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Xi meets Modi as China and India seek to rebuild ties



Chinese leader Xi Jinping met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday ahead of the opening of a regional summit in Tianjin, in a formal thaw between the two nuclear-armed powers.

Modi is on his first visit to China since relations between the two countries deteriorated after Chinese and Indian soldiers engaged in deadly border **clashes** in 2020.

Modi is visiting as part of India's membership into the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, a regional political, economic and security group founded by China.

Modi said in his opening remarks that relations with China have moved in "a meaningful direction," adding that "there is a peaceful environment at the borders after disengagement."

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Ahead of Modi's visit, China's top diplomat Wang Yi flew to New Delhi earlier in August, as the two sides **announced** their rapprochement.

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Wang's visit **coincided** with U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to **impose** 50% tariffs on India for its purchase of Russian oil, but Delhi's process of rebuilding ties with China had been in the works for months.

China and India this year have increased official visits and discussed easing some restrictions on trade and the movement of people across the border.

In June, Beijing allowed pilgrims from India to visit holy sites in Tibet.