



Australian High Commission

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AUSTRALIA-INDIA RELATIONS



**AUSTRALIA
CELEBRATES
INDIA 1947–2022**

As India celebrates its 75th Anniversary of Independence, the **Australia-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**, agreed in 2020, continues to scale new heights.

The Australian Government has announced **over AUD 280 million (INR 1500 crore)** of new initiatives since November 2021, to build out ties across the breadth of the relationship and support India's leadership in the region.

The publication of ***An Update to the India Economic Strategy to 2035*** provides a blueprint for deepening ties.

The historic **India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA)**, signed on 2 April 2022, will further strengthen our economic cooperation.



TRADE & ECONOMIC

- A new Consulate-General in Bengaluru
- Australia-India Infrastructure Forum
- Business Champions secretariat
- Economic policy and regulation partnership
- Australia-India Future Skills Initiative
- Australia-India Innovation Network
- Cooperation on standards and conformance
- India-Australia Grains Partnership
- Increased trade promotion footprint in India



ENERGY, SCIENCE & INNOVATION

- Joint Centre of Excellence on Critical & Emerging Technology Policy in Bengaluru
- Australian International Space Investment Initiative India expansion
- Green Steel Partnership
- Critical Minerals Research and Investment Partnership
- Global Mining Challenge Program - India
- Australia-India Strategic Research Fund
- Australia-India Innovation and Technology Challenge
- Letter of Intent on New and Renewable Energy Technology
- Critical Minerals MoU between KABIL & CMFO
- Cyber and Critical Technology Partnership grants
- Foreign Ministers' Cyber Framework Dialogue



PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE LINKS

- A new Centre for Australia-India Relations
- Maitri (Mateship) Scholars Program
- Maitri Cultural Partnership
- Maitri Grants and Fellowships Program
- Return of 29 significant Indian artefacts
- Establishment of a Taskforce on Education Qualifications Recognition
- Letter of Intent on Migration and Mobility
- MoU between Prasar Bharati India & SBS Australia
- Report on *Australia's Indian Diaspora: A national asset*
- Ongoing Australia-India Research Student Fellowship pilot program and Australian Researcher Cooperation Hub - India
- MoU on Tourism Cooperation



STRENGTHENING THE REGION

- General Rawat India-Australia Young Defence Officer Exchange Program
- A new High Commission to Maldives
- Bay of Bengal Trade and Energy partnership
- Bay of Bengal Connectivity partnership
- Support for Information Fusion Centre - Indian Ocean Region
- Support for a Maritime Disaster Centre in Sri Lanka
- South Asia Resources & Mining Equipment, Technology and Services Industry Market Access and Preparedness Program
- Support for Pacific Island Countries under the International Solar Alliance
- Support for Pacific Island Countries under the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure
- Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative Partnership grants



For more information on the Update and the initiatives, visit the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website: **Bolstering our ties with India**



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INDIA-AUSTRALIA ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TRADE AGREEMENT (IndAus ECTA)

On 2 April 2022, Australia and India signed the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA). IndAus ECTA is India's first bilateral trade agreement with a large, developed economy in ten years.

- IndAus ECTA aims to
double two-way trade

- In 2020, India was Australia's
7th largest trading partner
(\$24.3 billion)

- Australia's goal is to lift India into our
top 3 export markets
by 2035, and make it our
**3rd largest outward
investment destination
in Asia**

Unlocking A New Era of Trade



**Zero duty on 96.4% of
Indian goods exports**
on entry into force, including:



textiles and apparel



leather and footwear



furniture



gems and jewellery



machinery



**Cheaper Australian
inputs into Indian
manufacturing**

with tariffs eliminated on
entry into force for coal,
alumina and metallic
ores, including nickel; and
critical minerals including
lithium and cobalt.



**Expanded work and study
opportunities, including:**

- an annual quota for Indian qualified chefs and yoga instructors
- expanded post-study work rights for STEM and ICT students
- work and holiday arrangements for Indian citizens



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For more information on IndAus ECTA, visit the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website: Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (AI-CECA)