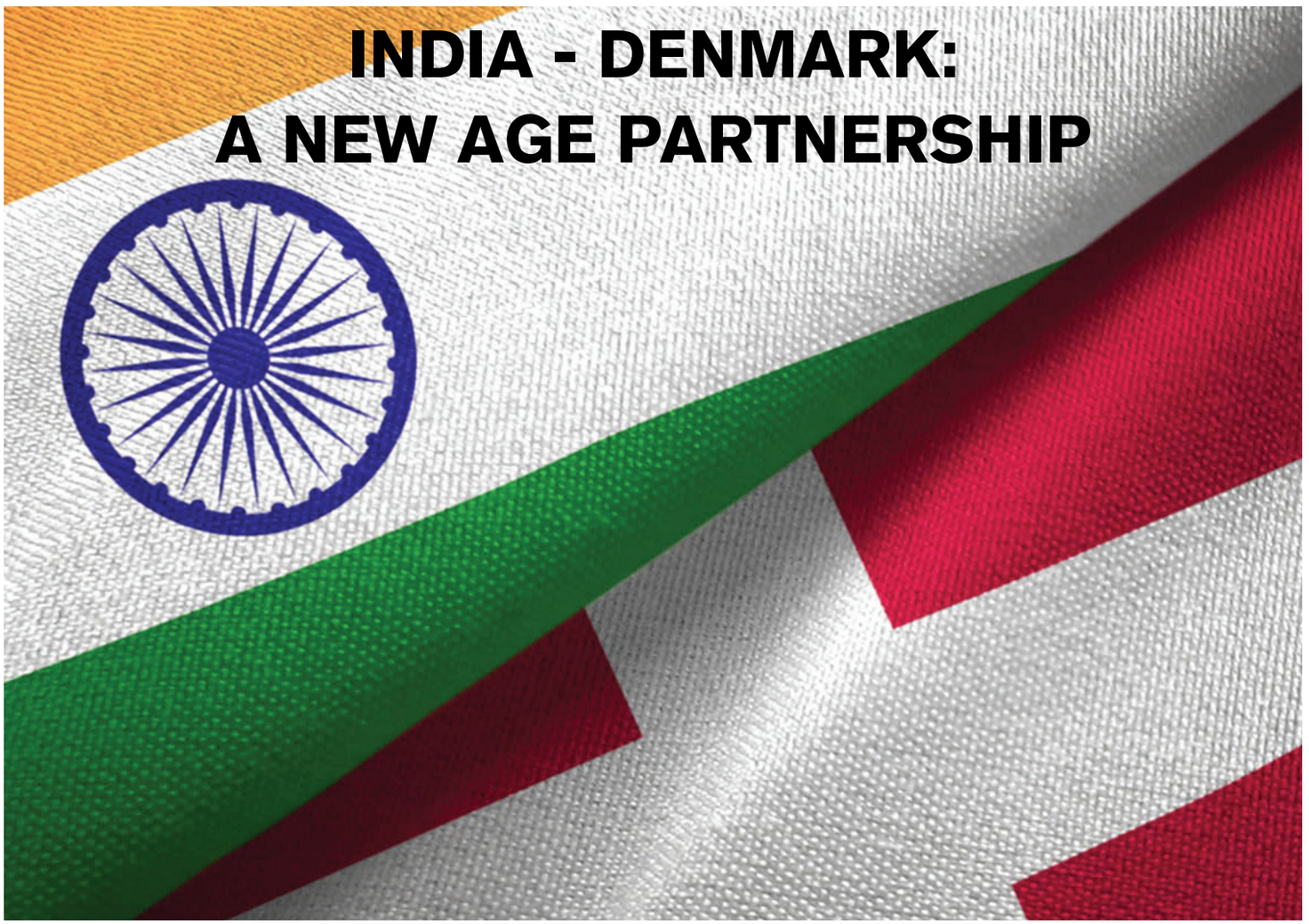
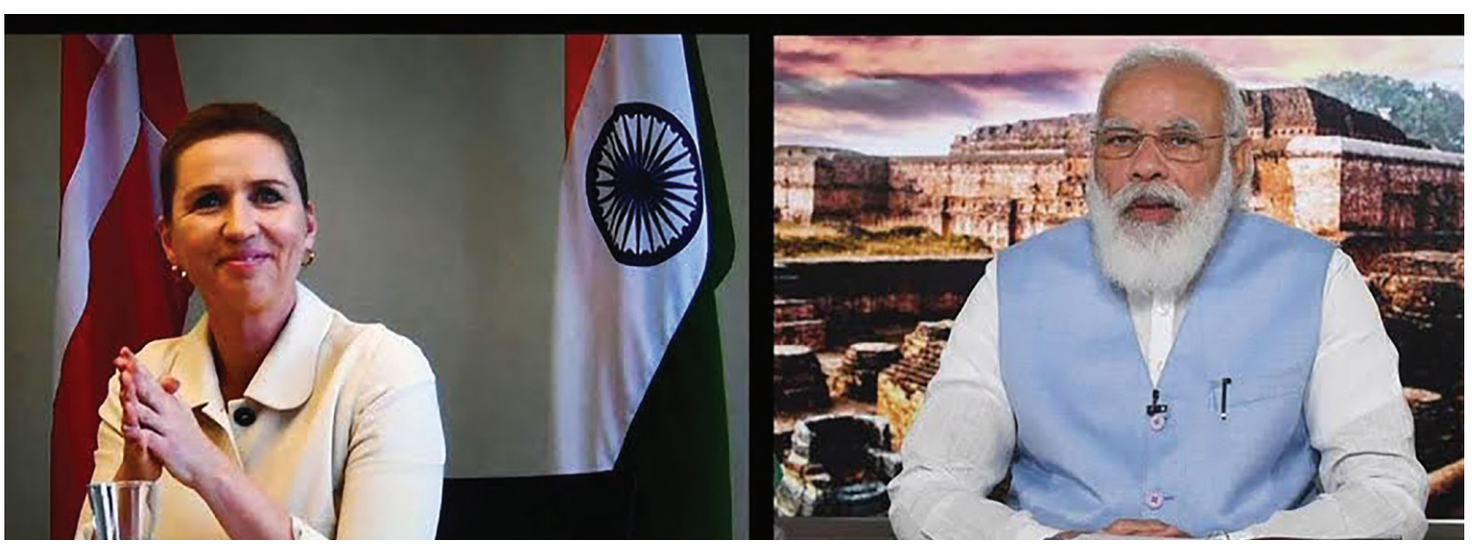
# INDIA - DENMARK: A NEW AGE PARTNERSHIP



**VISIT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER OF INDIA TO DENMARK (4-5 SEPTEMBER 2021)**

External Affairs Minister of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar will pay an official visit to Denmark from 4-5 September 2021. During his visit, the External Affairs Minister will have an audience with Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and a courtesy meeting with the Prime Minister of Denmark, Ms. Mette Frederiksen. Minister Dr. S.Jaishankar will hold bilateral talks with Mr. Jeppe Kofod, Foreign Minister of Denmark and co-chair the 4th Joint Commission Meeting between the two countries.

The Joint Commission Meeting will undertake a comprehensive review of the bilateral cooperation under the Green Strategic Partnership which was established during the Virtual Summit between Prime Minster of India Mr. Narendra Modi and the



**Danish Prime Minister Ms. Mette Frederiksen and Indian Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi during the India-Denmark Virtual Summit on 28 September 2020**




**H.E. Ms. Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark, spoke at the inaugural session of the Raisina Dialogue with Honourable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on 13 April 2021**

Prime Minister of Denmark Ms. Mette Frederiksen in September 2020, a landmark moment between the two countries which established a unique template of bilateral cooperation for the world to emulate.

In recent years, a new vigour and dynamism has been imparted to the India-Denmark relationship. During the Covid-19 pandemic, interactions at the highest level between the two countries have continued unabated.

Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation with Prime Minister of Denmark Ms. Mette Frederiksen on 14 May 2020 during which they exchanged views on the steps taken by India and Denmark on Covid-19 and discussed establishment of a Green Strategic Partnership.

The Virtual Summit on 28 September 2020 where the two Prime Ministers agreed to elevate India-Denmark relations to a Green Strategic Partnership started a new chapter in the India - Denmark relations. The Green Strategic Partnership is the first such partnership for either country to cooperate and collaborate in a futuristic way. It was the first such Virtual Summit held by India with any country in the EU bilaterally. Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi stated during the Virtual Summit that this was a "new age partnership and will add a new dimension to our bilateral relations and help to expand economic relations and green growth, and strengthen cooperation on addressing global challenges; with focus on implementation of the Paris Agreement and Climate Change goals."

Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi also mentioned that the Danish companies are already "Making in India for the World" and that "Denmark has




**The inaugural session of RE-Invest 2020 was addressed by the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi and Mr. Dan Jørgensen, Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities of Denmark on 26 November 2020**



**EAM Dr.S. Jaishankar chairing the United Nations Security Council meeting during India's Presidency in August 2021.**

the skills and India has the scale and to this "scope" and "speed" should be added."

He also welcomed Denmark's decision to join the International Solar Alliance. Both sides noted with satisfaction the continued development of bilateral relations based on historical links, common democratic traditions and shared values of democracy, pluralism, inclusivity and freedom.

Prime Minister of Denmark, Ms. Mette Frederiksen was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session of the Raisina Dialogue on 13 April 2021.

Denmark has been a partner country of India for Vibrant Gujarat in 2017 and 2019, Reinvest India 2020, Maritime India 2021, and in other fora as well.

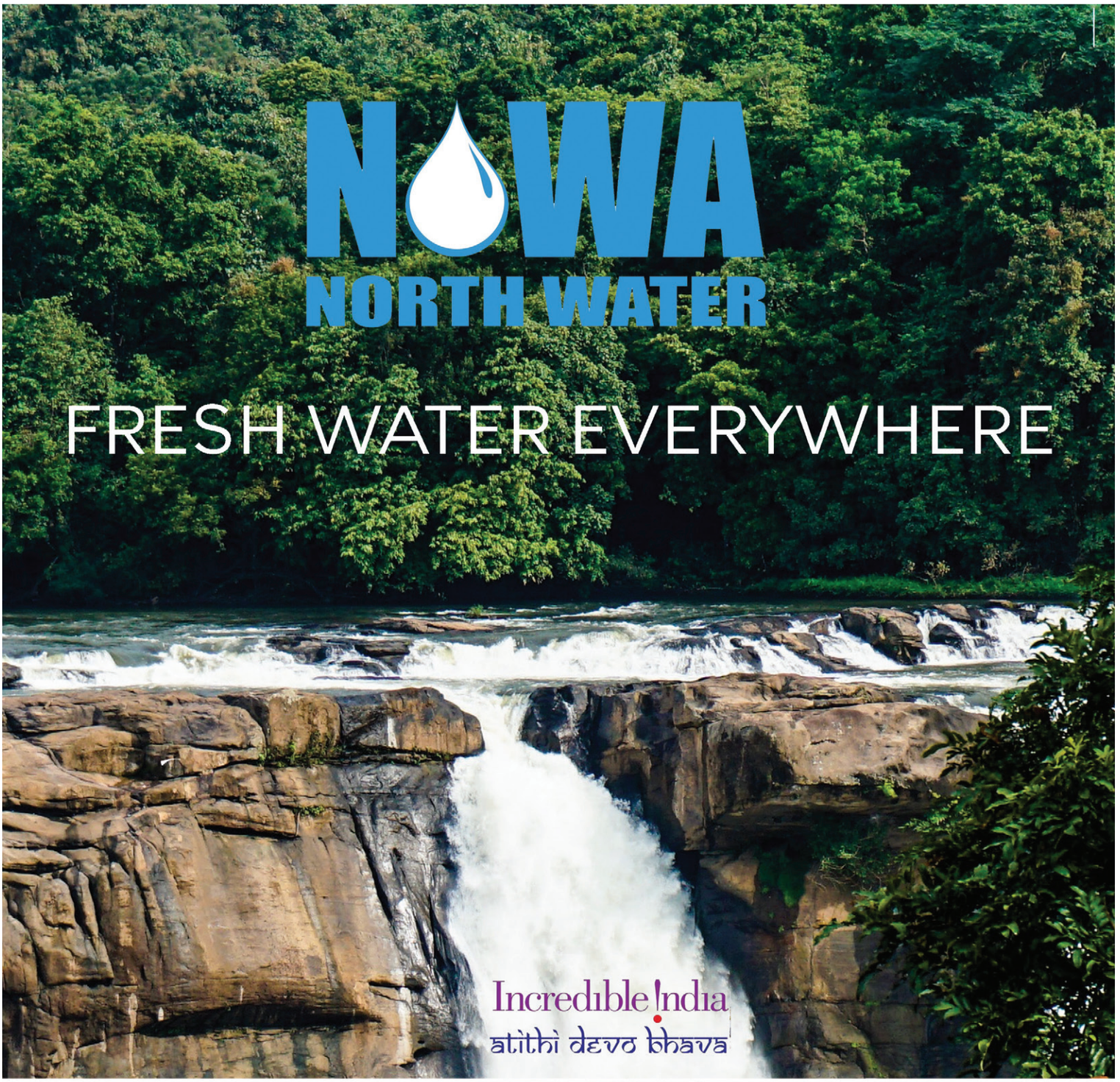
Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi had also met the Prime Minister of Denmark, Mr. Lars Rasmussen twice – first at the India-Nordic Summit in Stockholm in April 2018 and again in Gandhinagar in January 2019. Since December 2016 there has been a total of 12 Ministerial-level between the two countries.

Bilateral ties between India and Denmark have continued to develop and expand rapidly in recent years. The 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries was marked in 2019. The year 2020 marked the 400th anniversary of the first interaction between the peoples of India and Denmark, with the establishment of the first trading post in Tranquebar by Denmark in 1620.

The visit of the External Affairs Minister of India will provide an opportunity for reviewing the progress in the bilateral ties and further strengthening of the multifaceted relationship between India and Denmark.



**External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar with Denmark's Foreign Minister Mr. Jeppe Kofod during the Raisina Dialogue 2020 in New Delhi**


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