



India's sprint beyond the dairy red line to the Pacific


Why in news: India signed an FTA with New Zealand in December 2025, highlighting its rapid trade diplomacy shift under Viksit Bharat amid global protectionism and supply chain disruptions.

Key Details

- **Fastest FTA:** Concluded within 9 months, showing India's agile negotiation capacity
- **Talent Mobility:** 5,000 skilled visas + 1,000 youth visas; AYUSH–Māori recognition
- **Investment Boost:** \$20 billion inflow into agri-tech, renewable energy, healthcare
- **Dairy Protection:** Sensitive sector safeguarded with quotas and exclusions
- **GI Protection:** Legal safeguard for Darjeeling tea, Basmati rice in Oceania



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