

MODI, WONG UNVEIL ROADMAP FOR PARTNERSHIP

From semiconductor to skilling, India, Singapore to expand ties

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Modi and his visiting Singaporean counterpart Lawrence Wong on Thursday agreed to adopt a forward-looking and substantive roadmap aimed at setting the vision and direction for the next phase of bilateral relations — and deepen cooperation in eight key areas: economy, skills development, digitalisation, sustainability, connectivity, healthcare and medicine, people-to-people and cultural exchanges; and, defence and security.

"Our relations go far beyond diplomacy. This is a partnership with purpose, rooted in shared values, guided by mutual interests, and driven by a common vision for peace, progress and prosperity," Modi said after a



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Singaporean counterpart Lawrence Wong during a press meet in New Delhi on Thursday PTI

meeting with Wong. Pointing out that bilateral ties had been elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during his visit to Singapore last year, Modi said, "...today, we have prepared a detailed roadmap for the future of our partnership. Our cooperation will not

be limited to traditional sectors. In line with changing times, areas such as advanced manufacturing, green shipping, skilling, civil nuclear and urban water management will also become focal points of our collaboration."

He said that the Semicon-

ductor Ecosystem Partnership agreement signed last year has given a new direction to research and development. The increased participation of Singaporean companies in the Semicon India conference is a significant development, Modi said.

According to a joint statement, the two leaders agreed to "support the growth of India's semiconductor industry and ecosystem, including through cooperation under the India-Singapore Semiconductor Policy Dialogue; facilitating partnerships with Singapore companies; advancing resilient semiconductor supply chains; exploring mutually beneficial research and development collaborations; promoting workforce development; and encouraging business-to-business cooperation..."