

India - Senegal Relations

Political Relations: Diplomatic relations between the two countries were established at Ambassadorial level in 1962, with a resident Indian Mission in Dakar. Both countries enjoy warm and friendly bilateral relations sharing common values of democracy, development and secularism. They are both members of the Non-Aligned Movement and G-15. Senegal has appreciated India's cooperation and support for the development of Africa on a number of occasions in the international fora. Partnership with India in the fields of urban transport, agriculture, fisheries, rural electrification, human resource development, information technology, health etc. is particularly well appreciated here. Senegal, being the leading Francophone country in West Africa, played a significant role in the creation of TEAM-9 and is also a prominent beneficiary under the programme.

Commercial Relations / Bilateral Trade:

Value in **US \$ Million**

SENEGAL	India's Exports	India's Imports	Total Trade	Growth in %
2003-2004	26.74	144.96	171.70	
2004-2005	69.24	181.20	250.44	45.86
2005-2006	93.50	292.56	386.06	54.15
2006-2007 *	152.14	72.70	224.84	-41.76
2007-2008	198.21	149.83	348.04	54.70
2008-2009	144.82	216.28	361.10	03.75
2009-2010	188.70	237.03	425.73	17.69
2010-2011	219.83	205.65	425.48	-0.06

Source: Export Import Database, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India

Major items of export from India to Senegal include textiles, food items, automobiles and pharmaceuticals. Major items of import from Senegal are phosphates and iron scrap.

Events: In July-August 2010, the Industries Chimique du Senegal, in which an Indian consortium holds the majority stake, sponsored a programme titled 'Operation Regaining Mobility' in Senegal under which 'Jaipur Foot' were fitted to around 500 people including soldiers and civilians who had lost their limbs due to anti personnel landmines and also to others who had become handicapped due to accidents or natural causes. A workshop on Capacity Building in International Business for Senior Executives was organized in Senegal by IIFT in October 2010. The third 'World Festival of Black African Arts and Culture' (FESMAN-III) was held in Dakar in December 2010. Two Indian cultural troops named 'Seher' and 'Siddi Goma' who were invited by the government of Senegal, performed at the Festival. In February 2011, an important FICCI delegation visited Senegal and apart from calling on Ministers and holding meetings with senior officials in the Government of Senegal, also participated in B2B meetings and a conference at Dakar Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture. The President as well as the Foreign Minister of Senegal participated in the second session of the India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-2) meetings held in Addis Ababa in May 2011. A Cultural troop named 'La Linguere' visited India in June 2012 and participated in the Africa Festival held in New Delhi.

Investments: The largest investment from India in Senegal is in Industries Chimique du Senegal (ICS): ICS is the flagship company in Senegal which is in the business of manufacturing phosphoric acid from the rock phosphate available in plenty in Senegal. Many other companies including Tata Group (Tata Motors, Tata Unitech and Tata Africa-Senegal), Kirloskar Bros, Expotech, CSL Ltd, NIIT, Ranbaxy, Ajanta Pharma, Coppice Technologies Ltd., Lucky Group, Angelique, Inma International, Mohan Energy etc. are active in Senegal and the region.

ITEC and other training and assistance programmes:

For the financial year 2012-2013, 35 slots have been allotted for Senegal under ITEC programme. The Hub Earth Station of the Pan-African e-Network Project is located in Sebikotane village of Senegal. The project, inaugurated in February 2009 is now operational in 47 countries of Africa. India's Duty Free Tariff Preference (DFTP) scheme is applicable for import of select commodities from Senegal. An Entrepreneurial Training & Development Centre (ETDC) was setup under G-15 Cooperation Programme (inaugurated in 2002). India has extended concessional Lines of Credit (LoC) to Senegal for (i) development of rural SMEs and purchase of agricultural machinery and equipment from India, (ii) supply of buses and spares by Tata International (Tata Motors), (iii) irrigation project; (iv) Women Poverty Alleviation Programme and acquisition of 400 vehicles from India, (v) IT Sector, hardware and logistics movement, (vi) rural electrification, (vii) fishing industry development project, (viii) acquiring railway coaches and locomotives from India. (ix) supply of medical equipment etc. to four hospitals in Senegal.

NRI Population:

The Indian community numbers around 300 (three hundred). Most of them are working for Indian companies including those executing development projects under Lines of Credit extended by India. Some of them are running their own businesses.

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