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India-Denmark Bilateral Relations

Bilateral relations between India and Denmark are cordial and friendly, based on synergies in political, economic, academic and research fields. There have been periodic high-level visits between the two countries.

Prime-Ministerial level interactions

Virtual Summit: Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Prime Minister of Denmark, H.E. Ms. Mette Frederiksen co-chaired a Virtual Summit between India and Denmark on 28 September 2020. Both Prime Ministers held in-depth exchange of views in a warm and friendly atmosphere on bilateral relations, discussed the Covid-19 pandemic and global matters of interest to both sides, including climate change and green transition, and reached common understanding with a view to accelerating sustainable economies and societies. A significant boost was given to the bilateral relationship with the launching of a Green Strategic Partnership between the two countries during the Summit.

India-Nordic Summit: Hon'ble PM met the then Danish PM Lars Løkke Rasmussen at the India-Nordic Summit in Stockholm on 17 April 2018 and discussed ways to improve relations. This meeting at the level of Prime Ministers was held after a gap of 9 years. Four MoUs were exchanged during the meeting, viz. (a) MoU on cooperation in the fields of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, (b) MoU in the field of Sustainable and Smart Urban Development, (c) MoU on cooperation in Agricultural Research and Education, and (d) MoU on Food Safety Cooperation. These helped improve sectoral government-to-government cooperation and the meeting gave further impetus to the relationship.

Danish Prime Minister's visit to India: Danish PM Lars Løkke Rasmussen visited India from 18-19 January 2019 for the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019, where Denmark participated as a Partner Country. He was accompanied by a business delegation including CEOs of major Danish companies. On 18 January, he held a bilateral meeting with PM Shri Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the Vibrant Gujarat Summit in Gandhinagar where the two leaders deliberated upon various

areas of bilateral cooperation and also exchanged views on multilateral issues of mutual interest. Two MoUs were exchanged during the meeting - MoU on Maritime Issues between the Ministry of Shipping of India and the Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs of Denmark and MoU between Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited and the Danish Embassy in New Delhi to establish an Urban Living Lab in Panaji, Goa.

Visit of Prime Minister of Denmark (September 2009): Danish Prime Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen paid a one day working visit to India on 11 September 2009 as Host of the COP-15. He met former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and discussed climate change, regional and bilateral issues.

Visit of Prime Minister of Denmark (February 2008): Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Prime Minister of Denmark, accompanied by a strong business delegation, paid a State visit to India from 4-8 February 2008. He visited Infosys, Biocon and IIM in Bangalore and Agra. During his visit, Mr. Rasmussen called on Hon'ble President and held a meeting with the Prime Minister and EAM. He launched an "India Action Plan", which called for strengthening of the political dialogue, cooperation in trade and investments, research in science and technology, energy, climate and environment, culture, education, student exchanges and attracting skilled manpower and IT experts to Denmark for short periods.

India-Denmark Joint Commission Meetings

The India-Denmark Joint Commission was established pursuant to an agreement signed on February 6, 2008. The Joint Commission has since held four meetings; 1st Meeting in December 2010 and 2nd Meeting in December 2018, both in New Delhi. The 3rd Joint Commission meeting was held virtually on 12 May 2020 in which both sides agreed to work towards Green Strategic Partnership, facilitate Parliamentary exchanges, deepen economic engagement and expand cooperation in multilateral organizations.

Visit of EAM to Denmark for the 4th JCM: External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Denmark from 4-5 September 2021 for the 4th Joint Commission Meeting. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Jeppe Kofod, Foreign Minister of Denmark and the two Ministers discussed the entire gamut of bilateral relations, including regional, global and

multilateral issues of mutual interest. An MoU on Health and Medicine was signed between the two sides and a Joint Working Group was established under the Joint Commission.

Between July 2010-2016, India's relations with Denmark were affected by the extradition case of Kim Davy and there was minimal official contact between the two sides which adversely affected trade and economic relations and cooperation in multilateral forums. After it was decided to review our relations and allow Ministerial visits and official contacts between India and Denmark in end-2016, the following important Danish Ministers have since visited India:

- Danish Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities, Dan Jorgensen, visited India from 7-10 September 2021 with a strong business delegation. He called on the Minister of Commerce and Industry, the Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, and the Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change. During his visit, a joint Centre of Excellence for Offshore Wind Energy was launched in New Delhi.
- Foreign Minister Jeppe Kofod visited India from 14-16 January 2020 to attend the 5th edition of the Raisina Dialogue. Apart from meeting Hon'ble PM on the sidelines of the Raisina Dialogue, he met EAM for bilateral talks where they discussed strengthening bilateral ties in all spheres and the prospects of a Green Strategic Partnership. Kofod also met Shri Gajendra Singh Sekhawat, Minister of Jal Shakti, and discussed further collaboration on Jal Jeevan Mission especially in water treatment technology. Kofod also visited the Barapullah site of DESMI, a Danish company that is currently cleaning the Barapullah drain from floating debris and collecting mixed waste, on 15 January.
- Jakob Ellemann-Jensen, Danish Minister for Environment & Food, visited India from 17-19 January 2019. On 17 January 2019, he met Minister for Food Processing Industry, the Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare as well as the Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation in New Delhi. On 18 January 2019, he joined the Prime Minister of Denmark at the Vibrant Gujarat Summit in Gandhinagar.

- Danish Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen visited India from 17-18 December 2018 during which he co-chaired the 2nd JCM and met EAM. Apart from inaugurating the new Danish Chancery building in New Delhi and interacting with members of the Indo-Danish Business Association, he also met the Commerce & Industry Minister during his visit.
- Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen visited India during 27-30 November 2017, the first visit by a Danish FM since 2010. He met EAM in New Delhi on 27 November and held discussions on various aspects of bilateral ties as well as regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest. He attended the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Hyderabad during 28-30 November 2017. He also called on PM in Hyderabad on 28 November and discussed strengthening of bilateral relations.
- A 6-member Danish delegation led by Sophie Lohde, Minister for Public Sector Innovation participated in the Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCCS 2017) from 23-26 November 2017 in New Delhi. She discussed bilateral cooperation with Minister for Communications & IT and also met the Finance Minister.
- A Danish delegation led by Minister of Food and Environment Esben Lund Larsen participated in the World Food India 2017 held during 3-5 November in Delhi. During his visit the Danish Minister met Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare on 3 November and signed a LoI on increased cooperation in the agricultural sector. The Minister also met Minister of Food Processing Industries, as well as Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Minister for Science & Technology & Earth Sciences. Hon'ble PM also visited the Danish Pavilion on 3 November.
- Minister for Energy, Utilities and Climate Lars Christian Lilleholt visited India with a delegation during 10-13 January 2017 for the 'Vibrant Gujarat Summit'. He had a meeting with Hon'ble PM on the sidelines of the 'Vibrant Gujarat Summit'.
- Minister for Energy, Utilities and Housing, Ole Birk Olesen visited India on 20 February 2017.

- Danish Minister for Higher Education, Soren Pind visited India in 6-9 December 2016.

Visit of Minister for Science & Technology: Former Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan visited Denmark during 21-24 May 2018 to attend the 9th Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM9) and 3rd Mission Innovation Ministerial (MI3) held in Copenhagen and Malmo (Sweden) which was co-hosted by the European Commission together with Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and the Nordic Council of Ministers. The Hon'ble Minister had a bilateral meeting with the Danish Minister for Higher Education & Science and signed the Agreement on Cooperation in the Fields of Science, Technology and Innovation. He also visited the Technical University of Denmark and a state-of-the-art Waste to Energy Plant in Copenhagen.

Visit of Minister for Food Processing Industries: Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Minister for Food Processing Industries, visited Denmark from 24 - 25 August, 2017 to attend the World Food Summit. This was the first Ministerial level visit from India to Denmark since 2011. A business delegation from Rasna, Rabo Equity Bank, E&Y India, FSSAI and representatives from the Confederation of Indian Industry accompanied the Minister and engaged with the Danish food processing industry on the achievements/ investment opportunities in India and to promote a flag ship event in India "World Food India", being organized by the Ministry of Food Processing in New Delhi from 3-5 November 2017. About 50 Danish food processing companies participated in both the events. Denmark agreed to be a Partner country in World Food India and a business delegation of 19 food processing companies and two organizations participated in the World Food India held from 3-5 November 2017 in New Delhi. The Danish business delegation was headed by former Danish Minister for the Environment and Food, H.E. Mr. EsbenLunde Larsen.

Minister of Food Processing Industries of India again visited Denmark from 30 August-01 September 2018 to attend the World Food Summit. The Minister had bilateral meetings with Danish Minister of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs, Mr. RasmusJarlov, and the Minister of Environment and Food, Mr. JakobEllemann-Jensen.

Important Bilateral Treaties and Agreements:

- Technical Cooperation Agreement 1970 - 1981

- Bilateral Agreement on an Integrated Fisheries Project at Tadri, Karnataka - 1981
- Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (BIPA) 1995
- Protocol on Avoidance of Double Taxation (DTAA) - 1995
- MOU for cooperation between CII and Confederation of Danish Industries – 1995
- Protocol on Foreign Office Consultation - 1995
- Joint Business Council Agreement between FICCI and the Danish Industry (DI) - 2002
- MOU on Biotechnology for Bilateral Cooperation – 2004
- Agreement for establishment of a Bilateral Joint Commission for Cooperation – Feb 2008
- MOU for Cooperation in New and Renewable Energy – Feb 2008
- Arrangement on Gainful Employment for Family Members of the Diplomatic Mission or Consular Posts – Feb 2008
- MOU on Clean Development Mechanism – Oct 2008
- MOU on Cooperation in the area of Environment – September 2009
- MOU on Labour Mobility Partnership – September 2009
- Social Security Agreement – February 2010
- MOU on Cooperation in the fields of Animal husbandry and Dairying in April 2018
- MOU in the field of Sustainable and Smart Urban Development in April 2018
- MOU on Cooperation in agricultural research and education in April 2018
- MOU on Food Safety Cooperation in April 2018
- Agreement on Cooperation in the fields of Science, Technology and Innovation in May 2018 Minister of Science & Technology & Earth Sciences.
- MoU between National Institute of Wind Energy and Denmark Technical University on Collaboration in the field of Wind Energy and Wind-Solar Hybrid System in Dec 2018.
- Protocol on Foreign Office Consultations in Dec 2018
- MoU on Maritime Issues between the Ministry of Shipping of India and the Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs of Denmark on 18 Jan 2019.
- MoU between Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited and the Danish Embassy in New Delhi to establish an Urban Living Lab in Panaji, Goa on 18 Jan 2019.
- The letter of Intent on Centre of Excellence activities on 6 March 2019.

- Cooperation Agreement for the Strategic Sector Cooperation on Offshore Wind on 06th March 2019.
- MoU on Cooperation in Environment renewed for 5 years on 6 May 2020.
- MoU on India-Denmark Energy Cooperation signed on 5 June 2020.
- MoU on India-Denmark Intellectual Property Rights signed on 26 September 2020 in New Delhi.
- Letter of Intent on cooperation in the field of Sustainable & Smart Urban Water Supply & Sanitation signed in July 2021.
- MoU on mapping of groundwater resources and aquifers between CSIR-NGRI, Hyderabad, Aarhus University and Geological Survey of Denmark & Greenland signed on 3 August 2021.
- MoU on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine signed on 3 September 2021.

Bilateral Visits: India to Denmark (2008 onwards)

1.	MOS for New & Renewable Energy, Mr. Vilas Muttemwar	7-9 April 2008
2.	Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs Mr. Vayalar Ravi	28-29 September 2009
3.	MOS for Environment & Forests, Mr. Jairam Ramesh	9-11 October 2009
4.	MOS for Environment & Forests, Mr. Jairam Ramesh	15-17 November 2009
5.	Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh (for COP15)	17-18 December 2009
6.	Minister of Water Resources, Mr. Salman Khurshid	8-9 June 2011
7.	Parliamentary delegation led by Speaker of Lok Sabha, Mrs. Meira Kumar	16-19 June 2011
8.	Minister for Food Processing Industries, Mrs. Harsimrat Kaur Badal	24-25 August 2017

9.	Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science & Technology Smt.	21-24 May 2018
10.	Minister of Food Processing Industries, Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal,	30-31 August 2018
11.	Minister of External Affairs of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar	4-5 September 2021

Denmark to India (2008 onwards)

1.	Prime Minister Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen	4-8 February 2008
2.	Minister of Climate & Energy Ms. Connie Hedegaard	4-6 February 2009
3.	Minister of Environment Mr. Troels Lund Poulsen	18-21 February 2009
4.	Prime Minister Mr. Lars Lokke Rasmussen	11 September 2009
5.	Minister of Climate & Energy Ms. Connie Hedegaard	22-23 October 2009
6.	Minister of Climate & Energy Ms. Lykke Friis	5-7 February 2010
7.	Minister of Employment Ms. Inger Stojberg	15-17 February 2010
8.	Minister of Transport Mr. Hans Christian Schmidt	18-22 June 2010
9.	Minister of Foreign Affairs Ms. Lene Espersen	14-15 December 2010
10.	Minister of Economy & Business Affairs Mr. Biran Mikkelsen	3-7 January 2011

10.	Minister for Higher Education, Mr. Soren Pind	6-9 December 2016
11.	Minister for Energy, Utilities & Climate Mr. Lars Christian Lilleholt	10-13 January 2017
12.	Minister for Transport and Housing Mr. Ole Brik Olesen	20 February 2017
13.	Minister for the Environment & Food Mr. EsbenLunde Larsen	3-5 November 2017
14.	Minister for Public Sector Innovation Ms. Sophie Lohde	23-26 November 2017
15	Foreign Minister Mr. Anders Samuelsen	27-30 November 2017
16	Foreign Minister Mr. Anders Samuelsen	16- 18 December 2018
17	Minister for Environment & Food Mr. JakobEllemann-Jensen	17-19 January 2019
18	Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen	18-19 January 2019
19	Foreign Minister Jeppe Kofod	14-16 January 2020
20	Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities Dan Jorgensen	7-10 September 2021

Commercial and Economic Relations: Though small in size, Denmark is a rich country with an open economy which relies heavily on foreign trade and investment to generate high levels of income. As per Denmark Statistics, the total volume of bilateral trade in goods and services between India and Denmark was US\$ 3.58 billion in 2020, compared to US\$ 3.68 billion in 2019, amounting to a decrease of 2.7%. Bilateral

trade of commodities between India and Denmark has increased from US\$ 1077.8 million in 2009-10 to US\$ 1344 million in 2020-21. Bilateral commodities trade figures from financial year 2015-16 to 2020-21 are given below:

(Figures in US\$ million)

Financial Year	India's Exports	India's Imports	Total Trade	Growth Rate %	India's BoT Surplus
2015-16	688.79	428.54	1,117.33		260.24
2016-17	692.94	481.55	1,174.50	5.12	211.39
2017-18	784.10	564.55	1,348.66	14.83	219.55
2018-19	746.59	537.30	1,283.89	-4.80	209.29
2019-20	733.96	632.40	1,366.36	6.42	101.55
2020-21	755.25	589.13	1,344.37	-1.61	166.12

[Source: DGFT, Dept. of Commerce; figures include trade in goods only]

The major export items from India to Denmark are textiles, apparels and yarns related. Other items include road vehicles and components, metal goods, iron and steel, footwear, travel goods including leather goods, industrial machinery and accessories, chemical material and products, etc. Major Danish exports to India are medicinal/pharmaceutical goods, power generating machinery, industrial machinery, metal waste and ore, organic chemicals, etc.

Bilateral trade in services between India and Denmark was US\$ 2.32 billion in 2020 [import to India in services amounting to US\$ 1.29 billion and export in service sector by India valued at US\$ 1.03 billion].

Important streets and public places named after Indian leaders: Gandhi Plaene (Gandhi Park), located at the junction of BorupsAlle

and Hvidkildevej in Copenhagen. Has a bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi in sitting posture. City of Aarhus has a Nehru Road near Aarhus University.

Visa requirements for officials: Holders of diplomatic and official passports do not require visa to enter Denmark. Others require a visa. Visa may be required to transit through other EU countries while travelling to Denmark. The details and types of visas issued to tourists, businessmen and students are available on the Danish Embassy's website.

Air links with India: Air India started its direct operations from Copenhagen to Delhi on 16 September 2017 with three times a week direct flight that provided connectivity from Denmark to India. The route lasted till 17 March 2020. Presently, there are no direct air-links between India and Denmark. Indirect connections are through Frankfurt, Paris, Amsterdam, etc.

Estimated NRI/PIO: The size of the Indian community in Denmark, inclusive of both NRIs (12,909) and PIOs, (2,709) is 15,618 (as on August 2021).
