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Indo-German Relations: more commonalities, more differences

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India and Germany have a long and good relationship. Traditionally, the main focus has been on the economy. Since the 1990s, science and technology became another important area pillar. In contrast, military and security cooperation had mostly a low priority. The special relationship between the two countries is also underlined by instruments like the strategic partnership agreement and government consultations. Recent developments in India may bring about a new dynamic: On the one hand both sides are sharing more commonalities with regard to the Indo-Pacific. On the other hand, domestic developments in India with regard to economic self-reliance and the decline of democracy will increase the differences. The changes will affect German companies and (I)NGOs. These changes may indicate a shift in the bilateral relationship from the partnership which is no longer based on common values but more on common interests.



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