



## **SIOS NEWS BRIEF (1-5 September)**

### **PM Modi Returns after Japan-China visit, attends SCO Summit in Tianjin (1 Sept)**

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Japan and China from August 29 to September 1. He attended the SCO Summit in Tianjin and held bilateral meetings with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin. Both the leaders at the summit reaffirmed that they are “development partners, not rivals.” The Indian PM outlined India’s vision of increasing collaboration under three pillars-Connectivity, Opportunity, and Security. PM Modi before arriving in China, visited Tokyo from August 29-30 for the 15<sup>th</sup> India-Japan Annual Summit.

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### **Jaishankar pushes for EU-India FTA with visiting German FM (3 Sept)**

The German Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Johann David Wadephul is on a two-day visit to India. In a series of posts on X, ahead of his visit, he said, “India is a key partner in the Indo-Pacific. Our relations are close-politically, economically, culturally. The expansion of our strategic partnership has much potential: from security cooperation to innovation & technology to recruiting skilled workers.” After talks between the German FM and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, the EAM said, “We would like the India-EU FTA talks to move to a decisive conclusion in the coming days.”

URL: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/hope-eu-india-fta-will-be-concluded-soon-jaishankar-after-meeting-german-counterpart/article70007725.ece>

### **India-Singapore ties: PM Modi holds bilateral with Lawrence Wong; discuss Pahalgam attack (4 Sept)**

To mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Singapore, the PM of Singapore, Lawrence Wong, arrived in India on September 2. The Indian PM held bilateral meeting with his Singaporean counterpart Lawrence Wong, marking a step forward in the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership among the two countries. During a joint press conference PM Modi said, “We have common concerns about terrorism. We believe it is the duty of all humanitarian countries to fight terrorism in solidarity. I express my gratitude to PM Wang and the Singapore government for their condolences to the people of India after the terrorist attack in Pahalgam and for their support in our fight against terrorism.”

URL: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-singapore-ties-pm-modi-holds-bilateral-with-lawrence-wong-discuss-pahalgam-attack/articleshow/123694655.cms>