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Panchsheel Enclave
76-77, Jawahar Circle, Jaipur
(Behind Hotel Clarks Amer)

## **STRENGTHENING BONDS**Australia-India Bilateral Relations

H.E. Philip Green in a Fireside Chat with Pradeep S Mehta



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Australia and India share a multifaceted relationship marked by an increasing level of economic collaboration and shared democratic values. Over the years, they have witnessed a steady growth in bilateral trade and investment, with ongoing negotiations to conclude a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement in 2022. During the last decade, their bilateral trade increased from US\$14.8bn to US\$48.4bn, while in 2022, Australia's stock of investment in India was US\$17.6bn and that of India in Australia was US\$34.5bn.

Moreover, they are actively engaged in regional and global forums, such as the Quad, emphasising their commitment to regional security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

Additionally, cultural and educational exchanges contribute towards strengthening people-to-people ties, while further diplomatic efforts continue to explore new opportunities for cooperation in emerging sectors such as critical minerals.

