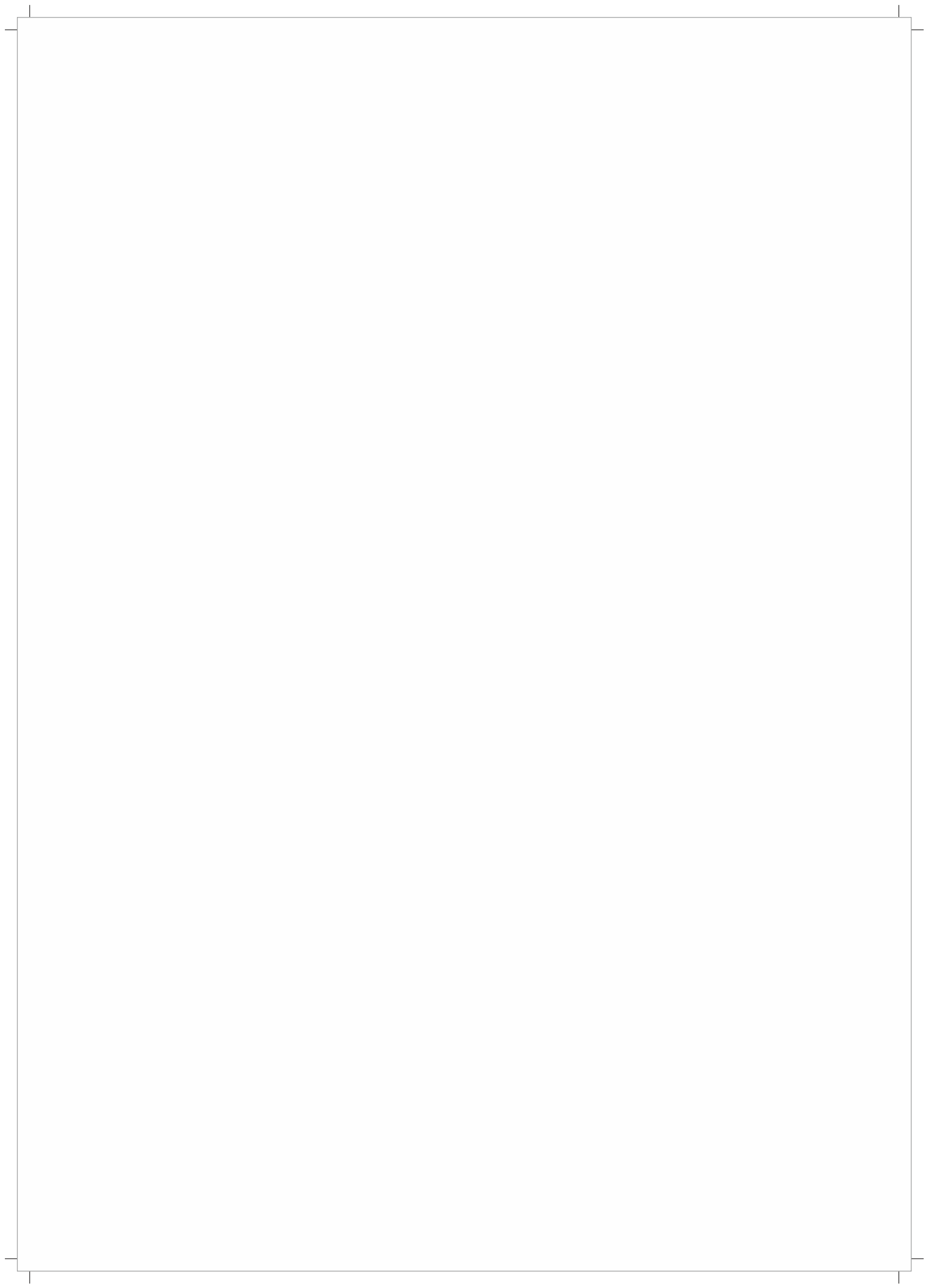


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PROCEEDINGS OF THE VISIT

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India paid an official visit to New Zealand, reaffirming the strong and enduring partnership between the two countries and providing fresh momentum to bilateral cooperation across trade, investment, innovation, education and people-to-people ties. The visit focused on strengthening strategic and economic engagement, enhancing collaboration in key sectors and exploring new avenues for mutually beneficial growth.

The visit also highlighted India's position as one of the world's fastest-growing major economies and a preferred destination for global investment, driven by sustained economic reforms, a robust business ecosystem, and expanding market opportunities. Discussions underscored the potential for deeper cooperation in agritech and food processing, digital technologies and artificial intelligence, clean energy and climate solutions, education and skills, tourism, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, logistics, advanced manufacturing, and sports innovation. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to fostering greater trade, investment, innovation, and economic partnerships for shared prosperity.

Business Delegation

Coinciding with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's official visit to New Zealand, FICCI was entrusted by the Government of India to lead the Indian Business Delegation. The high-level delegation led by **Dr Jayen Mehta, Managing Director, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul) and Ms Jyoti Vij, Director General, FICCI** and comprised senior industry leaders representing diverse sectors, including Dairy & FMCG, Logistics, Banking & Financial Services, IT & e-Governance, Clean Energy & Carbon Markets, Locks & Hardware Manufacturing, Food Processing & Agribusiness, Infrastructure & Transport, Timber & Forestry Trade, Additive Manufacturing & Medical Devices, and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure.

Business Engagements

FICCI, in partnership with New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE), organised a series of high-impact business engagements in Auckland. These engagements brought together senior government representatives, business leaders and innovators from both countries, providing a platform to explore new opportunities for trade, investment, technology collaboration and strategic partnerships under the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement. The interactions also facilitated business networking, sector-specific discussions and direct engagement between Indian and New Zealand companies, laying the foundation for long-term commercial cooperation.

INTERACTION OF INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NEW ZEALAND WITH INDIAN BUSINESS DELEGATION

Ahead of the principal business engagements, the Indian business delegation interacted with H.E. Ms Muanpuii Saiawi, High Commissioner of India to New Zealand. The interactive briefing provided delegates with valuable insights into New Zealand's economic landscape, the evolving India-New Zealand partnership, and the significance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's historic visit in opening a new chapter of bilateral cooperation.



Interaction of Indian Business Delegation with H.E. Ms Muanpuii Saiawi, High Commissioner of India to New Zealand

The High Commissioner highlighted the opportunities arising from the recently signed India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement and encouraged Indian businesses to adopt a long-term perspective in engaging with New Zealand partners. She noted that while the FTA provides an enabling framework, its true success would depend on businesses translating the agreement into meaningful commercial partnerships, technology collaborations and investment flows. She also emphasised the important role played by the Indian diaspora in strengthening bilateral economic and people-to-people ties.



Ms Jyoti Vij, Director General, FICCI, and Ms Neerja Singh, Assistant Secretary General, FICCI, presenting a memento to H.E. Ms Muanpuii Saiawi, High Commissioner of India to New Zealand, during the interaction with the Indian business delegation

During the interaction, delegates introduced their organisations and shared their respective business interests, objectives for the visit and areas in which they were exploring collaboration with New Zealand counterparts. Representatives from sectors including dairy, logistics, banking, food processing, clean energy, additive manufacturing, transport infrastructure, IT, electric mobility and advanced manufacturing discussed the opportunities they saw in the New Zealand market. The discussion reflected strong interest in partnerships across agriculture and horticulture, dairy technologies, food processing, healthcare, digital solutions, tourism, sustainable technologies and innovation.

The High Commissioner encouraged the delegation to emphasise collaboration rather than competition. Discussions highlighted opportunities for cooperation in dairy technologies, breeding, fodder development, horticulture, food processing, research and Centres of Excellence, with delegates noting that India's scale and New Zealand's technological expertise offer significant scope for mutually beneficial partnerships. The conversation also underscored opportunities in pharmaceuticals, information technology, artificial intelligence, tourism, skill mobility and advanced manufacturing, while stressing that the India-New Zealand partnership should be positioned as one based on innovation, co-creation, knowledge sharing and sustainable economic growth.

The interaction concluded with an engaging exchange of ideas on future collaboration, with delegates expressing confidence that the Prime Ministerial visit and the Free Trade Agreement would provide renewed momentum to bilateral business engagement. The High Commissioner reiterated the High Commission's commitment to supporting Indian companies in identifying opportunities, building partnerships and strengthening long-term commercial ties with New Zealand.

INDIA NEW ZEALAND BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

The India-New Zealand Business Engagement, jointly organised by New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) and FICCI, was held in Auckland on 11 July 2026. The Forum brought together senior government representatives, business leaders, innovators and industry stakeholders from both countries to explore new opportunities arising from the recently concluded India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement and the elevation of bilateral ties to a Strategic Partnership.



Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India addressing the India-New Zealand Business Engagement in Auckland

The programme comprised a **keynote address, a high-level panel discussion, facilitated business interactions and a report-back session by the Leaders of the Indian Business Delegation and New Zealand.** These engagements enabled business leaders from both countries to identify new opportunities for collaboration in areas including agribusiness, food processing, digital technologies, healthcare, logistics, advanced manufacturing, clean energy, innovation and services.

The Business Engagement commenced with a keynote address by **Mr Nikhil Ravishankar, Chief Executive, Air New Zealand**, who highlighted the rapidly expanding India-New Zealand relationship and underscored the importance of closer business collaboration to realise the full potential of the recently concluded India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA). He noted that stronger commercial partnerships, innovation and greater connectivity between businesses would be critical in shaping the next phase of bilateral economic engagement.



Mr Nikhil Ravishankar, Chief Executive, Air New Zealand delivering keynote address at India-New Zealand Business Engagement.



L to R: Ms Dame Therese Walsh, Chair of Air New Zealand and ASB Bank; Dr Jayen Mehta, Managing Director, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul); Mr Mark Piper, Chief Executive, Bioeconomy Science Institute and Ms Fran O'Sullivan, Managing Director, NZ Inc during the high level Panel Discussion at India-New Zealand Business Engagement.

This was followed by a high-level panel discussion moderated by **Ms Fran O'Sullivan, Managing Director, NZ Inc.**, featuring **Dame Therese Walsh, Chair of Air New Zealand and ASB Bank; Mr Mark Piper, Chief Executive, Bioeconomy Science Institute; and Dr Jayen Mehta, Managing Director, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul)** and Leader of the FICCI Business Delegation.

The discussion focused on how businesses could convert the opportunities created by the India-New Zealand FTA into concrete commercial outcomes. The panellists highlighted the complementary strengths of both economies and identified significant opportunities across agriculture and food processing, dairy, biotechnology, digital technologies, artificial intelligence, logistics, tourism, clean energy, advanced manufacturing, education and research collaboration. Particular emphasis was placed on innovation-led partnerships, sustainable supply chains, technology transfer, skills development and greater collaboration between industry, academia and research institutions.



Dr Jayen Mehta, Managing Director, Amul and Leader of the FICCI Business Delegation unveiled FICCI's report titled "India-New Zealand Economic Partnership: Advancing Trade, Investment and Innovation."



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Dr Jayen Mehta, Managing Director, Amul and Leader of the **FICCI Business Delegation** highlighted India's emergence as one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, supported by a robust digital ecosystem, large consumer market and manufacturing capabilities, while emphasising the significant opportunities for collaboration in dairy, agritech, food innovation and value-added agricultural products. The panellists agreed that the bilateral relationship should increasingly move beyond traditional buyer-seller engagements towards long-term strategic partnerships encompassing joint investments, research and development, co-creation of technologies, innovation partnerships and resilient supply chains. The session concluded with a shared commitment to strengthening industry-to-industry engagement and leveraging the enabling framework created by the FTA to build an enduring and future-oriented economic partnership between India and New Zealand.

Presenting the report-back on behalf of the Indian delegation, Dr Jayen Mehta, **highlighted the key recommendations emerging from the business discussions and formally unveiled FICCI's report titled "India-New Zealand Economic Partnership: Advancing Trade, Investment and Innovation."** The report outlines priority sectors for bilateral cooperation, identifies emerging business opportunities and provides practical recommendations to help industry translate the opportunities created by the India-New Zealand FTA into tangible commercial partnerships.

Addressing the gathering, **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** described the India-New Zealand relationship as being at a decisive turning point and welcomed its elevation to a Strategic Partnership, noting that this was not merely a diplomatic milestone but a renewed commitment to a shared future. He highlighted the conclusion of the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement in a record period of nine months and expressed confidence that the agreement would generate fresh opportunities in market access, investment, services, technology and talent mobility. He further conveyed the ambition of doubling bilateral trade by 2030 and welcomed New Zealand's investment commitment of USD 20 billion in India over the next fifteen years as a strong vote of confidence in India's growth story.

The Prime Minister underlined India's position as the world's fastest-growing major economy, driven by an expanding middle class, rapid digital adoption, infrastructure development and a governance approach built around **"Reform, Perform and Transform."** Emphasising India's policy stability, political stability and continuity of growth, he remarked that **"India is not only a market; India is a launchpad for global growth,"** and invited New Zealand businesses to become long-term partners in India's economic transformation.



Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India addressing the India-New Zealand Business Engagement in Auckland

He outlined several specific areas where companies from both countries could collaborate. Referring to India's Production Linked Incentive Scheme, under which support is being extended across fourteen sectors, he invited New Zealand businesses to participate in India's manufacturing momentum, including in food processing and textiles. He also highlighted the rapid expansion of India's aviation, air cargo and tourism sectors, and proposed cooperation in cargo corridors, improved flight connectivity and joint tourism packages.

In the agri-food sector, the Prime Minister emphasised the potential to develop perishable cargo solutions for products such as kiwi fruit, apples, honey and seafood. He noted that New Zealand's expertise in horticulture, dairy science and forestry could be combined with India's vast consumer market, food parks and agri-tech talent to create integrated farm-to-market value chains and global export platforms.

The Prime Minister also drew attention to India's leadership in digital technologies and financial innovation, noting that nearly half of the world's real-time digital payments are processed in India. He suggested deeper cooperation in digital payments, green bonds and blended finance. In the space sector, he highlighted India's growing ecosystem of more than 400 start-ups and invited collaboration in small satellites, remote sensing and ocean monitoring. He also identified opportunities under India's Smart Cities Mission in urban mobility, water management and waste management.

Welcoming the participation of Māori business leaders, the Prime Minister observed that Indian civilisation and Māori traditions share a deep respect for nature, community and sustainability. He noted that the FTA gives special emphasis to opportunities for Māori businesses and expressed the view that these shared values could underpin a new model of inclusive and sustainable trade.

Looking ahead, the Prime Minister proposed the development of an ambitious bilateral **Business Roadmap**, with at least five flagship projects and a time-bound review mechanism to ensure implementation. He also suggested creating a new generation of business leaders by facilitating exchanges of entrepreneurs and executives under the age of 35 between the two countries. Concluding his address, he called upon businesses from India and New Zealand to move forward together and make the partnership a platform for prosperity, **a bridge for innovation and a force for global good**.



Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister of New Zealand addressing the India-New Zealand Business Engagement in Auckland

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, reaffirmed his Government's strong commitment to building a deeper and more ambitious partnership with India, describing the bilateral relationship as one founded on complementary strengths, shared democratic values and immense economic potential. Welcoming the conclusion of the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, he observed that the agreement would significantly improve market access and create new opportunities for businesses in both countries. He emphasised that while governments have laid the foundation through policy reforms and the FTA, it is ultimately businesses that will transform these opportunities into greater trade, investment, innovation, employment and shared prosperity.

Prime Minister Luxon highlighted India's remarkable economic transformation and described the country as one of the world's most dynamic growth markets. Referring to India's rapidly expanding middle class, digital transformation and growing global economic influence, he encouraged New Zealand businesses to engage with India with greater confidence and a long-term strategic perspective. He noted that the FTA provides an unprecedented platform for businesses to diversify markets, strengthen supply chains and build enduring commercial partnerships.

He also underscored the complementary nature of the two economies, identifying significant opportunities for collaboration in agribusiness, food and dairy, horticulture, education, tourism, advanced manufacturing, digital technologies, clean energy, innovation and research. Stressing that sustained business-to-business engagement would be critical to the success of the partnership, he encouraged companies from both countries to move beyond traditional trading relationships and explore joint ventures, technology partnerships, research collaboration and investment opportunities. He further welcomed the growing participation of industry leaders from both countries and expressed confidence that the strengthened bilateral relationship would deliver long-term benefits for businesses and citizens alike.



Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, and the Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, during a walkthrough of a special showcase in Auckland celebrating India-New Zealand ties in sports, technology and innovation.

A key highlight of the programme was the joint walkthrough of the Innovation Showcase by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Rt Hon Christopher Luxon. During the walkthrough, both leaders interacted with two Indian start-ups, **Abe Bikes** and **Paduka Innovations**, which showcased India's growing capabilities in advanced manufacturing and innovation. Abe Bikes demonstrated its high-performance cycling technologies, reflecting India's emerging strengths in sports engineering and precision manufacturing, while Paduka Innovations presented its customised 3D-printed orthopaedic footwear solutions developed using advanced gait analysis and additive manufacturing technologies. The interaction provided the young entrepreneurs with an opportunity to present their innovations directly to both Prime Ministers and highlighted the growing role of Indian start-ups in developing globally competitive technology-led products with significant potential for international collaboration.

The Business Engagement concluded with the "**India-New Zealand: A Winning Partnership**" Gala Luncheon hosted by the Prime Minister of New Zealand, where both Prime Ministers reiterated their shared vision for expanding bilateral cooperation across trade, investment, technology, education, sports and people-to-people ties. Delegates also witnessed an innovation showcase featuring New Zealand's strengths in sports technology alongside Indian start-ups demonstrating advanced manufacturing solutions, including customised 3D-printed orthopaedic footwear and high-performance cycling technologies. The showcase reflected the innovation-driven and future-focused character of the India-New Zealand partnership and reinforced the commitment of both countries to foster deeper collaboration in emerging technologies and entrepreneurship.



Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, and the Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, during a walkthrough of a special showcase in Auckland celebrating India-New Zealand ties in sports, technology and innovation.

COMMUNITY RECEPTION

The **Indian Business Delegation**, was invited to attend the **Community Reception** held at **Spark Arena, Auckland**, which brought together over **11,000 members of the Indian diaspora**. The event provided delegates with an opportunity to witness the tremendous goodwill enjoyed by India in New Zealand and the strength of the Indian community as an enduring bridge between the two countries. It served as a fitting culmination to the visit, celebrating the deep people-to-people ties that complement the expanding strategic and economic partnership.



Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Rt Hon Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister of New Zealand addressing the gathering at Community Reception held at Spark Arena, Auckland

Addressing the gathering, **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** noted that his visit marked the **first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in four decades**, describing it as a historic milestone in bilateral relations. He conveyed greetings from **1.4 billion Indians** and expressed appreciation for the invaluable contribution of the Indian community in strengthening New Zealand's economy, society and multicultural fabric. He observed that the achievements of the Indian diaspora had earned widespread respect and admiration across New Zealand while further deepening the friendship between the two nations.

The Prime Minister highlighted India's remarkable transformation over the past decade, referring to the country's rapid economic growth, digital revolution, world-class infrastructure development, manufacturing expansion and thriving innovation ecosystem. Referring to India's emergence as one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, he invited the diaspora to actively participate in India's development journey and become partners in the vision of building a **Viksit Bharat by 2047**. He also highlighted India's achievements in digital public infrastructure, start-up innovation, space technology, renewable energy and manufacturing, emphasising that these developments were creating unprecedented opportunities for global partnerships.

Emphasising the growing convergence between India and New Zealand, the Prime Minister observed that the future of both countries is increasingly interconnected. He identified **technology, trade, education, sports, innovation, tourism and space** as key pillars of future cooperation and expressed confidence that the recently concluded **India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement**, together with the elevation of bilateral ties to a **Strategic Partnership**, would open a new chapter in bilateral relations.



Community Reception at Spark Arena, Auckland

The Prime Minister also urged members of the Indian community to continue serving as ambassadors of India's values and culture and as a vital bridge connecting the people, businesses and institutions of both countries. The enthusiastic response from the community, coupled with the participation of the Indian Business Delegation, underscored the strong synergy between **government-to-government, business-to-business and people-to-people engagement**, reinforcing the comprehensive nature of the India-New Zealand partnership.

Interaction with the India New Zealand Business Council (INZBC)

On the sidelines of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit, **FICCI facilitated an interaction between the Indian Business Delegation and senior members of the India New Zealand Business Council (INZBC)**. The meeting provided an opportunity for business leaders from both countries to exchange perspectives on strengthening bilateral commercial engagement and identifying practical avenues for collaboration under the recently concluded India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement.

The discussions focused on enhancing business-to-business linkages, promoting two-way trade and investment, and facilitating partnerships in sectors of mutual interest, including agribusiness, dairy, food processing, logistics, education, digital technologies, clean energy, advanced manufacturing, tourism and innovation. Participants also explored opportunities to leverage the complementary strengths of the two economies by encouraging technology collaboration, research partnerships, skills development and greater industry engagement.



Interaction of Indian Business Delegation with senior members of the India New Zealand Business Council (INZBC).



Interaction of FICCI team with INZBC

The Indian delegates shared their respective business interests and explored opportunities for collaboration with New Zealand counterparts, while members of the INZBC provided valuable insights into New Zealand's business environment, market dynamics and emerging opportunities. Both sides emphasised the importance of sustained industry engagement, regular business exchanges and institutional collaboration to translate the momentum generated by the Prime Minister's visit into tangible commercial outcomes.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to strengthening cooperation between **FICCI** and the **India New Zealand Business Council** through regular interactions, business delegations, sector-specific engagements and collaborative initiatives aimed at advancing the India-New Zealand economic partnership

KEY OUTCOMES, DELIVERABLES AND WAY FORWARD

- **FTA Implementation:** Ensure effective implementation of the India-New Zealand FTA by simplifying customs procedures, addressing non-tariff barriers, and improving awareness among businesses, particularly MSMEs, so that tariff gains translate into actual trade flows.
- **Clean Transport & EV Ecosystem:** Establish a dedicated India-New Zealand working track on clean transport, covering EV charging infrastructure, renewable-powered charging and grid integration, anchored to New Zealand's 1,000-charger programme, and underpin it with education and skilling partnerships to build a trained workforce for the EV charging and battery ecosystem.
- **Capital Mobilization for Energy Transition:** Create a facilitation mechanism to connect New Zealand's long-duration pension and sovereign capital with India's energy transition infrastructure assets, opening a durable channel for long-term, low-cost investment into India's clean energy build-out.
- **Institutional Follow-Through:** Institute a structured six-month, sector-by-sector review of delegation outcomes through a live government-industry channel (FICCI/DPIIT), institutionalize annual CEO, industry and MSME delegations, and establish a regular government-industry follow-up mechanism to ensure visit commitments translate into tangible trade and investment outcomes rather than post-visit momentum decay.
- **Manufacturing, Food Processing & Agri-Dairy Collaboration:** Encourage New Zealand companies to establish manufacturing and food-processing facilities in India, leveraging its skilled workforce, competitive costs and export ecosystem; strengthen collaboration in cold-chain logistics, pharmaceuticals, food processing, digital trade, education, research and innovation; and position agriculture and dairy as areas of collaboration rather than competition, pairing New Zealand's dairy technology and precision-farming expertise with India's manufacturing scale and domestic market through joint ventures.
- **Logistics & Connectivity:** Improve direct shipping and air cargo connectivity to reduce logistics costs and transit time, particularly for pharmaceuticals, dairy products and other perishables, strengthening the trade corridor that underpins the FTA.
- **Carbon Markets under Article 6 (India-NZ FTA):** Sign a New Zealand-India Memorandum of Cooperation on Article 6, modelled on the NZ-Philippines agreement and anchored to CCTS compliance demand from India's 740+ obligated entities; prioritize India's MoEF-approved Article 6.2 sectors- renewable energy, green hydrogen, waste-to-energy and industrial energy efficiency as the first areas for NZ-India carbon project partnerships; and position experienced Indian carbon-market intermediaries as transaction/MRV bridges connecting New Zealand project developers with India's CCTS-obligated entities needing verified Article 6 units.
- **Hardware & MSME Trade Promotion:** Launch an annual "India Hardware Pavilion" at New Zealand trade expos (e.g. Auckland Build Expo) showcasing 20-30 Indian MSME brands under a unified "Brand India" identity, positioning Indian tools, fittings, fasteners and smart-home hardware as durable, affordable and sustainable alternatives to import-dependent Chinese supply; back this with a dedicated MSME Export Cell (FICCI/Commerce Ministry) to handhold documentation, logistics and payments, design-upgrade collaborations with New Zealand institutes to meet Western market aesthetics, curated listings on New Zealand e-commerce platforms (TradeMe, Bunnings Online) with government support, and a co-funded pilot to help a small cohort of MSMEs establish on-ground operations in New Zealand as replicable success stories.

CONCLUSION

The Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit to New Zealand marked a watershed moment in India-New Zealand relations, providing renewed strategic direction and strong political momentum for deepening bilateral engagement. The elevation of the relationship to a **Strategic Partnership**, together with the recently concluded **India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement**, has created an enabling framework for expanding cooperation across trade, investment, innovation, technology, education, agriculture, clean energy, tourism and people-to-people exchanges.

The India-New Zealand Business Engagement, jointly organised by FICCI and New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE), successfully brought together senior government representatives, business leaders and innovators from both countries to identify concrete opportunities for collaboration. The high-level discussions, business networking sessions and industry interactions reflected the strong complementarities between the two economies and reinforced the shared commitment of industry to convert policy momentum into tangible commercial partnerships.

FICCI's high-level business delegation, led by **Dr Jayen Mehta**, Managing Director, Amul, and **Ms Jyoti Vij**, Director General, FICCI, represented a diverse cross-section of Indian industry and actively contributed to strengthening business-to-business engagement. The presentation of FICCI's report, "**India-New Zealand Economic Partnership: Advancing Trade, Investment and Innovation**," provided a practical roadmap for businesses to leverage the opportunities arising from the bilateral Free Trade Agreement and identified priority sectors for future collaboration.

The visit also underscored the important role of the Indian diaspora in strengthening bilateral relations. The enthusiastic participation of the Indian community reaffirmed the deep people-to-people bonds that continue to serve as a strong foundation for expanding economic, cultural and strategic cooperation between the two countries.

Building on the outcomes of the visit, FICCI remains committed to working closely with the Government of India, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, industry associations and businesses from both countries to facilitate trade and investment, promote business partnerships, encourage technology collaboration and support sustained industry engagement. The successful outcomes of the visit have laid a strong foundation for a new phase of India-New Zealand economic cooperation, positioning both countries to realise the full potential of their growing strategic and commercial partnership.

ANNEXURE 1: SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

FICCI @ficcindia
Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi addressed the India-New Zealand Business Engagement, organised by New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) in partnership with FICCI, in Auckland. Highlighting the transformative potential of the India-New Zealand FTA, he remarked, "India is not only a market. India is a launchpad for global growth".

@PMOIndia @IndiaInNZ @MunpuSagaw @vijit957 @MEAIndia



IANZ @ianz_india

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweets, "At the India-New Zealand business event in Auckland, which I attended with PM Luxon, I told business leaders: India is not only a market. India is a launchpad for global growth. Together, let us take this economic partnership to new heights!"



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The panel discussion on India-New Zealand FTA featured Ms Dame Therese Walsh, Chair of Air New Zealand and ASB Bank, Mr Jayen Mehta, Managing Director, Amul, Mr Mark Piper, Chief Executive, Bioeconomy Science Institute and Ms Fran O'Sullivan, MD, NZ Inc. The panel deliberated upon the FTA as a catalyst for deeper collaboration in AI, technology, agribusiness, logistics, tourism and innovation, reaffirming the commitment to building enduring business partnerships between the two countries.

Consulate General of India Auckland New Zealand Trade and Enterprise Jyoti Vij



ANNEXURE 1: SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



Prime Minister holds official talks with Prime Minister of New Zealand (July 11, 2026)

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met today with the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Rt. Hon. Christopher Luxon at Government House in Auckland. On arrival at Government House, he was accorded a traditional Māori welcome. The ceremony included customary Māori rituals symbolising peace, respect and welcome. Following the traditional welcome, Prime Minister inspected the Guard of Honour.

2. The two Prime Ministers held extensive bilateral discussions in restricted and delegation-level formats. Their talks covered the entire spectrum of bilateral relations, including trade and investment, defence and security, agri-tech, sports, education, tourism, culture and people-to-people ties. They agreed to elevate the bilateral relationship to the level of Strategic Partnership, marking a new chapter in India-New Zealand relations. They reaffirmed their commitment to deepen cooperation across areas of mutual interest. Both leaders underscored the importance of the early implementation of the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement. The two Prime Ministers set a target to double bilateral trade by 2030. The leaders exchanged views on regional and global developments and reiterated their commitment to strengthening cooperation in multilateral fora.

Prime Minister attends a special event hosted by Prime Minister of New Zealand themed "India-New Zealand: A Winning Partnership"

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended a special Gala luncheon event hosted by the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Rt Hon. Christopher, themed "India-New Zealand: A Winning Partnership". The event was attended by eminent personalities from the fields of politics, business, industry, academia, technology, sports, and the arts.

ANNEXURE 2: PROGRAM

Saturday 11th July, 2026

10:15am	Registration opens
10:30am	Sector Showcase and Networking
	Guests Seated
	Event begins with a Karakia (prayer)
	MC welcome
	Keynote address: Nikhil Ravishankar – Chief Executive, Air New Zealand
	Panel Discussion: Fran O'Sullivan (moderator) Dame Therese Walsh – Chair, Air New Zealand and ASB Bank Mark Piper – Chief Executive, Bioeconomy Science Institute Jayen Mehta – Managing Director, Amul
	Breakout session: facilitated business conversations
	Event closes. Guests transition to the Celebratory event
1:00pm	New Zealand & India – A winning celebration begins
2:30pm	Guests can start exit, official finish time 3.00pm

ANNEXURE 3: LIST OF DELEGATION

Indian Business Leaders



Sarini Sachdeva
Chief Executive | Aardour
Worldwide Logistics



Sadineni Abhiram
Founder | Abe Bikes



Jayen Mehta
Managing Director
Amul



Dr Debadatta Chand
Managing Director
and Chief Executive
Bank of Baroda



Harjinder Kaur Talwar
Managing Director
and Chief Executive
Comvision India



Manish Kumar Dabkara
Chairman and Managing
Director | EKI Energy Services



Jyoti Vij
Director General
FICCI



Dr Umang Monga
Chief Executive
Harrison Group



Suresh Kumar Bafna
Chief Executive
Infini Agrotek



Bharat Joshi
Chairman | Joshi Konoike
Transport and Infrastructure



Arth Pandya
Founder | Paduka
Innovations



Rishabh Sakhlecha
Founder and Reliable
Charge Director



New Zealand Business Leaders



Nikhil Ravishankar
Chief Executive
Air New Zealand



Dame Therese Walsh
Chair Air New Zealand
and ASB



Antonia Watson
Chief Executive
ANZ



Suzannah Jessep
Chief Executive Asia
New Zealand Foundation



Scott Tasker
Chief Customer Officer
Auckland Airport



Simon Bridges
Chief Executive
Auckland Business Chamber



Mark Piper
Chief Executive
Bioeconomy Science Institute



Stuart Wilson
Chief Executive
Endace



Prashant Kate
General Manager – India
Fisher & Paykel Healthcare



Lewis Gradon
Chief Executive
Fisher & Paykel Healthcare



Elizabeth Heeg
Chief Executive
Forest Owners Associations



Sudesh Jhujhnuwala
Chief Executive | Hind
Management / Sudima Hotels



Simon Limmer
Chief Executive | Indevin



Edwin Paul
Chair | India New Zealand
Business Council



Sunil Kaushal
Chief Executive | India
New Zealand Business Council



Sakthi Ranganathan
Chief Executive
JIX Realty



New Zealand Business Leaders



Nathan Guy
Chair
Meat Industry Association



Fran O'Sullivan
Managing Director
NZ Inc.



Tony Clifford
Managing Director
Pan Pac Forest Products Ltd



Tony Martin
Managing Director
Prevar



Nettles Lamont
Executive Chair
Quality NZ



Sinan Altug
Chief Executive | Rakon



Michael Petersen
Independent Director and Chair
Scales Corporation – Mr Apple



Darrin Grafton
Chief Executive | Serko



Ranjay Sikka
Trustee and Chair
Slumberzone



Hone McGregor
Chair | Te Taumata



Sean Goodwin
Chief Executive
The Mānuka Collective



Frank Bloomfield
Vice-Chancellor
University of Auckland



Neil Quigley
Vice-Chancellor
University of Waikato



Carmen Vicelich
Founder and Global Chief
Executive | Velocity Global



Dr Fay Amaral
Chief Executive
Whitecliffe



John Rodwell
Director | Woolworks



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Jason Te Brake
Chief Executive | Zespri



Sameer Handa
Chair | Bank of India



Naved Shafiq
Country Head | HCLTech



Patrick Kouwenhoven
Country Head | Infosys



Ganesh Ramani
Country Head
Tata Consultancy Services



Charles Finny
Chair | New Zealand
Trade and Enterprise



Clare Wilson
GM International
New Zealand
Trade and Enterprise



Graham Rouse
Trade Commissioner/Consul
General | New Zealand
Trade and Enterprise



Robert Wall
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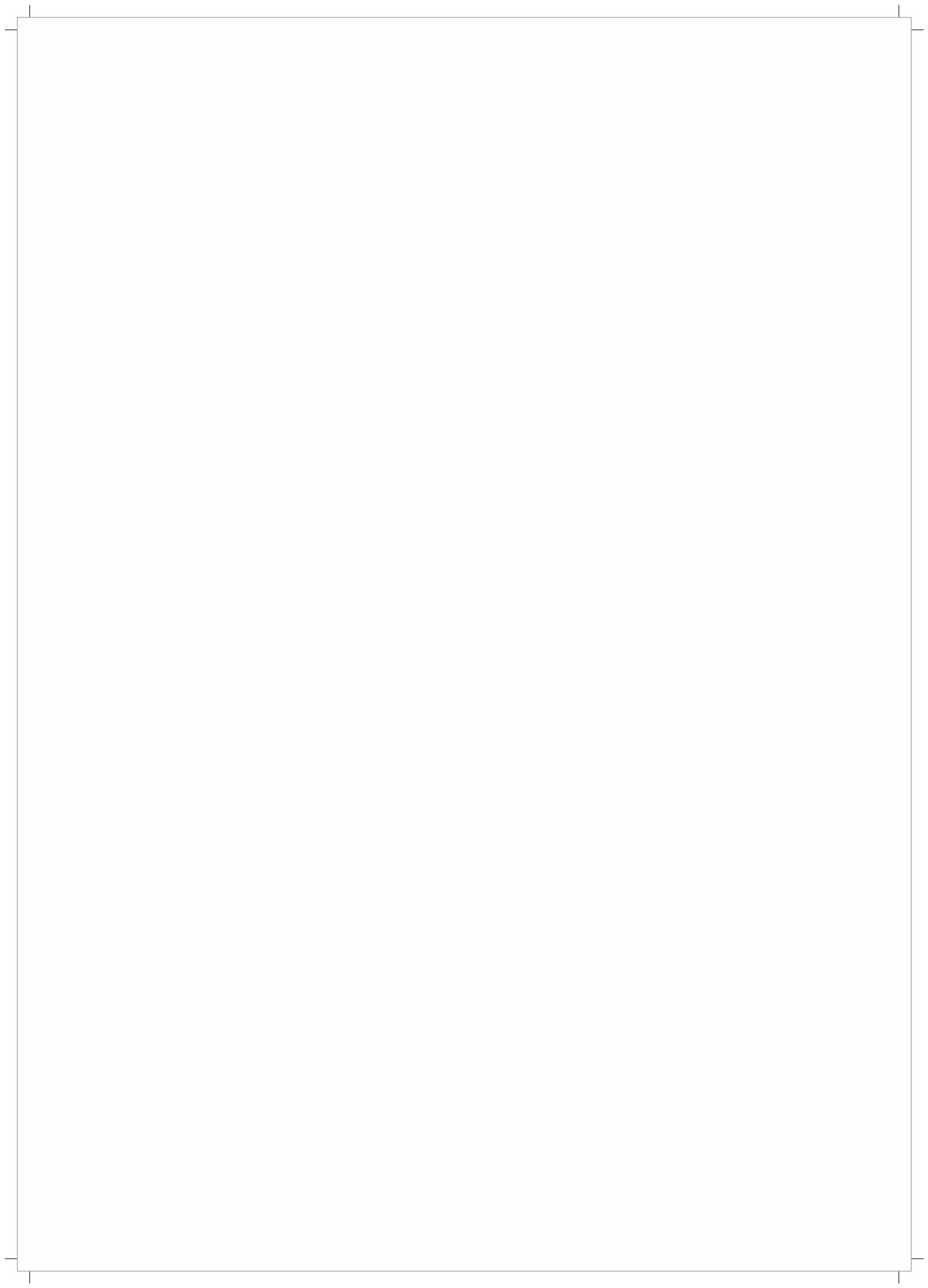


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