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■ India and European Union agree to coordinate their policies in strategic semi-conductor sector

India and the European Union will coordinate their policies with regards to the strategic semiconductor sector, with the aim of concluding a Memorandum of Understanding by September 2023. According to joint statement issued after the first India - EU Trade and Technology Council meeting held in Brussels, the two sides will work towards bridging the digital skills gap, explore Mutual Recognition of certifications and make progress on the promotion of skilled professionals and exchange of talent. They will also enhance cooperation on IT and Telecom Standardisation with a particular focus on promoting interoperable standards. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar, visited Brussels to jointly co - chair the first Ministerial meeting of the India - EU Trade and Technology Council on 16th of this month.

