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Modi, Morrison discuss media Bill

Legislation is being studied worldwide

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Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison has discussed Canberra's media policy with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The conversation was held against the backdrop of the Australian government's negotiations with tech giants, which led to a temporary suspension of many Australian Facebook accounts on Thursday.

"As comprehensive strategic partners, we can work together on common challenges, including COVID-19, the circular economy, oceans and an open, secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific. We also discussed the progress of our media platform Bill," Mr. Morrison said on Friday after his conversation with Mr. Modi.

Mr. Modi's social media post on the conversation did not highlight the portion on the Australian Bill.

Under the News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code Bill 2020, tech and social media giants such as Facebook and Google will have to pay local news outlets for using their content. The move is being studied worldwide as it will set a precedent in the use of Web-based news and content that may permanently impact the use of the Internet in Australia.

It is in this context that the discussion on the domestic Australian rule between the two leaders is being viewed as unusual. It appears that following the enactment, the Bill is likely to influence other democratically elected governments struggling to contain online exchanges.

The discussion is being viewed as significant as the Centre has looked at reining in major social media platforms.