

**Embassy of India
Ankara**

India-Turkey Relations

Executive Summary: India-Turkey bilateral relations have been traditionally friendly, cordial and have been influenced by several factors.

There are deep historical connections between India and Turkey. The first exchange of diplomatic missions between Ottoman Sultan and the Muslim rulers of the sub-continent dates back to the years 1481-82. However, after the 16th century, Ottoman relations with India became infrequent and of relatively minor importance since the two great Sunni Muslim rulers were too remote to be of interest to one another either as allies or as rivals.

India and Turkey have a great cultural overlap. The Turkic impact on India in areas such as culture and civilization, art and architecture and costumes and cuisine was considerable. For example, the Ottoman Architect Mimar Yusuf, disciple of the great Mimar Sinan went to India and entered the service of Akbar. He is reputed to have had some hand in the buildings in Agra and Delhi. The names of one of India's great languages, Urdu, can be traced to the Turkish language. The Sufi philosophy of Mevlana Jelaluddin Rumi found a natural resonance in the Indian sub-continent with its own traditions of Sufism and the Bhakti movement.

More recent historical contacts between India and Turkey were reflected in the medical mission led by renowned Indian freedom fighter, Dr. M.A. Ansari, to Turkey in 1912 during the Balkan Wars. One of his companions, Abdur Rahman stayed on in Turkey and was later Kemal Ataturk's envoy to Kabul. India also extended support in 1920s to Turkey's War of Independence and formation of the republic. An amount of 106,400 British Pounds were sent by India which was used for emergency needs of the Turkish army, for reconstruction of the city of Izmir (after it was burnt down by the Greek army), formation of the İş Bank and for buying land and developing food and beverage factories on the forest farm of Ataturk.

Turkey and India are both secular democracies, based on ethnic, religious and linguistic plurality, although the ruling AK Party government has been criticised especially since its June 2011 electoral victory for several moves that are taking Turkey away from the path of secularism and democracy.

Having a Customs Union with EU, Turkey can be a bridgehead for Indian exports to Europe through Turkey. India and Turkey have a great potential for economic and commercial interactions with the success of market reforms on both sides. There are opportunities in sectors like energy, infrastructure, services as well as science and technology. As members of the G-20, both countries have a role to play in the international economic processes.

India and Turkey have a shared interest in the stability and security of Afghanistan and Central Asia.

In the light of the above, the possibility of improving relations between India and Turkey are good, particularly with India's emergence as a major power with considerable influence on the world scene. India's impressive economic growth and nuclear status have also attracted Turkish

attention. Turkey has begun to view India as possible source of high technology and a useful economic partner.

High level visits:

India to Turkey

Presidents, Vice Presidents, Prime Ministers

	Name of the dignitary	Year	Remarks
1	H.E. Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, PM	1960 (first)	
2.	H.E. Dr. Zakir Hussein, Vice President	1965	
3.	H.E. Shri Rajiv Gandhi, PM	1988	
4.	H.E. Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, President	1993	
5.	H.E. Mr. K.R. Narayanan, President	1998	Agreements on (a) Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection, (b) Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances (c) MOU between CSIR and Turkish Science and Technology Research Institute (TUBITAK) and MOU Between National Centre of Trade Promotion and Export Promotion Centre of Turkey were signed
6.	H.E. Shri Krishan Kant, Vice President	1998	Represented India at the 75 th anniversary celebration of the Turkish Republic.
7.	H.E. Shri A.B. Vajpayee, PM	2003	50 ITEC Scholarship announcement for Turkish Scholars
8.	H.E. Shri M.H. Ansari, Vice President	Oct 2011	Bilateral discussions with the President, Speaker of Parliament, PM and FM of Turkey

Other Ministers:

1.	H.E. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Education Minister	1951	Agreement Concerning Cultural Relations
2.	H.E. Shri Sardar Swaran Singh, Foreign Minister	1970	
3.	H.E. Shri Y.B. Chavan, FM	1976	
4.	H.E. Shri Yashawant Sinha, FM	2003	
5.	H.E. Shri L.K. Advani, Deputy PM and Home Minister	2001	Extradition treaty signed

6.	H.E. Shri Shahnawaz Hussain, MOS for Civil Aviation,	2002 May	
7.	H.E. Shri Vinod Khanna, MOS for Culture and Tourism,	2002 Sep	
8.	H.E. Shri Mani Shankar Aiyer, Minister of Petroleum,	2005	
9.	Shri M.K. Narayanan, National Security Advisor to the Govt of India	2008 July	Special envoy of the PM to seek Turkish support in the NSG for the Indo-US nuclear deal
10.	H.E. Prof. Saifuddin Soz, Minister for Water Resources	2009, March	To attend 5 th World Water Forum held in Istanbul
11.	H.E. Shri Anand Sharma, MOS for external Affairs and Information and Broadcasting	2009 April	To attend 2 nd Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations held in Istanbul
12.	H.E. Shri Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry	2009 Sep	To attend 9 th Session of the JECTC
13.	H.E. Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Finance Minister	2009 Oct.	To attend annual meetings of the IMF
14.	H.E. Shri Prafulla Patel, MOS for Civil Aviation	2009 Oct	To attend inauguration of the new international terminal at Sabiha Gokcen International Airport, Istanbul
15.	H.E. Shri Dayanidhi Maran, Minister of Textiles	Nov 2009	Textile road show held
16.	H.E. Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Water Resources and H.E. V. Narayanasamy MOS for Parliamentary Affairs, Planning and Culture	Jan 2010	Goodwill Multiparty Parliamentary Delegation
17.	H.E. Shri. Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry	June 2010	To attend CICA Summit as Special Envoy of the Indian PM
18.	H.E. Shri Jyodiraditya Scindia, Minister of State for Commerce & Industry	Feb 2011	To inaugurate the 'India Show' in Istanbul
19.	H.E. Sushilkumar Shinde, Hon'ble Minister of Power	Apr 2012	To attend World Energy Leaders Summit
20.	H.E. Mr. Kapil Sibal Minister of HRD	May 2011	LDC's Conference in Istanbul
21.	H.E. Mr. S.M. Krishna EAM	May 2011	LDC's Conference in Istanbul
22.	H.E. Mr. S.M. Krishna EAM	Nov 2011	Istanbul Conference on Afghanistan
23.	H.E. Mr. Ajay Maken, MoS (IK), Youth Affairs and Sports	June 2012	For signing MoU on cooperation in Youth Affairs & Sports
24.	H.E. Saugata Roy, Hon'ble MOS, Urban Development	June 2012	Study Tour (Urban Transport)
25.	H.E. Dr Farooq Abdullah, Hon'ble	June	For bilateral meetings on

	Minister for New & Renewable Energy	2013	cooperation
26.	H.E. Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs (EAM)	23-25 July 2013	For bilateral meetings

B. Turkey to India

President and Prime Minister

	Name of the Dignitary	Year	Remarks
1.	H.E. Mr. Turgut Ozal, PM	1986	Civil Aviation agreement signed
2.	H.E. Mr. Kenan Evren, President	1989	
3.	H.E. Mr. Suleyman Demirel, President	1995	Two agreements signed – Avoidance of Double Taxation and on Tourism
4.	H.E. Mr. Bulent Ecevit, PM	2000	MOU on Cooperation in the Agricultural Sector
5.	H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Mehmet Aydin, State Minister H.E. Mr. Zafer Caglayan, Minister of Industry and Commerce, H.E. Hilmi Guler, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, H.E. Egemen Bagis, member of Parliament and Deputy Chairman of AK Party	2008	Agreed to double the volume of bilateral trade from USD 2 billion to USD 4 billion by 2012.
6.	H.E. Mr. Abdullah Gul, President H.E. Mr. Mehmet Aydin, State Minister H.E. Mr. Binali Yildirim, Transport Minister H.E. Recep Akdag, Health Minister	2010	Joint Declarations on Terrorism as well as Cooperation in the field of Science and Technology were issued. Honorary Doctorate awarded to Hon. President by Amity University

Other Ministers:

1.	H.E. Mr. Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil, FM	1968	
2.	H.E. Mr. Umit Haluk Bayulken, FM	1973	
3.	H.E. Mr. Gunduz Okcun, FM	1978	
4.	H.E. Prof. (Dr.) Enis Oksuz, Transport Minister	2000	MOU on cooperation in the Railway sector signed
5.	H.E. Mr. Hikmet Sami Turk, Justice Minister	2002	

6.	H.E. Mr. Hilmi Guler, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources	2005 Nov	MOU on cooperation in the Hydrocarbon Sector signed, first meeting of the joint working group on hydrocarbons was also held.
7.	H.E. Mr. Besir Alatay, MOS	2006 Nov	Second regional economic conference on Afghanistan held in ND
8.	H.E. Mr. Attila Koc, Tourism Minister	2006 Nov	Tourism promotion
9.	H.E. Mr. Faruk Nafiz Ozak, Minister of Public Works and Housing	2006 Dec	Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Human Settlements
10.	H.E. Mr. Faruk Nafiz Ozak, Minister of Public Works and Housing	2007 Nov	Second Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Reduction
11.	H.E. Mr. Ali Babacan, FM	2008 Feb	Agreement of Mutual exemption of visas for diplomats
12.	H.E. Mr. Kursad Tuzmen State Minister of Foreign Trade	2008 March	Trade Promotion
13.	H.E. Mr. Vecdi Gonul Defence Minister	2010 Feb	To attend Defexpo2010. Also met Defence Minister H.E. Mr.A.K.Antony
14.	H.E. Mr. Mehdi Eker, Minister of Agriculture	June 2010	Met H.E. Mr. Sharad Pawar, Indian Agriculture Minister
15.	H.E. Dr. Ahmet Davutoglu	Feb 2011	For Ministerial Meeting on LDCs in New Delhi
16.	H.E. Mr. Mehmet Zafer Caglayan Minister of Foreign Trade	April 2011	Return visit to our CIM's visit in June 2010, and visit of MoS (C&I) in Feb 2011
17.	H.E. Mr. Mehmet Zafer Caglayan Minister of Foreign Trade	Nov 2011	Turkish Trade Fair organised by the Istanbul Chamber of Trade and Commerce at Mumbai

Relief Assistance to Van earthquake victims

4. On the sidelines of the Istanbul Conference on Afghanistan on 2nd November 2011, EAM Shri S.M. Krishna met FM Davutoglu and offered a relief assistance of US\$ 500,000 to the victims of the earthquake in Van province of south-Eastern Turkey in October 2011. The cheque was handed over to President Abdullah Gul by Ambassador Susmita Gongulee Thomas during the presentation of credentials ceremony on 5th December 2011.

Agreements

List of Agreements/MOU's/Protocols entered into between the two countries has been attached as annexure.

Institutional Dialogue mechanisms

- Foreign Office Consultations at Secretary-level (**Last meeting was held in New Delhi in February 2013**).
- JWG on Hydrocarbons – first meeting held in New Delhi in November 2005; next meeting was held in Ankara on 21st May, 2008.
- Annual meetings between National Security Councils of two countries: Last meeting was held in India - SG, Turkish NSC, Serdar Kilic visited India for talks with our NSA on 21st January 2011. Next NSA-level consultations are to take place in Turkey
- JWG on Counter-Terrorism (Second meeting held in New Delhi on 21 February 2007)
- Consultations between Foreign Offices on regional issues: JS (CE) visited for these consultations on July 5, 2006, Ankara. Consultations on Caucuses, Central Asia, and on Energy Security held in Ankara on 25 July 2012. (JS (ERS) and JS(ES) participated. Ambassador Hayri Yallav Chaired meeting from Turkish side).
- JS (CE) visited Ankara on 17th December 2009 for the first mid-sessional JS/DG level FOC meeting. The second mid-session JS/DG level FOC was held in New Delhi on 27 February 2012, and AS(CE), MEA and Mr. Ismail Ethem Tokdemir, Turkish MFA co-chaired the meeting.

Parliamentary Exchanges

Starting from 1980, Parliamentary delegations have visited on several occasions. From Turkey, there have been visits in 1980 led by Speaker of Parliament Mr. Ilhan Ersoy; in 1991 by Speaker Mr. Kaya Erdem; in 1997 by Speaker Mr. Mustafa Kalemli and in December 2002 by Speaker Mr. Bulent Arinc. From our side, there have been visits in 1988 by Speaker Balram Jakhar, in 1998 by Speaker G.M.C. Balyogi and in June 2005 by Speaker Somnath Chatterjee. In January 2003, Deputy Speaker Mr. Ismail Alptekin participated in the International Parliamentary Conference to mark the Golden Jubilee of Indian Parliament.

Turkish Parliament first constituted the Turkish-Indian Parliamentary Friendship Group in 1998 with voluntary enrolment by MPs on the basis of their interest in India. This tradition has been maintained by successive Parliaments. A counterpart India-Turkey Parliamentary Friendship Group was first established in December 2002. The Friendship Group in the last Indian Parliament was constituted in July 2006 under the chairmanship of Shri B.K.Hariprasad. After the General Elections of 2009 in India, a multi-party India-Turkey Parliamentary Friendship Group has been formed in January 2010 with Shri Jaswant Singh as its Chairman. Following the Turkish general elections on 12 June 2011, a 20 member Turkey-India Parliamentary Friendship Group has been formed with Mr. Idris Bal, MP as its Chairman.

A multiparty Indian Parliamentary delegation consisting of Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Water Resources Shri. Pawan Kumar Bansal, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Planning Shri.V.Narayanasamy and seven Members of Parliament came on a goodwill visit to Turkey on 20-23, January 2010. In Ankara, the delegation called on President Abdullah Gul on 20th January 2010 and met Deputy PM Cemil Cicek, Speaker of TGNA Mehmet Ali Sahin, and Minister of Forests and Environment Dr. Veysel Eroglu on 21st January 2010. The delegation also exchanged views with the members of the Turkey-India Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Defence Cooperation

During the visit of PM Turgut Ozal to India in 1986, it was decided that the two embassies will have offices of Defence Attaché. During the visit of Prime Minister Vajpayee in September 2003, it was decided that Defence Ministers of both countries should remain in closer touch. India conveyed its willingness to expand military to military contacts, and mutual exchange of delegations to training facilities. During the visit of the Turkish PM Erdogan to India in November 2008, both prime ministers agreed to enhance cooperation between the two defence forces.

Turkish Defence Minister Cakmakoglu visited India in Feb 2001. Turkish Defence Minister Vecdi Gonul visited India in February 2010. An **invitation extended by the Defence Minister of Turkey for a visit by Raksha Mantri (RM) to Turkey has been accepted by RM in July 2012.** Mutually convenient dates for the visit need to be worked out. We are waiting for a confirmation from the Turkish side on the feasibility of signing a Defence Cooperation Agreement pending with the Turkish side since the last 18 years. Other senior official level visits include:

- Chairman, Chiefs of Staffs Committee, Admiral Madhavendra Singh to Turkey on 10-14 May 2004
- Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal S.P. Tyagi to Turkey in May 2005.
- Chief of Air Forces Gen. Faruk Comert to India from 7-14 February 2006.
- VCOAs, Lt.General S. Pattabhiraman to Turkey from April 11-15 2006.
- Chief of General Staff Hilmi Ozkok to India from 16 to 21 April 2006.
- Air Chief Marshal Fali Homi Major visited Turkey from 2-8 March 2008.
- Turkish Land Forces Commander General Ilker Basbug visited India from 31 March- 4 April 2008.
- Lt.Gen. Prakash Menon, Commandant, NDC visited Turkey from 16-21, May 2009.
- Turkish Naval Forces Commander Admiral Ugur Yigit visited India on 14-18, Dec. 2009.
- Admiral Nirmal Verma, Chief of Naval Staff visited Istanbul from 15-16 October 2010.
- A delegation led by General Bilgin BALANLI, Commander Turkish War colleges Command visited India from 22 to 26 Nov 2010.
- Chairman COSC, and Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal P V Naik, PVSM, VSM, ADC, led a four member delegation to Turkey from 17 to 21 April 2011.
- Our Vice Chief of Air Staff NAK Browne visited Istanbul during 2-5 June 2011 for the Global Air Chiefs Conference in Turkey coinciding with Centenary Celebrations of the Turkish Air Force.
- Commander of the Turkish Navy, Admiral Emin Murat BILGEL visited India from 04 to 07 Nov 2012. He visited Delhi, Agra and Mumbai for interactions.

Other important visits/areas of defence cooperation:

Two Indian Naval ships made port calls on Istanbul and Izmir in 1996. A Turkish submarine visited Mumbai in 1997. A Turkish Naval ship paid port call at Chennai in 2000. Two Indian naval Ships INS Ganga and INS Shakti called on Istanbul port on 30 May-3 June 2004. Two Indian naval Ships INS Mumbai and INS Brahmaputra called on Izmir port on 4-8 July 2006.

The Indian Defence Production companies have shown interest in Turkey. BEL participated in the International Defence Exhibition (IDE) in Ankara for the first time in September 2005 and had meetings with Turkish Defence Procurement Agency and Aselsan. A HAL delegation visited Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI) in July 2005 for discussions on cooperation in aero-space sector. HAL participated in IDE in May 2007 and brought in 3 ALHs (2 for demonstration and 1 for display).

Two Indian Naval Ships INS Delhi and INS Aditya paid a goodwill visit to Aksaz Port in Marmaris in south-western Turkey from 31st May to 3rd June 2009 under the command of Rear Admiral SPS Cheema, Western Fleet Commander. The two navies also conducted a joint "Passage Exercise" in the Mediterranean. A reception held on 2nd June 2009 was attended by senior Turkish Naval Officers members of press corps and local dignitaries.

Turkish Naval Ship TCG Gemlik made a goodwill visit to Mumbai on 8-11, April 2010 and was warmly received by the Indian Naval authorities. The Captain of the ship called on Vice Admiral Sanjiv Bhasin, FOC-in-C, Western Naval Command. They also conducted a joint passage exercise with Indian naval ships in the Arabian Sea.

An Indian Army Motor Cycle Expedition visited War memorial at Gallipoli on 29 Aug 2010 and laid wreath. The team was on an adventure tour visiting various battle fields in Europe where Indian soldiers had fought in 1st and 2nd World War

22 member cadet sports team from the Army, Navy and Air Force visited Ankara for participation in CISM World Military Games from 17-24 October 2010.

A study team comprising of one Senior Directing Staff and 16 course members visited Turkey on an official visit from 13 to 19 May 2012. The study team visited various government offices, military establishments, defence industries and think tank at Istanbul and Ankara.

A coordination visit was undertaken by three officers from Turkish Navy from 19 to 22 Sep 2012 to Delhi and Mumbai for streamlining the proposed Portcall by Turkish Navy Ship at Mumbai in Jan 2013.

As part of exchange in defence adventure activities one officer and two cadets of the Turkish Navy participated in the 'Admiral's Cup Sailing Regatta during 27 Nov to 03 Dec 2012 at Indian Naval Academy Ezhimala, Kerala.

Cooperation in Education

During his visit to Turkey in September 2003, Prime Minister Vajpayee announced award of 50 scholarships annually to Turkish scholars under ITEC programme. Embassy organises ITEC day every year which provides a platform to interact with past and prospective ITEC nominees from Turkey. Since 2009, the number of ITEC slots allotted is 25, but for 2012-2013 the number was increased to 35. Turkey has shown a great interest in training its auditors in India. The last Turkish auditor visited India in August 2012 for a training course at the International centre for Information Systems and Audit (ICISA), Noida.

Since 1995 an Indian Professor in Hindi language has been attached on deputation, under the auspices of ICCR, with the Indology Department in Ankara University. Currently Mr. Vinod Tiwari, Asst. Professor, is currently in place since November 23, 2011.

Ankara University & JNU and the Bogazici University (in Istanbul) & Shantiniketan concluded MOUs on cooperation in January and April 2000 respectively. Turkey sent two Turkish language professors to JNU and Jamia Millia University.

Cooperation in IT education has started with APTECH's collaboration with Yuce College. Under the arrangement, APTECH Courses are being offered in Ankara, Istanbul and Denizli. NIIT has started a similar venture at a smaller scale in Bahcesehir University, Istanbul.

Four slots have been allotted to Turkish students for studying Hindi in Central Institute of Hindi (Kendriya Hindi Sansthan), Agra since 2009-2010.

Cooperation with Think Tanks

An MOU for cooperation between ICWA and SAM (*Stratejik Arastirmalar Merkezi* i.e. Centre for Strategic Research – a think-tank affiliated with the Turkish Foreign Ministry) has been signed on 22 June 2010. In addition, the Embassy has been encouraging participation of Turkish scholars and experts in seminars / conferences organized by Indian think tanks. The Eurasian Strategic Studies Centre (TASAM) in Istanbul has signed an MOU with the ICWA during 2012 in New Delhi. ICWA will suggest dates and venue for signing the MoU.

Cooperation in Culture

Cultural cooperation has a special importance in Turkey, as there is a genuine admiration and appreciation for Indian art and culture among the Turkish people. Within the framework of the Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP), there have been ongoing activities. The new CEP valid for 2011-13 is being negotiated between the two Governments. Turkish side have language in draft CEP for cooperation in education. Indian sides preference (HRD Ministry) is for a separate MoU on Education between India and Turkey. Both the CEP and MoU on cooperation in Education need to be finalised soon. There is an increased attention on Indian culture, including films, dances, cuisine, yoga, ayurveda etc. in Turkey.

With the objective of rediscovering historic linkages between Turkey and India, a joint Symposium on Indo-Turkish Relations from Ancient to Modern Times was held in Ankara in October 2002 under the auspices of Turkish Culture Ministry and Indian Council of Historical Research. On 27 June 2007, a symposium on “Turkish-Indian Relations in History” jointly organized by Turkish Historical Society (TTK) and the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) was held in Ankara.

The ‘India Tourism Road Shows’ in Ankara and Istanbul on 16 and 18 October 2012 were successful, and Turkish media coverage of the two events was extensive. Shri Girish Shankar, Additional Secretary in our Tourism Ministry led the Indian delegation for meetings at the Turkish Ministry of Tourism and Culture. Turkey also organised its Road Shows in India during 18-24 November 2012 in Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad and New Delhi.

In a public diplomacy initiative, the first issue of the 'Dost' - a coffee-table publication was brought out by the Indian Embassy in Ankara on Turkey-India bilateral relations. The issue, with a Foreword from Ambassador, features all major political interactions with Turkey since Hon'ble Vice-President of India's Turkey visit last October, and highlights, inter alia, advances in our economic, commercial and cultural cooperation.

There is a regular exchange of cultural troupes between the two countries. ICCR has been regularly sponsoring cultural troupes to Turkey. Mamata Shankar Dance Troupe and a Kathak dance troupe led by Smt. Sharmistha Mukherjee (Sept 2012) visited Turkey for performances. India offered 20 ITEC scholarships last year, and this number was raised to 35 during 2012. ICCR offers sponsorships to 4 Turkish scholars. One Indian Professor of Hindi works in the Indology Department in Ankara University, and one Turkish language professor each at the JNU and Jamia Milia Islamia University are deployed under the Cultural Exchange Programme.

Cooperation in Space Technology

Turkey's first nano satellite "ITUpSAT1", manufactured at the Istanbul Technical University's Faculty of Aeronautics was sent to space on PSLV C-14 rocket by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on 23rd September 2009. The satellite orbited the earth at an altitude of 720 kilometres and had the capacity to take continental photos. Its orbital life was six months. Turkey is keen to expand cooperation in space technology with India.

Indian Community

Nearly 200 Indian nationals are estimated to be in Turkey, mostly in Istanbul, working in commercial organizations, banks and computer firms. Turkish companies are now bringing in more and more Indian professionals. Turkish firms like BOTAS, Barmek and Telsim have employed Indian experts and engineers for various projects and assignments. There are about 10 lecturers/professors at any given point of time, working in different universities in Turkey especially in IT Faculties.

25 July 2013

Annexure

List of MOUs /Protocols/Agreements between India & Turkey since 1951

	Title of the Agreements	Signed between	Place and date of signing	Signatory	Validity
1	Agreement Concerning Cultural Relations	GOI and Republic of Turkey	On 29.6.1951 at Ankara	H.E.Mr. Fuad Koprulu, Minister of Foreign Affairs & H.E.Mr A.K. Azad, Minister for Education, GOI	Ten years, automatic extension after expiry for ten years
2	Treaty of Friendship	GOI and ROT	On 14.12.1951 at Ankara	HE. Mr. C.S Jha, Ambassador of India and H.E. Prof. Dr. Fuad Koprulu, Minister of Foreign Affairs	The present treaty shall be ratified at the earliest possible date in accordance with the constitutional processes of the High contracting parties and shall come into force fifteen days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification which shall take place as soon as possible at New Delhi
3	Trade Agreement	GOI & ROT	On 19.9.1973 at New Delhi	Names of signatories are not indicated	One year, automatic renewal for further similar period
4.	Agreement in the field of Science and Technology	GOI and ROT	On 2.4.1976 at Ankara	H.E. Mr. Yeswantrao Balwantrao Chavan, Minister of External Affairs and H.E. Mr. Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil, Minister of Foreign Affairs	Five years, automatic extension for further five years
5	Protocol for Scientific and Technological Cooperation	The Scientific and Technical Research Council of	On 23.3.1977 at New Delhi	Prof Dr. Hakkib Ogelmanm, Member of Scientific Committee for the Scientific and Technical Research	Period of five years, Automatic extension for next five years

		Turkey (TBTAk) and the CSIR of India		Council of Turkey and Mr. Baldev Singh, Chief, Technology Utilization for the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Government of India	
6.	Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation	GOI & ROT	On 13.7.1978 At New Delhi	H.E. Mr. A.B. Vajpayee, Minister of External Affairs and H.E. Prof. Gunduz Okcun , Minister of Foreign Affairs	Five years, Automatic extension for next five years
7.	Air Services between and beyond their respective territories	GOI & ROT	On 10.4.1986 at New Delhi	Mr. S.S. Sidhu, Secretary, Department of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Transport and Mr. Ihsan Pekel, Permanent Under Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Communication	Come into force from the date of signature and formally on the date of an exchange of diplomatic notes confirming that these requirements have been fulfilled.
8.	Protocol for cooperation in the field of television	India and Turkey	On 2.3.1985 at New Delhi	For Doordarshan India, Mr. Harish Khanna, Director, General and for the Turkish Radio Television Mr. Tunca Toskay, Director General	One year, automatic renewal for every following year,
9.	Agreement on Mutual Judicial Assistance in Civil And commercial Matters	GOI & ROT	On 18.7.1988 At Ankara	H.E. Mr. A. Messut Yilmaz, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and H.E.Mr. K. Natwar Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs	Subject to ratification. It shall enter into force thirty days after the exchange of the instruments of ratification and shall remain enforce for an indefinite period.
10.	Agreement on mutual assistance in Criminal matters	GOI & ROT	On 18.7.1988 at Ankara	H.E. Mr. A. Mesut Yilmaz, Minister of Foreign Affairs and H.E. Mr. K. Natwar	Subject to ratification. It shall enter into force thirty days after

				Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs	the exchange of the instruments of ratification and shall remain enforce for an indefinite period
11	Maritime Agreement	GOI & ROT	On 18.7.1988 At Ankara	H.E. Mr. K. Natwar Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs and H.E. Prof. Dr. Ekrem Pakdemirli, Minister of Transport,	Two years, automatic renewal for next one years at a time
12	Cultural exchange programme 1992-1994	GOI & ROT	On 29.1.1992 At New Delhi	Mr. Komal Anand, JS, Department of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Mr. Selcuk Incesu, Deputy Director General for Bilateral Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	This programme will come into force with effect from the date of its signing and will remain valid upto December 31, 1994. Thereafter, it will remain provisionally in force till a new programme is signed.
13.	Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on income	GOI & ROT	On 31.1.1995 at New Delhi	H.E.Mr. Bekir Sami Dacem, Minister of State and H.E. Dr. Man Mohan Singh, Minister of Finance	This agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the following month when the latter of these notifications have been received.
14.	Agreement on Tourism Cooperation	GOI & ROT	On 31.1.1992 New Delhi	Name of the signatories to the agreement is not indicated	Five years, automatic renewal for successive period of five years
15.	Cultural exchange programme 1996-1998	GOI & ROT	On 21.11.1995 at Ankara	H.E. Mr.K. Gajendra Singh, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Turkey and H.E. Mr. Omer Akbel, Ambassador & Deputy Under Secretary, Ministry of	Remain valid until December 31, 1998. Thereafter, it will remain provisionally in force till a new programme is signed.

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16.	Agreement Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments	GOI & ROT	On 17.9.1998 at Ankara	Name of the signatories to the agreement have not been mentioned	Remain in force for a period of ten years and shall continue in force unless terminated in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article.
17.	Agreement on Cooperation in Combating Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances	GOI & ROT	On 17.9.1998 at Ankara	Name of signatories not clear	One year's automatic extension every year
18.	Protocol of scientific and technical cooperation	The council of scientific and industrial Research of INDIA and The scientific and technical research council of turkey	On 17.9.1998 at Ankara	H.E.Mr R.M. Abhayankar, Ambassador of India to Turkey For the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research of India (CSIR) and Prof. Dr. Dincer Ulku, President, for the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (Tubitak)	Remain in force for a period of five years and shall be automatically renewed for subsequent periods of one year each
19	MOU between National Centre for Trade and Information and Export Promotion Centre (IGEME) Under secretariat of Foreign Trade	Ministry of commerce, GOI & ROT	On 17.9.1998 Ankara	National Centre for Trade Information (NCTI), Ministry of Commerce, govt. of India and Export Promotion Centre (IGEME), Under secretariat of Foreign Trade, Rep. of Turkey H.E. Mr. R.M. Abhyankar, Ambassador of India to Turkey Signed for and on behalf of NCTI , MOC, India and Mr. Yavuz Ege, Undersecretary of	MOU shall be automatically renewed annually

				Foreign Trade signed for and on behalf of IGEME, Turkey	
20	Twinning arrangement between Mumbai city and Izmir (Turkey)	Mayor of Mumbai & Izmir	On 7.9.1995 at Mumbai, India	Mr. Mandakumar Satam, Mayor of Mumbai Municipal Corporation, and Mayor of Izmir Metropolitan Municipality Turkey	Five years, it can be extended for subsequent five years
21	MOU for the establishment of a political consultation mechanism	GOI & ROT	On 31.3.2000 At New Delhi	H.E.Mr. Ajit Kumar Panja, Minister of State for External Affairs, and H.E. Mr. Ismail Cem, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey	Five years, thereafter its validity shall be automatically extended for consecutive periods of two years
22	MOU –on cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors	GOI & ROT	On 31.3.2000 at New Delhi	Name of the signatories not indicated	Valid for a period of five years and shall automatically be renewed for a subsequent period of five years
23.	Joint statement on cooperation between Ministry of Railways, India and the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Turkey	GOI & ROT	On 27.9.2000 at New Delhi	H.E. Ms. Mamta Banerjee, Minister for Railways, and H.E. Prof Dr. Enis Oksuz, Minister of Transport, Govt. of Turkey	
24.	Extradition agreement	GOI & ROT	On 29.6.2001 at Ankara	H.E.Mr. Lal Krishana Advani, Home Minister and H.E.Prof Dr. Hikmet Sami Turk, Minister of Justice, Govt. of Turkey	Subject to ratification and shall enter into force 30 days after the exchange of instruments of ratification
25.	Protocol on Cooperation between Ministry of Law, Justice and Company	GOI & ROT	On 10.4.2002 at New Delhi	Name of the signatories of the agreement is not indicated	This protocol shall remain in force for an indefinite period.

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26.	Protocol on Tourism	Tourism Minister, Turkey and Minister of state for tourism and culture, India	On 17.9.2002 At Ankara	H.E.Mr. Mustava Tasar, Tourism Minister, Turkey and H.E. Mr. Vinod Khanna, Minister of State for Tourism and Culture, Government of India	The Second meeting of the Turkish Indian Joint commission for Tourism shall be held in India at a date to be mutually agreed through diplomatic channels.
27.	Work Plan under MOU on Cooperation in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sectors	GOI & ROT	On 18.6.2010 At New Delhi	Shri Sharad Pawar, Agriculture Minister and Mr. Mehmet M. Eker, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Minister of Turkey	2 years from November 2010
28.	MOU on Cooperation in the fields of science and Technology	GOI & ROT	On 17.9.2003 at Ankara	Name of the signatories of the agreement not indicated	Five years, automatically extension for further periods of five years.
29.	Draft Agreement on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons	GOI & ROT	On 8.4.2011 at Ankara	Mrs. Dr. Praveen Kumari Singh, General Director, MHA,GOI and Mr. Abdullah Cebeci Deputy Director, Ministry of Justice, ROT	Signing of the Agreement to be mutually decided
30	Agreement on Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters (CMMA)	Customs authorities	April 2013, New Delhi		