## INDIA - NEW ZEALAND BILATERAL BRIEF

- 1. India and New Zealand (NZ) have historically shared close and cordial ties. Similarities such as membership in the Commonwealth, common law practices and pursuing shared aspirations of achieving economic development and prosperity through democratic governance systems for diverse communities in both countries (NZ prides itself as one of the most ethnically diverse countries in the world with 213 ethnicities officially recorded) provide an excellent backdrop for deepening the friendly ties. Both countries became independent in the same year and diplomatic representation of India was established in 1950 with the opening of a Trade Commission, which was later upgraded to High Commission. Tourism and sporting links, particularly in cricket, hockey and mountaineering, have also played a significant role in fostering goodwill between the two countries. Both countries are fellow travellers in their commitment to disarmament, global peace, North-South Dialogue, human rights, ecological preservation and combating international terrorism. People-to-people contacts have flourished since migration from India began at the turn of the last century. NZ has approximately 2,50,000 persons of Indian origin & NRIs, a vast majority of which have made NZ their permanent home. India was the second largest source of international students in NZ pursuing higher education in various disciplines such as information technology, hospitality, science, engineering and architecture prior to the outbreak Covid-19. After the pandemic, it has come down drastically. However, the number of students continue to grow after the opening on NZ borders.
- 2. Leadership of both countries have shown significant interest in raising all aspects of the relationship to the next level. This is reflected in a series of high-level bilateral visits and meetings. Prime Minister Modi, met NZ PM Chris Hipkins on 22 May 2023 on the sidelines of FIPIC-III Summit in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea and various issues including Parliamentary exchanges, export of mangoes, direct air connectivity, culture, sports and people to people ties were discussed. Last one year has seen a large number of visits such as that of EAM and MOS(RRS) to New Zealand in October 2022 and September 2023 respectively and NZ Foreign Minister Nanaia Mahuta to India in February 2023. EAM had a bilateral meeting with his counterpart and discussed opportunities for expanding the relationship and cooperating on new areas, such as climate change and sustainable agriculture and also discussed how to develop opportunities in the economic, cultural, technology and services sectors, and to strengthen people to people links. MOS(RRS) participated in the 1st India Business Summit with New Zealand's Prime Minister Chris Hipkins, emphasizing India's economic growth and bilateral relations. MoS also held productive meetings with New Zealand ministers, focusing on enhancing cooperation in education and acknowledging the positive momentum in bilateral relations due to recent high-level engagements. FM Nanaia Mahuta also visited Mumbai with a high-level business delegation. She also interacted with Minister of Tribal Affairs from Madhya Pradesh and discussed possible cooperation in this sector. Trade & Export Growth and Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor visited India from August 27 to August 29, 2023, for bilateral talks aimed at advancing the economic relationship. An Air Services agreement between the India and Zealand was signed during his visit. This marked the Minister's second visit to India in less than a year. He visited India from 19-21 September 2022 and had a series of meetings with Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister Mr. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar, and

Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairy Mr. Parshottam Rupala. Mr. O'Connor also met INZBC delegation and Niti Aayog CEO Mr. Amitabh Kant in an interaction hosted by NZ High Commission in New Delhi. As Agriculture Minister, O'Connor spoke at the 'Farm to Fork' panel, showcasing NZ's investments in agri-tech, on-farm training and skills development, and climateresponsive farming as part of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) LEADS Conference. Food Safety Minister Meka Whaitiri visited India during 10-17 September 2022 where she addressed the World Dairy Summit in New Delhi, the flagship event of the International Dairy Federation.

- 3. Hon EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar visited New Zealand from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022. EAM level visit happened after a gap of 20 years. FM Nanaia Mahuta welcomed EAM. Both the Ministers discussed opportunities for expanding the relationship and cooperating on new areas, such as climate change and sustainable agriculture and also discussed how to develop opportunities in the economic, cultural, technology and services sectors, and to strengthen people to people links. Later on the day, EAM paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Rt. Hon. Ms. Jacinda Ardern and afterwards participated in an event along with the Prime Minister to felicitate members of the Indian community in New Zealand for their exceptional achievements and contributions. Both leaders released India@75 postage stamps to commemorate and showcase Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in New Zealand. EAM also launched the book 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery'. During the visit EAM also interacted with several Ministers, including H.E. Ms. Priyanca Radhakrishnan, Minister for the Community & Voluntary Sector, Diversity, Inclusion and Ethnic Communities, and Youth, who is the first person of Indian origin to become a Minister in New Zealand, In Wellington, he inaugurated the newly constructed Chancery building of the High Commission of India on 9<sup>th</sup> October before departing for Australia.
- 4. PM Shri Narendra Modi and the then NZ PM Jacinda Ardern and had a bilateral meeting in New York on the sidelines of UNGA on 25 September 2019, during which they discussed steps to intensify political, economic, defence, security and people to people relations. PM Ardern also participated in the special event commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in New York and delivered a keynote speech at the event titled "Leadership matters: Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in the contemporary world", underlining the three Gandhian values of tolerance, equality and sanctity of non-violence as most relevant to the contemporary world. PM John Key visited India in October 2016 during which institutional mechanisms such as Foreign Office Consultation and cooperation on cyber security were established that substantially enhanced the bilateral relationship and agreements were signed on food safety and cooperation in the field of youth affairs and sports. Late Shri Pranab Mukherjee, the then President of India paid a State visit to NZ from 30 April-2 May 2016 and had substantive meetings with PM Sir John Key and Leader of Opposition Mr Andrew Little. An Air Services Agreement was signed between the two countries. An MoU between ICCR and Victoria University of Wellington to extend the Indian Chair in Wellington was signed at Auckland University of Technology in his presence.
- 5. NZ identified India as a priority country in its "Opening Doors to India" policy notified in October 2011, which was reiterated in 2015. In 2011, NZ launched the NZ Inc. India Strategy, aiming to make India a core trade, economic and political partner for NZ. On the eve of the visit of DPM / Foreign Minister of NZ to India from 25-28 February

- 2020, NZ released the Strategy Paper "India-NZ 2025 Investing in the Relationship", which builds on earlier policy papers and envisions a more "enduring strategic relationship" with India over the next five years.
- 6. The then DPM & FM Winston Peters led a high-level delegation to India from 25-29 February 2020 that included Minister for Trade and Export Growth David Parker, Labour MP Priyanca Radhakrishnan, ex-MP Mahesh Bindra, CEO of Asia NZ Foundation Simon Draper, senior officials from MFAT and 18 business representatives. DPM & FM Peters met EAM and reviewed the state of bilateral relations. Trade Minister Parker met C&IM Shri Piyush Goyal, Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change and Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant. He attended India-NZ Business Forum organised by FICCI and also visited Azadpur, Asia's largest fruit and vegetable market. EAM hosted dinner for DPM & FM which was also attended by Trade Minister Parker and CIM. He also inaugurated the 'NZ Centre' at IIT Delhi on 26 February 2020 which will serve as a nodal point of academic collaboration between all the eight NZ universities and Indian Universities and institutes of higher learning. On 1 March 2021, External Affairs Minister of India Dr. S. Jaishankar had an introductory telephonic conversation with the new Minister of Foreign Affairs of NZ Hon. Nanaia Mahuta during which b12 ptoth leaders discussed all aspects of bilateral relations. On 5 November 2021, both the Ministers again had a virtual meeting in which they discussed Covid-19, international travel resumption, mutual recognition of vaccine passports, the return of stranded residents and climate change, among other topics. Both the Ministers met again on 21 February 2022 in Paris on the sidelines of EU Indo-Pacific Forum to discuss topics of mutual interests and also in Kigali on the sidelines of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held during 24-25 June 2022 and exchanged views on the agenda of the Commonwealth Summit and discussed strengthening bilateral ties, especially its people-to-people aspects.
- 7. Other significant visits/meetings include those of the meeting of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and NZ Defence Minister Mr. Ron Mark met in Bangkok on the margins of ASEAN Defence Ministers-Plus meeting in 17 November 2022; then Leader of Opposition Simon Bridges in September 2019, meeting of NZ Minister of Agriculture and Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth Damien O'Connor with Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister of India Shri Piyush Goyal in Bangkok in September 2019 and subsequently in Delhi in November 2019, visit of a four-member delegation from NZ Parliament's South and South East Asia Parliamentary Friendship Group to India in November 2019; visit of Admiral Karambir Singh, Chief of Indian Navy to NZ in September 2019; meeting of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh with NZ Defence Minister Mr. Ron Mark in Bangkok in November 2019; visit of NZ Chief of Defence Force to India in February 2018; visit of MoS (VKS) to NZ in June 2017 and visit of the then Lok Sabha Speaker Hon'ble Mrs. Sumitra Mahajan in September, 2016.
- 8. <u>Bilateral institutional mechanisms</u>: The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of India-NZ Foreign Ministry Consultations (FMC) took place in Wellington on 18 August 2023. Co-chaired by Shri Saurabh Kumar, Secretary (East) and Ms. Deborah Geels, Deputy Secretary Americas and Asia Group, MFAT the meeting highlighted the strengthened engagement between the two countries. Discussions included various aspects of the bilateral relations,

including political, economic, trade, defence, education, science, technology, cultural exchanges, and people-to-people connections. The agenda also covered regional and global issues such as India's roles in G-20, Indo-Pacific, ASEAN, Commonwealth, and the UN. The second edition of the India-New Zealand Bilateral Cyber Dialogue was held on 16-17 November 2021 in virtual mode to discuss various aspects of existing bilateral cooperation in cyberspace, to exchange views on the latest developments on cyber issues at bilateral, regional, & multilateral fora and to explore initiatives to further deepen cyber cooperation. The seventh round of India-NZ Economic Dialogue was held in New Delhi on 28 November, 2019 and discussions focused on current economic conditions, global economic environment, infrastructure and tax reforms. India-NZ Joint Trade Committee meeting was held on 24 June 2022 to review & take measures in furtherance of bilateral trade partnership and co-operation in areas such as Agri, Pharma, Textile, Renewable Energy and services.

- 9. Cooperation on Covid-19 pandemic: Both countries cooperated extensively both bilaterally and as part of a group of like-minded countries in fighting against the pandemic by ensuring continuity of supply chains of essential commodities, medicines and vaccines. Both countries also facilitated repatriation of each other's nationals stranded in the wake of closure of international borders. Under the Vande Bharat Mission, 11 Air India and an equal number of private chartered flights repatriated almost 4000 Indians from NZ and about 3000 Kiwis from India. NZ government and people showed strong solidarity with India during the second wave of the pandemic.
- 10. Cooperation in the education sector: On 11 February 2020, The Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi signed an MoU with NZ universities to establish an NZ Centre at the Institute, which was inaugurated by the then DPM and Foreign Minister of NZ Winston Peters. The Centre will be a hub of collaboration between the academic institutions of two countries in areas such as cancer, waste management, cyber security, robotics, autonomous vehicles and medical technology. During the visit of PM John Key to India in June 2011, the two countries set up an India-NZ Education Council. NZ India Research Institute, a national centre of Indian studies in NZ was launched in August, 2013. It is a consortium of scholars actively engaged in research on India in seven prominent NZ universities. There was an MoU between ICCR and Victoria University of Wellington for a Chair of Indian Studies, under which a professor is deputed for one semester. It was valid until the end of the academic year 2019 only. The NZ Excellence Award programme, established in 2016 as a partnership between Education NZ and Universities NZ, allocated 35 scholarships of NZ\$5000 each for Indian students across all eight major NZ universities. In November 2018, the University of Auckland, NZ's largest university and IIT Kharagpur signed an MoU as part of Government of India's SPARC initiative, to advance academic exchange and research collaboration. In December 2019, both universities signed an agreement to offer joint PhD programmes in areas such as computational modelling, cyber-security, advanced materials, precision-driven medicine and cancer research.

### **DEFENCE**

11. The Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R. Hari Kumar visited NZ from 29 September to 1 October 2022. CNS had bilateral meetings with his counterpart and other Defence authorities during his visit. An Agreement was signed by Indian Navy, the New Zealand National Maritime Coordination Centre and the Royal New Zealand Navy during this visit concerning the exchange of information relating to White Shipping.

- 12. A 14 member NDC delegation led by Lt. General Sukriti Singh Dahiya, visited NZ from 29 May -02 June 2023. The delegation had members from Sudan, Oman, UK and Germany as well. They started their study tour from Auckland and visited Royal New Zealand Navy Base RNZN Marae, Waiouru Military Station in Rotorua and Te Papa museum in Wellington. In Defence House in Wellington they were addressed by Air Marshal Kevin Short, Chief of Defence Force, New Zealand and briefed by various defence officials and think tank on New Zealand's cultural and political context, security dynamics in the Indo- Pacific Region, New Zealand's approach to security, New Zealand's defence force and defence policy.
- 13. Two Indian Naval Ships viz. INS Sahyadri and INS Kolkata visited NZ on goodwill visits and docked at Wellington and Auckland respectively from 31 August 03 September 2023. High Commission of India along with Royal NZ Navy welcomed the Naval Ships. The visit also provided an opportunity for the people of New Zealand and local media to witness first-hand the capabilities of these modern naval vessels and gain insights into the rich naval heritage of India. The Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini docked at Lyttleton Port in NZ from 29 November 2017 to 12 December 2017 in the second leg of its maiden voyage to circumnavigate the globe. The all-women crew of the world circumnavigation was welcomed by Deputy Mayor of Christchurch with a traditional Maori performance.
- 14. **Track-II Dialogue:** The 6<sup>th</sup> round of the ICWA-Asia New Zealand Foundation and New Zealand India Research Institute Track II Dialogue was held at Sapru House, New Delhi on August 18, 2023. The event commenced with opening remarks by Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, Director General of the Indian Council of World Affairs, followed by statements from Professor David Capie, Director of the New Zealand India Research Institute. Ms. Neeta Bhushan, High Commissioner of India to New Zealand, shared pre-recorded remarks. The event featured two sessions: the first, chaired by India and moderated by Ambassador Gitesh Sarma, focused on evolving global and regional geopolitical scenarios, including the Russia-Ukraine crisis, Indo-Pacific developments, and strategic uncertainties, with contributions from speakers like Professor David Capie and Manjeet Pardesi. The second session, chaired by New Zealand and moderated by Prof David Capie, explored economic and tech competition, discussing trade, technology, and supply chains, and opportunities for increased cooperation between New Zealand and India amid the backdrop of China-US rivalry, with insights from speakers such as Dr. Chaitanya Giri and Ms. Tracey Epps.

### **ECONOMIC & COMMERCIAL RELATIONS**

15. India is NZ's 15<sup>th</sup> largest two-way trading partner with total two-way trade valued at US\$1.56 bn during the year ending June 2023. India primarily imports logs (which is currently halted due to a phytosanitary issue) and forestry products, wood pulp, wool and edible fruit & nuts from NZ. Indian exports to NZ mostly are pharmaceuticals/medications, precious metals and gems, textiles and motor vehicles and non-knitted apparel and accessories.

	Indian Imports		Total Indian Exports		Total	Total	
	from NZ		Imports	to NZ		Exports	Trade
	Goods	Services		Goods	Services		(US\$
							billion)
2022	0.36b	0.18b	0.54b	0.77b	0.21b	0.96b	\$1.50b
2021	0.32b	0.43b	0.75b	0.74b	0.15b	0.80b	\$1.55b
2020	0.34b	0.60b	0.93b	0.51b	0.26b	0.74b	\$1.67b
2019	0.51b	0.70b	1.22b	0.56b	0.20b	0.75b	\$1.97b
2018	0.51b	0.77b	1.28b	0.49b	0.20b	0.69b	\$1.97b

\*Source: Statistics NZ

- 17. All major Indian IT companies are present in NZ. Bank of India, Bank of Baroda and New India Assurance have commercial operations in NZ. Indian IT giant HCL, which already has a significant presence in NZ, opened a delivery centre in Hamilton to service Fonterra, one of the world's biggest dairy cooperatives. In 2020, it won NZ\$ 20 million annual contract from Fonterra. In September 2018, the Indian cab services company, Ola, launched in NZ and has been gradually expanding its operations. Mahindra Motors, Tech Mahindra Ltd, Infosys, Dr. Reddy Laboratories and Royal Enfield Motors have a presence in NZ. In October 2020, Tech Mahindra announced the acquisition of Melbourne based consulting company Tnzing Ltd for \$ 29.5 mn. In October 2016, Zindia Limited (the largest exporter of NZ logs to India) signed an MoU with Adani Port and SEZ Limited to promote a Timber Industrial Park at Mudra Port in Gujarat.
- 18. On 10 February 2022, Jammu and Kashmir Government signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with New Zealand G2G for revamping the sheep farming sector in the Union Territory.
- 19. In 2019, Fonterra, NZ's biggest milk producing cooperative, entered into a joint venture with Future Retail Group and launched a range of dairy products including two flavoured milk drinks, yoghurt and skim milk. However, the company has announced the end of its joint venture in India due to the disruptions associated with covid-19. Fonterra says the last few years have been challenging with Covid-19 causing significant disruption to the Indian market. This was the second time Fonterra had tried its hand in the Indian market, an eight-year partnership with Bangalore-based Britannia Industries ended in 2009.
- 20. Civil Aviation Cooperation: Given the large Indian diaspora in NZ and increasing two-way tourism flow, there is a strong case for a direct air connection between the two countries which might prove to be a game-changer for all aspects of bilateral relations. During Minister Damien O'Connor's visit to India in August 2023, the Air Services Agreement between India and NZ was upgraded and the issue of improving air links with India with the private sector was discussed. This agreement will also enhance code-sharing flight opportunities between Auckland and New Delhi.

21. India NZ Business Council (INZBC) and India NZ Trade Alliance (INZTA) are the two prominent organizations working to promote India-NZ trade and investment relations. Founded in 1988 and based in Auckland, INZBC lobbies with the government, disseminates information through its publications and facilitates business development by leveraging networks. Every year it organizes its flagship event titled 'India-NZ Business Summit, which draws participation from the highest level of leadership in government, business and academia from both countries to deliberate on ways and means of strengthening bilateral trade and investment. The last edition of the Business Summit was held in August 2023 in Delhi. INZTA was founded in 2015 and offers a range of services to companies seeking to enter markets in both countries and liaises with all major business chambers of India including CII, ASSOCHAM, etc.

### PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- 22. Indians started arriving in NZ in the late 18th century on British East India Company ships, bringing supplies to Australian convict settlements. Most of the initial immigrants were from Gujarat followed by Punjab. In 1920, they formed the Auckland Indian Association, which celebrated its centenary in 2020. Initially, most Indians settled down in the North Island, especially Auckland, although there were communities in Wellington, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Taranaki, Manawatu, Wairarapa and Christchurch. After the Second World War, Punjabi Sikhs who often had farming experience, settled mainly in the Waikato district and took up dairy farming. During 1970s, with the opening of supermarkets and dairies (convenience stores), Indian immigrants started working in retail, video stores and restaurants. The hard-working Indians, with the habit to save, soon prospered and brought their families to lead a more settled life. In the last decade, most of the new immigrants came as students and settled down in jobs and professions after completing their education and as per the 2018 census, number about 2,50,000, making 5% of NZ's total population. Hindi is the fifth most spoken language in NZ. There are Indian Associations in all major towns, which help the community nurture its cultural heritage. NZ India Central Association, founded in 1926, is the umbrella organisation of all Indian associations in NZ and will celebrate its centenary in a few years' time. The presence of large Indian diaspora in NZ acts as a strong 'living bridge' between the two countries. Indians have integrated themselves well with the local communities while preserving their Indian identity.
- 23. Be it business or sports, academics or politics, Indians have flourished and made a mark for themselves in their chosen trades and professions. As per a recent study conducted by an Indian association, by a conservative estimate, PIOs contribute \$ 10 bn to the NZ economy.
- 24. In the 2020 general elections, Hon'ble Priyanca Radhakrishnan and Dr. Gaurav Sharma became the first ever PIOs to be elected to NZ Parliament by popular vote and Hon'ble Priyanca Radhakrishnan became the first ever PIO to be appointed a Minister in the NZ government. Dr. Gaurav Sharma also created history by being only the second PIO to have taken his Parliamentary oath in Sanskrit. Ms. Priyanca Radhakrishnan has recently been awarded the Pravasi Bhartiya Samman, becoming the 7th person from NZ to do so. Six earlier recipients of the award are Ms. Sukhi Turner (2004), Judge Ajit Swaran Singh (2008), Sir Anand Satyanand (2011), Dr. Satendra Kumar Singh (2013), Mr.

Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi (2015) and Mr. Bhav Dhillon (2019). Ms. Priyanca Radhakrishnan also participated online in the Youth PBD Convention as a Special Guest on 8 January 2021. Since 2018, Shri Bhav Dhillon has been appointed as the Honorary Consul in Auckland and in September 2020 he became the first PIO to be appointed Chairman of the influential community trust Foundation North which controls assets of over \$ 1 bn. There are several ethnic Indian print and digital newspapers and a few radio and TV channels, prominent among them being Indian Weekender, Indian Newslink, The Indian News, Radio Tarana, Humm FM and Apna TV.

- 25. All Indian festivals including Diwali, Holi, Rakshabandhan, Baisakhi, Guruparv, Onam, Pongal, Annakut etc are celebrated with much enthusiasm all over NZ. A set of four new stamps depicting the story of Diwali has been issued by New Zealand Post in 2021. 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the 550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev were celebrated all over NZ and the historic occasions were marked by NZ government by releasing commemorative postal stamps. Independence Day, Republic Day and International Day of Yoga are also celebrated with much enthusiasm both officially by the High Commission as well as by various community associations in all big cities of NZ. Traditional Maori cultural troupes occasionally visit India and perform at various prestigious venues. There are several schools all over NZ that teach Indian traditional art forms such as Kathak and Bharatnatyam as well as contemporary Bollywood dance styles. There are several schools teaching and promoting Hindi and other Indian languages in NZ.
- 26. Both countries enjoy close sporting links, particularly in cricket, hockey and mountaineering. In the field of mountaineering, Sir Edmund Hillary, who is considered a NZ hero, is also an iconic name in India. He served as NZ High Commissioner to India from 1985 to 1988. In the field of cricket, both countries started playing at test level in 1950s and enjoy a friendly rivalry. Indian cricket team has toured NZ consecutively in the last two years. Indian Women's hockey team also toured Auckland from 23 to 26 January 2020. Indian Women's Cricket team was on a tour to NZ from February 2022 for a bilateral series with NZ and then the Women's ODI World Cup 2022.
- 27. The International Day of Yoga is widely celebrated in New Zealand. This year, a series of events took place at various locations, including Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch, Invercargill, Dunedin, Hamilton, and Rotorua, from June 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023, to commemorate this significant day and raise awareness about the benefits of yoga. The most important IDY 2023 event was held at the New Zealand Parliament on June 21st, 2023, with the participation of Ministers, MPs, and Parliamentarians. The session emphasized the significance of yoga in people's lives and communities. It was co-hosted by Hon. Minister Ms. Priyanca Radhakrishnan and Member of Parliament Ms. Ingrid Leary, with Hon. Minister Ms. Ginny Anderson delivering the opening remarks.
- 28. High Commissioner Ms. Neeta Bhushan presented her credentials to the Governor General of New Zealand Rt. Hon'ble Dame Cindy Kiro, GNZM, QSO on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The ceremony included a traditional Maori welcome and Guard of Honour in front of the Governor House. GG welcomed High Commissioner by conveying

greetings to Hon'ble President (HR) and mentioned that it was historic that a member of the indigenous community had assumed the office of the Head of State in India. In her remarks, High Commissioner conveyed greetings on behalf of HR and the government of India.

29. While India has a High Commission in Wellington and an Honorary Consulate in Auckland, New Zealand has a High Commission in New Delhi and a Consulate General in Mumbai. Coordinates of HCI, Wellington and the Honorary Consulate in Auckland are as follows:

Website: <u>www.hciwellington.gov.in</u> Facebook page: @IndiainNewZealand

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# List of existing MoUs / Agreements with New Zealand

Sr. No.	Name of MoU/Agreement/Bilate	From
110.	ral Document	
1.	Air Services agreement between the Government of India and the	August 2023
2.	Government of New Zealand Memorandum of	February 2022
	Cooperation (MoC) between Jammu and Kashmir Government and New Zealand G2G	
	for revamping the sheep farming sector in the Union Territory.	
3.	Agreement between the Indian Navy, the New Zealand National	October 2022
	Maritime Coordination Centre and the Royal New Zealand Navy concerning the exchange of information relating	
4.	of information relating to White Shipping. Education Cooperation Arrangement between the Ministry of Human Resource Development	October 2016
	of the Republic of India and Ministry of Education of New Zealand	
5.	Arrangement regarding Food Safety Cooperation between The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India and	October 2016
6	The Ministry for Primary Industries of New Zealand	October 2016
6.	Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of the	October 2016

Republic of India and Sport New Zealand of the Government of New Zealand on Cooperation in the Field of Youth Affairs and Sports

- 7. Agreement for the October 2016 Avoidance of Double **Taxation** and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income
- Agreement on Audio- June 2011 8. visual Co-production between India and New Zealand
- Protocol on Cooperation June 2011 9. on Science & Innovation between India and New Zealand

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