



Manmohan Singh with Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai during the inaugural session of Delhi Sustainable Development Summit 2011 in New Delhi on Thursday.

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PM, Karzai talk peace, terror

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Thursday met visiting Afghan President Hamid Karzai to discuss a host of bilateral and regional issues.

Noting that terrorism was a threat to both their nations, the leaders said the strategic partnership between India and Afghanistan was a "positive factor" for peace and stability in the region, a statement issued after the meeting said.

During the meeting, Singh reiterated India's commitment to help build a strong, independent, democratic, peaceful and prosperous Afghanistan.

Karzai expressed gratitude for India's assistance to Afghanistan over the years. He underlined the need for the two sides to work together for stability in the region, the statement said.

Karzai later invited Singh to visit Afghanistan "at an early date". The Prime Minister accepted the invitation, it added.

The Afghan President also met his Indian counterpart Pratibha Patil.

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