

Networking Event
Indian Sectoral delegation to Sweden

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Remarks by Ambassador
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Good evening, a very warm welcome to all of you

We are grateful to **State Secretary Daniel Westlen**, for sparing his time & joining us here this evening.

We thank our **Swedish friends & partners** at Swedish Energy Agency, Business Sweden and also CII for arranging this visit of Indian businesses from these important sectors.

I would also like to thank colleagues from Smart City Sweden, IVL, Swedish Environmental Research Institute, RISE, and Stockholm Environment Institute and other partners who are with us today.

And **welcome** all Indian and Swedish businesses present here.

- This year marks **75 years** of India Sweden diplomatic relations.
- **Green industrial transition** & technology **innovation** drive India Sweden partnership.
- India is setting **hugely ambitious targets** for renewable energy and climate action. Energy intensity of our GDP is going down.
- I often give examples of **Delhi Metro or Delhi or Cochin airports** who are now running on solar power. Huge Wind farms are coming up. Businesses are aggressively adopting cleaner technologies and energy efficiency.
- **E-mobility** solutions are increasing. On Friday Hyderabad will host India's first ever **Formula E** race where at least two teams can be called Indian.
- **Sweden** is a pioneer in **clean technologies**. For instance, Green Steel & Green batteries.
- One of the biggest strengths of Sweden is its **triple helix** model. It simply means that there is huge synergy between industry, research and government ecosystems.
- Today's interaction also reflects this aspect as stakeholders from all these sectors from Sweden are present here.

- The India Sweden collaboration in green transition can be witnessed at **various levels**.
- One of course is **industry partnerships** and collaborations such as the one most of you represent.
- There are also **regular joint calls for proposals**, which are co-funded by a number of agencies from both sides.
- Yet another aspect works at a **global level**. The Leadership Group on Industry Transition (**LeadIT**) is a very substantive example.
- This global initiative was jointly launched by India and Sweden at the UN Climate event in 2019 in New York. It brings together countries and companies.
- Today US, UK, France, Germany, Japan and many others have also joined as have a number of prominent companies from India, Sweden and other countries, including for example **Dalmia Cements**, which is represented here.
- I attended the joint ministerial LeadIT meeting last June on the margins of **Stockholm+50** where the participation of a number of leaders, startups and think tanks was very substantive and impressive.
- I understand this has been a useful visit, especially for the Indian companies from cement, steel and paper & pulp sectors.
- I **thank** all our partners especially Swedish Energy Agency, Business Sweden, IVL, Smart City Sweden, LeadIT Secretariat, and Sweden India Business Council for facilitating this.
- My special thanks to the **State Secretary Daniel Westlén** for joining this evening. His presence is highly encouraging.