# News story: Prime Minister of India's visit, April 2018

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has today begun his second visit to the UK as an official Guest of Government, as part of the <u>Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting</u>.

The UK and India are bound together by numerous personal, professional, cultural and institutional ties, and also share a global outlook and a commitment to the rule of law, making us natural partners. Today's visit will help strengthen this partnership further, improving the prosperity and security for the UK and India.

<u>Prime Minister Theresa May met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi</u>. They held wide-ranging and constructive discussions and underlined our strategic partnership and growing convergence on regional and international issues and agreed a <u>joint statement</u>.

# Cultural links

### UK-India cultural links

The UK and India are joined by a 'living bridge' as thousands of British and Indian people live, work and study together each year.

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The UK and India are huge trading partners with big ambitions for the future. Science and technology are central to our ambitions with joint research growing from £1 million in 2008 to £400 million in 2018.