



Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a presentation of agreements in New Delhi on Monday. AP

TIES RESET

Canada and India strike agreements on rare earth, uranium

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India and Canada on Monday reached a string of agreements, including on critical mineral cooperation and a "landmark" uranium supply deal for nuclear power, the countries' leaders said in New Delhi.

The pacts, which also covered technology and promoting the use of renewable energy, were announced after Prime Minister

Narendra Modi and his Canadian counterpart Mark Carney hailed a fresh start in the relationship between their nations.

"Our ties have seen a new energy, mutual trust, and positivity," Modi said.

Ties effectively collapsed in 2023 after Ottawa accused New Delhi of orchestrating a deadly campaign against Sikh activists in Canada, accusations India rejected.

Carney's visit — his first to

India since taking office last year — is not only aimed to reset strained ties, but also to push efforts to diversify trade beyond the US.

"There has been more engagement between the Canadian and Indian governments in the last year than there has been in more than two decades combined," Carney said in New Delhi, in a speech alongside Modi.

"This is not merely the renewal of a relationship. It is the expansion of a valued partnership with new ambition, focus, and foresight, a partnership between two confident countries charting our own course for the future."

'New opportunities'

Energy-hungry India — the world's most populous country

with 1.4 billion people — has ambitious plans to expand nuclear power capacity from its current eight to 100 gigawatts by 2047.

"In civil nuclear energy, we have struck a landmark deal for long-term uranium supply," Modi said, adding the countries would also work together on small modular reactors and advanced reactors.

Carney said they had agreed the launch of a "strategic energy partnership with significant potential" including CAN\$2.6 billion (\$1.9 billion) uranium supply agreement "supporting India's nuclear ambitions."

Carney added that Canada was "well positioned to contribute, as a reliable supplier" of liquefied natural gas, from its west coast.