

## 9th India-Thailand Joint Commission Meeting to be held in Bangkok

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Both the countries are celebrating 75 years of establishment of diplomatic relations. **India's relationship with the ASEAN has emerged as a key cornerstone of India's foreign policy.** 

The meeting will enhance bilateral relations in all dimensions including political security economic trade and investment connectivity social and culture cooperation as well as strengthen regional and sub-regional cooperation, and revitalize bilateral relations after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Memorandum of Understanding on Health and Medical Research Cooperation and Cooperation and Collaboration on Broadcasting are expected to sign in this meeting.

India and Thailand are close maritime neighbours having historical and cultural linkages.

In the contemporary context, India's 'Act East' policy is complemented by Thailand's 'Look West' policy.

Thailand is the Chairman of ASEAN for 2019 and also country Coordinator for India-ASEAN Strategic Partnership for 2018-21

Some of the defence exercise includes **Exercise Maitree** (bilateral exercise), **SITMEX** (Singapore, India, Thailand Maritime Excercise) a trilateral naval exercise , etc.