
BEIJING'S RISE REKINDLES EU-INDIA ROMANCE

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There's nothing like a common rival to forge a marriage of convenience. Even if, in the past, the EU and India never really clicked.

Back in 2013, trade talks between Brussels and New Delhi went into snooze mode, weighed down by thorny topics like India's agricultural protectionism and its generic pharmaceuticals.

But there's now a different mood in the air, as all eyes are on China. In a dangerous escalation of hostilities in the Himalayas, India lost 20 soldiers in a battle with Chinese forces last year and New Delhi is out to bolster alliances against Beijing, which it sees as trying to outflank it commercially and strategically.

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