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WHY IN NEWS

On **June 14, 2026**, during the France leg of PM Modi’s European visit, at **Nice**, India and France adopted the **India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030**, a package of outcomes spanning artificial intelligence, space, trade, education and innovation. The two sides established a **Joint India-France AI Working Group** and an **Economic Security Dialogue**, and set a target to **double bilateral trade in five years**.

THE KEY OUTCOMES

OUTCOME	DETAIL
Framework	India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030
AI cooperation	A Joint India-France AI Working Group on cooperation and global AI governance
Economic security	A new Economic Security Dialogue
Trade target	Double bilateral trade in five years (towards about USD 32 billion, from about USD 16 billion)
Payments	Expansion of UPI-based payments in France
Conclave	“Bharat Innovates 2026” at Nice, featuring around 120 startups

The visit builds on the **February 2026 visit by President Macron**, which elevated India-France ties to a **“Special Global Strategic Partnership.”**

WHY INDIA-FRANCE TIES MATTER

India-France is among the most **institutionalised of India’s strategic partnerships**, spanning several pillars:

PILLAR	DETAIL
Defence	Rafale fighters, Scorpene submarines, defence co-development
Nuclear	Civil nuclear cooperation (Jaitapur project)
Space	Long-standing ISRO-CNES cooperation
Indo-Pacific	A shared Indo-Pacific strategy and maritime cooperation

THE ANALYSIS: FROM ROADMAPS TO DELIVERABLES

- 1 The most institutionalised partnership.** Unlike many of India's relationships, India-France cooperation spans defence, nuclear, space and the Indo-Pacific, giving the new innovation and AI tracks a strong foundation.
- 2 Economic security as a shared concern.** The new Economic Security Dialogue signals shared worries over critical-mineral and supply-chain resilience, a recurring theme among advanced economies and a priority for India's self-reliance.
- 3 AI governance.** A joint AI working group lets the two countries shape global AI governance together, building on India's hosting of the AI Impact Summit and France's earlier AI summit.

The way forward is to **convert the roadmaps into measurable deliverables**: student and researcher mobility, co-development in space and AI, and concrete progress toward the trade-doubling target, so that the partnership delivers results, not just declarations.

UPSC RELEVANCE

- GS Paper 2 (International Relations):** India-France relations, strategic partnerships, the Indo-Pacific, global technology governance.
- GS Paper 3 (Science and Technology):** AI cooperation, economic security, supply chains.
- Prelims:** the Innovation Roadmap 2030, the Joint AI Working Group, the Special Global Strategic Partnership, the trade target.

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THE OUTCOMES:

India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030 adopted at Nice (June 14, 2026)

New mechanisms: Joint India-France AI Working Group, Economic Security Dialogue

Trade target: double in five years (towards about USD 32 billion); UPI expansion in France

“Bharat Innovates 2026” conclave at Nice (around 120 startups)

THE RELATIONSHIP:

Elevated to a Special Global Strategic Partnership during President Macron’s February 2026 visit

Pillars: defence (Rafale, Scorpene), civil nuclear, space (ISRO-CNES), the Indo-Pacific

Sources: *PMINDIA, Ministry of External Affairs*

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