## Nuclear Cooperation

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## Defence Cooperation

* Joint exercise of the Indo-French Air Force **Garuda-IV** held in June 2010 in Istres
* India has purchased French **Mirage 2000** fighter aircraft and **the Scorpene class submarines**
* **Rafale** fighter jet is in the MMCRA competition bid

## Economic Cooperation

* France is India’s 5th largest trading partner among EU nations
* Sarkozy recently announced that French companies would invest nearly 12 bn euro in India by 2012
* FICCI and MEDEFI have signed an MoU to strengthen communication and cooperation between the two key organisations
* Third meeting of the Indo-French CEO’s forum was held in New Delhi in 2010

## Civilian Space Cooperation

* ISRO and CNES joint working group meet regularly
* They are working together on scientific satellite programme called **Megha Tropiques and SARAL** (Satellite for ARGOS and ALTIKA) scheduled to be launched in 2011.
* **GSAT 8** was launched from Arianspace in May 2011.

## Educational Cooperation

* France is collaborating with IIT-Rajasthan
* Strong cooperation shown between ICMR and INSERM for medical research
* France promoting seminars and student exchanges

## International Issues cooperation

* France supports India’s bid for UNSC permanent seat
* Both are members of G20.
* Cooperation in countering financing of terrorism, money laundering

## Cultural Exchange

* Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP)
* In 2010 and 2011 the Embassy is in the process of organising India-focuseds events in France
* France launched a cultural festival ‘**Bonjour India’** in seven Indian cities in Nov. 2009
* Indian cultural festival in France, ‘**Namaste France’** launched in April 2010 will go on till mid 2011.

## Gen

* Carla Bruni’s work as ambassador for the Global Fund which is engaged in the fight against HIV AIDS, TB and malaria is appreciated by Indians

## Indian Diaspora in France

## Conclusion

* Relationship based on congruence of views and interests

# Nicolas Sarkozy’s visit to India in December 2010

## The following agreements were signed

* Nuclear Cooperation
  + General Framework Agreement between NPCIL and AREVA for setting up two European Pressurised Reactor units at Jaitapur site, Maharashtra
  + Early Works Agreement between NPCIL and AREVA for implementation of EPR NPP units at Jaitapur
  + Protection of confidentiality of technical data and information relating to cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy
  + Agreement between Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and French CEA in the field of nuclear science and technology for peaceful uses of nuclear energy
  + Agreement concerning Intellectual Property Rights on the development of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy
  + Two agreements on nuclear safety were also signed: first between Atomic Energy Regulatory Board and French Nuclear Safety Authority. Second between AERB and Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (IRSN)
* MoU between ISRO and CNEc for cooperation in Earth System Science and Climate
* Agreement on film co-production
* After the Fukushima disaster France has launched a process of stress tests on all its nuclear installations. India has put on hold the deal on buying EPRs