

Under PM Modi's Vision, India–Canada Talks on Clean Mobility and Critical Minerals Yield Positive Outcomes

H.D. Kumaraswamy holds High-Level Engagement to Strengthen Strategic Industrial Partnership

Focus on Batteries, EV Ecosystem, and Sustainable Supply Chains

Meeting Reinforces Viksit Bharat@2047 and Net Zero Vision

Both Nations Agree to Continue Structured Dialogue and Cooperation

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Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and guided by the national vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 and Net Zero targets, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, H.D. Kumaraswamy, held a high-level bilateral meeting with the Canadian delegation led by *H.E. Mr. Tim Hodgson, Minister of Natural Resources, Canada*, at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi, to strengthen cooperation in critical minerals, clean mobility, advanced manufacturing, and sustainable industrial development.



The meeting formed part of India's continued efforts to build resilient and future-ready industrial ecosystems aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's emphasis on sustainable growth, technological leadership, and self-reliance in strategic sectors.

Welcoming the Canadian delegation, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, H.D. Kumaraswamy underlined the strategic importance of India-Canada collaboration in emerging sectors and sustainable technologies.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has articulated the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 and Net Zero by 2070. The automotive, heavy electrical, and capital goods sectors are key pillars supporting this sustainable growth trajectory,” the Minister said.

He highlighted India's growing global stature in the automobile and electric mobility sectors, noting that the country today ranks among the world's leading manufacturers of passenger vehicles, commercial vehicles, heavy trucks, and two- and three-wheelers.

“Being among the world's leading automobile manufacturers, India has witnessed rapid adoption of electric vehicles through the FAME-II Scheme, which supported over 16 lakh electric vehicles and enabled the creation of more than 10,900 public charging stations nationwide,” he stated.

Building on this momentum, the Minister referred to the PM E-DRIVE Scheme and the PM e-Bus Sewa initiative as transformative programmes supporting electric two-wheelers, three-wheelers, buses, e-trucks, charging infrastructure, and testing facilities.

“Through these initiatives, we are strengthening our domestic manufacturing capabilities and ensuring that our products meet global safety and performance standards,” H.D. Kumaraswamy added.

A major focus of the discussions was the development of a robust and secure battery manufacturing ecosystem and access to critical minerals essential for clean energy technologies.

“India has launched an ambitious incentive programme of nearly US\$ 2 billion to create indigenous capability in Advanced Chemistry Cells. We appreciate Canada's strengths not only in the availability of critical minerals but also in their processing capabilities. This presents strong opportunities for building resilient supply chains,” the Minister said.

He further noted that National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) is actively exploring coal reserves in Canada to enhance India's steel manufacturing capacity and strengthen long-term energy security.

The Canadian delegation, led by Minister Tim Hodgson, appreciated India's rapid progress in emerging technologies and industrial innovation. Mr. Hodgson described India as a global leader in battery technologies and clean mobility solutions and expressed Canada's willingness to share advanced battery technologies with Indian partners.

He acknowledged the remarkable work being carried out by Indian private sector players in the electric mobility and manufacturing sectors and conveyed Canada's desire for greater access to Indian markets. He also reiterated Canada's readiness to support India's requirements for lithium, cobalt, graphite, and rare earth elements, which are critical for the green transition.

The meeting witnessed detailed deliberations on joint coordination frameworks and collaboration opportunities in battery cell and component manufacturing, research and development on next-generation batteries, critical mineral supply chains, testing and certification infrastructure, clean mobility solutions, and sustainable manufacturing processes.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Ministry of Steel were present during the discussions, including Secretary, MHI, Kamran Rizvi, Additional Secretary Hanif Qureshi, Joint Secretary Vijay Mittal, Joint Secretary, Steel, Vinod Kumar Tripathi, CMD, NMDC Amitava Mukherjee, CMD, BHEL K.S. Murthy and other senior officials, reflecting the Government of India's strong institutional commitment to advancing the partnership.



Representatives from the Ministry of External Affairs and senior members of the Canadian delegation also participated actively in the deliberations, ensuring comprehensive engagement at multiple levels.

Summing up the discussions, H.D. Kumaraswamy reaffirmed India's commitment to strengthening cooperation with Canada in clean energy, natural resources, and advanced manufacturing.

"Together, these initiatives are building a clean, resilient, and self-reliant automotive ecosystem, positioning India as a global hub for sustainable mobility," he said.

He further emphasized that India values its engagement with Canada in clean energy and natural resources, and that Canada's expertise complements India's clean mobility ambitions and industrial growth objectives.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both sides expressing satisfaction over the constructive and outcome-oriented dialogue. It was agreed that structured follow-up mechanisms, technical consultations, and industry-level engagements would continue in the coming months to translate the discussions into concrete projects and partnerships.

With shared priorities in sustainability, innovation, and inclusive growth, India and Canada reaffirmed their commitment to building a strong, long-term, and future-ready strategic partnership in critical minerals, clean mobility, and sustainable manufacturing.

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