
India-Qatar Bilateral Relations

India has close relations with Qatar anchored in historical commercial ties and people to people contacts. India's diplomatic relations with Qatar were established in 1973. The year 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The bilateral cooperation has been steadily growing in diverse sectors through regular and substantive engagements, including at the highest levels of the two Governments. The relationship between the two countries was elevated to "strategic partnership" during the State Visit of His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir of Qatar to India in February 2025.

I. Political Relations

2. There have been regular high-level bilateral exchanges. On 17-18 February 2025, H.H. Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani paid a State Visit to India. During the visit, Amir held bilateral talks with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and President Smt Droupadi Murmu. Vice President, External Affairs Minister and the Minister of Health called on the Amir. A Joint Business Forum co-Chaired by the Ministers of Commerce and Industry of both countries was also held on 18 February in New Delhi and was attended by top businessmen of both countries. Both sides agreed to further expand cooperation in areas like energy, power, petrochemicals, investments, infrastructure, education, culture, health, IT, innovation and start-ups. Seven Agreements / MOUs were signed during the visit, in the following areas: (i) Establishment of Strategic Partnership; (ii) Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to taxes on income; (iii) Financial and Economic Cooperation between Ministries of Finance; (iv) Cooperation in the field of Youth Affairs and Sports; (v) Cooperation in the field of Documents and Archives; (vi) Cooperation between Invest India and Invest Qatar; and (vii) Cooperation between Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Qatar Business Association (QBA).

3. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid an official visit to Qatar on 14-15 February 2024. This was his second visit to Qatar. During the visit, he met H.H. Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir of Qatar, H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and PM/FM H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani. PM Modi's visit provided an excellent opportunity for both sides to engage at the highest level, and impart fresh momentum to the bilateral ties. PM also thanked Amir for taking care of Indian community in Qatar. Both leaders expressed commitment to expanding and deepening bilateral relations.

4. Earlier, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had paid a visit to Doha on 4-5 June 2016 at the invitation of H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir. This was the highest-level visit from India to Qatar since the visit of former PM Dr. Manmohan Singh in November 2008. During the visit in June 2016, PM Modi held extensive talks with Amir and exchanged views on bilateral, regional and multilateral issues of mutual concern. Seven MoUs/ Agreements were signed between the two sides, which included (1) MoU for investment in National Investment and Infrastructure Fund of India; (2) MoU between Financial Intelligence Unit – India (FIU-IND) and the Qatar Financial Information Unit (QFIU); (3) MoU for Cooperation in Skill Development and Recognition of Qualifications; (4) MoU for Cooperation in the field of Health; (5) Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Custom Matters; (6) MoU on Tourism Cooperation; and (7) First Executive Program for MoU in the field of Youth and Sports.

5. From Qatar, H.H. the Amir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani had paid a State Visit to India in March 2015. During the visit, the two sides discussed ways and means to build a forward-looking partnership by further broadening and deepening the bilateral engagement and by better leveraging the existing complementarities between the two countries in various areas of mutual interest. Six Agreements / MOUs were signed during the visit, in the following areas: (i) Transfer of Sentenced Persons; (ii) Mutual Cooperation between Foreign Service Institute, MEA and Diplomatic Institute, Qatar MoFA; (iii) Cooperation in Information and

Communication Technology; (iv) Cooperation in Atmospheric and Ocean Sciences; (v) Cooperation in Radio and Television; and (vi) Mutual Cooperation and Exchange of News between Qatar News Agency and United News Agency.

6. Prime Minister Modi and Qatar Amir have also maintained regular touch over telephone and held meetings on the sidelines of multilateral forums. Recently, on 16 July 2026, PM Modi held a phone call with Amir and expressed condolences on the passing of H.H late Father Amir of the State of Qatar. Earlier, on 23 June 2026, Qatar Amir held a phone call with PM Modi to express condolences over the death of Indian nationals due to an explosion in the Ras Laffan Industrial City. Both leaders held telephonic conversations on 3 March and 19 March 2026 amid the ongoing regional conflict in West Asia. During the calls, PM Modi strongly condemned violation of Qatar's sovereignty and territorial integrity and affirmed solidarity with Qatar. PM also conveyed his appreciation for Amir's continued support to Indian Community in the country. The two leaders had earlier spoken on 10 September 2025 following the Israeli attack in Doha, during which, PM Modi conveyed India's condemnation of the violation of Qatari sovereignty. Both leaders also had a telephonic conversation on 6 May 2025, following the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, J&K. On 10 June 2024 Amir congratulated PM Modi on his third term as Prime Minister of India. The two leaders had met on the sidelines of the COP28 Summit in Dubai on 1 December 2023 and discussed the potential of India-Qatar bilateral partnership and well-being of the Indian community in Qatar. The leaders had also spoken on 29 October 2022 and discussed bilateral relations, and agreed to jointly celebrate the 50 years of India-Qatar diplomatic relations. They also met on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly on 23 September 2019 in New York where they discussed bilateral relations and regional and international issues of mutual interest.

7. Hon'ble Vice President of India (HVPI) Shri M Venkaiah Naidu paid an official visit to Qatar in June 2022. He met then Prime Minister of Qatar H.E. Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani, and Father Amir. Speaker of Shura Council of Qatar, called on HVPI. During the

meetings both sides emphasized the historical relations between both the peoples and ways to take forward bilateral relationship. HVPI chaired an India-Qatar Business Forum in association with Qatari Businessmen Association & Qatar Chamber of Commerce & Industry during the visit. Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar also visited Doha in November 2022 and attended the inauguration ceremony of FIFA World Cup 2022.

8. Then Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of Qatar, H.E. Sheikh Abdullah Bin Nasser Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, undertook an official visit to India on 2-3 December 2016. During the visit, various Agreements/MOUs were signed, including the Agreement for Exemption of Visa Requirement for Holders of Diplomatic, Special and Official Passport Holders, and MoUs on Technical Cooperation in Cyber Space and Combating Cyber Crime; and between the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy of Qatar and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in addition to a Letter of Intent for e-visas for tourists and businessmen. Separately, an MoU between Qatar Ports Management Company ("Mwani Qatar") and Indian Ports Global Private Limited was concluded.

9. There have been several other high-level visits and interactions between the two sides in the recent years:

i. The then Amir H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani [Late Father Amir] visited India in 1999, 2005 and 2012.

ii. EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Qatar on 4-5 July 2026 and met Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani amid the tensions in West Asia. Earlier, he visited on 15-16 November 2025 and called on Qatar's Amir H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani and met with Qatar PM/FM. EAM spoke to PM/FM on February 28, 2026 & April 5, 2026 and discussed the situation in Qatar amid the Iranian attacks on Qatar. EAM and Qatar's PM/FM had a telephonic conversation on 26 June 2025, during which they discussed the Iranian missile attack targeting Al-Udeid US Airbase in Qatar. Earlier, they also spoke on 7 May 2025 and discussed the developments in the

aftermath of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, J&K. EAM paid a visit to Qatar on 30 December 2024-1 January 2025 and met Qatar's PM/FM. He also visited Doha on 7 December 2024 for participating in the Doha Forum and met Qatar's PM/FM, Minister of Commerce and Industry and MoS for Foreign Trade Affairs. EAM also visited Doha on 30 June 2024 and met PM/FM. The two leaders also held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of India-GCC Foreign Ministers meeting in Riyadh on 9 September 2024. Earlier, during his visit to Doha on 9 February 2022, EAM had met then DPM and FM Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani. They jointly laid the foundation stone for new Chancery building in the land allocated in the diplomatic enclave. EAM had also visited Doha in August 2021, June 2021, and December 2020.

iii. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju visited Qatar on 14-15 July 2026 and met H. H. Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim to express condolences on the death of Late Father Amir of Qatar, who passed away on July 12, 2026.

iv. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas of India, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, visited Doha on 9-10 April 2026 and met with Qatar's MoS for Energy Affairs, Mr. Saad Sherida Al Kaabi on April 9. MoPNG conveyed message of solidarity of India with Qatar amid the war in West Asia. In this context he referred to the two telephone conversations between PM Modi and Qatar Amir during March 2026. Both Ministers stressed the importance of early end to disruption in global energy supplies and restoration of normalcy. They also emphasized the need for unimpeded freedom of navigation and the global flow of commerce to maintain global supply chains. MoPNG also held interactions with Indian business leaders, as well as members of the Indian community on April 10.

v. Minister of Labour and Employment & Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh L.Mandaviya visited Doha from 4-6 November 2025 for the Second World Summit for Social Development, where he delivered India's plenary statement and addressed two Round-table sessions organized by ILO and India's Niti Aayog. On the sidelines, he met with Qatar's Minister of Social Development & Family HE Ms. Buthaina Bint Ali Al Jabr Al

Nuaimi and conveyed his appreciation for the excellent arrangements for the Summit. In addition, he met President of International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Sheikh Saud bin Ali Al Thani, and Acting CEO of Aspire Zone Foundation.

vi. Minister of Commerce and Industry (CIM) Shri Piyush Goyal visited Doha from 5-7 October 2025 for co-Chairing the first meeting of the renewed Joint Commission on Economic and Commercial Cooperation with Qatar's Minister of Commerce and Industry H.E. Sheikh Faisal bin Thani bin Faisal Al Thani. Both leaders also addressed the inaugural meeting of the India-Qatar Joint Business Council (JBC) which is co-chaired by Qatar Chamber and FICCI. During the visit, CIM met Qatar's PM/FM, MoS for Foreign Trade Affairs, Governor of QCB/Chairman of Qatar Investment Authority Sheikh Bandar bin Mohammed bin Saoud Al Thani, CEOs of top Qatari economic and commercial institutions including Qatar Airways, Qatar Investment Authority, Qatar Free Zones Authority, Qatar National Bank and Qatar Development Bank and several Qatari businessmen. CIM also attended the launch ceremony of India's UPI payments system in Qatar organized at a Lulu supermarket.

vii. Lok Sabha MP Ms Aparajita Sarangi visited Qatar on 12-15 January 2026 to participate in the 298th session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Executive Committee Meeting hosted by Qatar's Shura Council in Doha. She met Deputy Speaker of Shura Council Dr. Hamda bint Hassan Al Sulaiti and extended invitation to mount a Shura Council delegation visit to India. Earlier, a 9-member multi-party delegation led by Lok Sabha MP Ms Supriya Sule visited Qatar on 24-26 May 2025 in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terrorist attack. The delegation met Dr. Mohamed bin Abdulaziz bin Saleh Al Khulaifi, MoS for Foreign Affairs, Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Faisal bin Mohammed Al Thani, MoS for Interior Affairs and Deputy Speaker of the Shura Council Dr. Hamda bint Hassan Al Sulaiti and other members of the Shura Council. The delegation also interacted with prominent members of Qatari civil society, media, think-tanks and academia.

viii. MOS for External Affairs Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh visited Doha from 1-4 October 2024 and participated in the 3rd Asia Cooperation Dialogue Summit and the 2nd ACD Business Forum. On the sidelines, he met with Qatar's MOS for Foreign Affairs H.E. Sultan bin Saad Al-Muraikhi and ACD Secretary General Ambassador Nasser Thamer Al Mutairi. Earlier, Shri Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, MOS for External Affairs and Education of India attended the 5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5), in Doha from 4-8 March 2023. Shri V Muraleedhran, MoS for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs visited Qatar from 8-10 May 2022 and held discussion with MoS for Foreign Affairs. They reviewed bilateral relations in addition to discussion on global and regional developments. MOS also met other Qatari dignitaries as well as a wide cross section of Indian community.

ix. Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister for Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology visited Qatar on 26-27 February 2024 and held meetings with Qatar's Minister for Communications and Information Technology, H.E. Mr. Mohammed bin Ali bin Mohammed Al Mannai, Minister for Transport H.E. Mr. Jassim bin Saif bin Ahmed Al Sulaiti and the Chairman of Qatar Investment Authority and Governor of Qatar Central Bank, H.E. Sheikh Bandar bin Mohamed bin Saoud Al-Thani. Minister Shri Vaishnaw also addressed a session at the Web Summit Qatar 2024.

x. From Qatar, MoS for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad Al Muraikhi attended the second India-Arab Foreign Ministers' meeting in New Delhi on 31 January 2026. During the visit, he also made a joint call, along with the other Ministers, on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

xi. Minister of Culture Sheikh Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al Thani visited India on 8-13 December 2025 and participated in the 20th session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH), held in Red Fort, New Delhi. During the meeting, Deepavali and 'Sadu Weaving' from Qatar were included in the ICH list. He visited India again on 9-11 January 2026 for the New

Delhi World Book Fair, in which Qatar participated as 'Guest of Honour' country.

xii. MOS for Foreign Trade Affairs, Dr Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Sayed led a high-level investment delegation to India on 27-28 August 2025. The delegation comprised senior officers from Qatar's Ministries of Commerce & Industry, Municipality and Transport as well as senior representatives of Qatar Investment Authority, Qatar Airways, Qatar Rail and other public and private sector companies. Dr. Al Sayed co-chaired a high level investment meeting with Sh. Pankaj Chaudhary, MOS(Finance) and discussed enhancing Qatari investments in India, especially in sectors like transport, logistics, food processing, health, semiconductors, finance etc. He also called on India's Minister of Commerce & Industry Sh. Piyush Goyal and Minister of Finance Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and discussed ways to advance bilateral trade and investment ties between the two countries. Earlier, on 2-3 December 2024, Dr. Al Sayed visited India and participated in the CII Partnership Summit. He also met Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal on the sidelines.

xiii. Minister of State for Energy Affairs Eng. Saad bin Sherida Al Kaabi visited India on 11-12 February 2025. During the visit, he met India's Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri in addition to participating in the India Energy Week 2025. Earlier, Qatar's MOS visited India on 5-6 February 2024. During the visit, he met Shri Hardeep Singh Puri in addition to participating in the India Energy Week 2024. During the visit, QatarEnergy and PetronetLNG signed a SPA contract for supply of 7.5 MMTA LNG for 20 years starting from 2028.

xiv. H.E. Jassim bin Seif bin Ahmed Al-Sulaiti, Minister of Transport of Qatar visited New Delhi from 5-8 February 2023. He met with Union Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, Minister of Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari and Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal.

xv. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Jassim Al-Thani, Chairman of Qatar Chamber of Commerce & Industry participated in the B20 Summit in New Delhi from 24-28 August 2023.

xvi. Mr. Mutlaq bin Majed Al Qahtani, Special Envoy of the Foreign Minister for Counter-terrorism and Mediation in Conflict Resolution of Qatar, participated in the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Counter-Terrorism Financing “No Money for Terror”, held in New Delhi from 18-19 November 2022.

xvii. Qatar’s Deputy Prime Minister and MoS for Defence Dr. Khalid bin Mohammed Al Attiyah visited India from 3-5 February 2020 and met with Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar. During the visit, Dr. Al Attiyah also visited the DefExpo 2020 exhibition in Lucknow.

10. Institutional Mechanisms

(i) India and Qatar held 5th round of Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs) on 27 October 2024 in Doha. The FOCs were co-Chaired by Secretary (CPV & OIA), Ministry of External Affairs on the Indian side and Secretary General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the Qatari side. During the meeting, the whole gamut of bilateral relations was reviewed including political, energy, trade, investments, food security, health security, science and technology, consular, community and cultural aspects. 4th FOCs were held virtually on 1 February 2021. The 3rd FOCs were held in Doha in September 2018.

(ii) India and Qatar held the first meeting of the Joint Task Force on Investment on 6 June 2024 in New Delhi. The meeting was co-chaired by Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs on the Indian side and Undersecretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry on the Qatar side. The two sides held comprehensive discussions on boosting India-Qatar investment partnership.

(iii) India and Qatar held the first meeting of the Joint Working Group on Trade and Commerce on 10 July 2024 in Doha. The two sides reviewed the bilateral trade relations and agreed to take measures for further growth in coming years. During the visit of Qatar Amir to India in February 2025, it was agreed to elevate the JWG into a Joint Commission on Economic and Commercial Cooperation at Ministerial level. The first meeting of the renewed Joint Commission on Economic and Commercial Cooperation, co-chaired by the Commerce and Industry Ministers of the two sides was held on 6-7 October 2025.

(iv) The 5th meeting of the Joint Task Force on Energy took place virtually on 17 February 2025. The 4th and 3rd meetings of the Joint Task Force on Energy were also held virtually on 30 March 2022 and 30 June 2021 respectively.

(v) The 2nd meeting of Joint Committee on Security and Law Enforcement was held on 26 October 2021 (virtually) between Ministry of Home Affairs and Qatari Ministry of Interior.

(vi) The inaugural meeting of Joint Customs Cooperation Committee was held on 1 December 2021 in virtual mode.

(vii) The 1st meeting of Joint Working Group on Health Cooperation was held virtually on 16 December 2021 between MoHFW, India and Ministry of Public Health of Qatar. Both sides discussed digital health & pandemic management, pharmaceutical cooperation, exchange of experts and professionals, medical value tourism and other possible areas of cooperation.

(viii) Joint Working Group on Labour and Manpower Development: The 8th Meeting of the JWG was held virtually on 10 February 2025. The meeting was co-chaired by Additional Secretary (EP&W) Shri Anurag Bhushan on the Indian side and Mr Mohammed Owaida Al Kuwari, Director in the Ministry of Labour, Qatar. The two sides held discussion on ways to enhance safe and legal movement of the people between the two countries and agreed to continue cooperation, in this regard.

(ix) Joint Business Council: The two sides held introductory meeting of the India-Qatar Joint Business Council on 13 February 2025 virtually. The meeting was co-chaired by FICCI and Qatar Chamber and facilitated interaction between the businesses on both sides. The first meeting of the India-Qatar JBC was held on the sidelines of the renewed Joint Commission meeting on 6 October 2025, in Doha.

II. Trade & Investment

11. India and Qatar share a growing economic partnership. India is among the top three export destinations for Qatar and was also among the top four sources for Qatar's imports. In FY 2025-26, India's bilateral trade with Qatar stood at USD 13.91 billion. India's export to Qatar during the period was USD 1.62 billion and India's imports from Qatar were USD 12.29 billion. In FY 2024-25, the bilateral trade was almost the same at USD 14.14 billion. Qatar's key exports to India include LNG, LPG, chemicals and petrochemicals, fertilisers, plastics, and aluminium articles, while India's key exports to Qatar include cereals, iron and steel articles, boilers, gems & jewellery, vehicles and their parts, inorganic chemicals, mineral fuels, electrical and other machinery, plastic products etc.

12. During the State visit of Qatar Amir to India in February 2025, both sides set the target to double bilateral trade by 2030. They also agreed to explore the possibility of entering into a bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and announced elevation of the existing Joint Working Group on Trade and Commerce into a Joint Commission on Trade and Commerce at Ministerial level.

13. Embassy of India, Doha has been organizing several meetings, including Virtual Buyer Seller Meets (VBSM) to promote Indian exports to Qatar. The focused sectors are engineering goods; gems & jewellery; food products; pharmaceutical, electronic goods; construction materials; tourism. Three editions of Indian Mango Festival were held in Doha in 2024, 2025 and 2026. The third edition held in June 2026 witnessed

more than 1,55,000 visitors and sale of 1,88,000 kgs of mangoes and mango related products. Embassy has also been participating in high profile exhibitions like Agriteq exhibition (focused on agri, food, veterinary & environment industries), Project Qatar (focused on construction), Hospitality Qatar (focused on hospitality, food & beverage) and Qatar Travel Mart (focused on tourism) to highlight Indian expertise in these sectors. These exhibitions are held annually and there has been active participation of companies from India. Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) also organizes an Indian Pavilion annually at the Doha Jewellery & Gems Exhibition (DJWE). Embassy has been organizing other events, like celebrating National Tourism Day of India and State formation days to promote tourism to India.

14. Many Indian start-ups and entrepreneurs participated in Web Summits in 2024 and 2025 in Doha. DPIIT set up an Indian Pavilion at Web Summit 2025. Qatar Financial Centre (QFC), a leading onshore financial and business centre, has signed an MoU with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) to create more opportunities for accountants, promote entrepreneurship, and facilitate the setup of Indian firms in Qatar through collaborative initiatives.

15. International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), and Qatar Financial Centre Authority (QFCA) formally exchanged an MOU in relation to cooperation in the presence of PM Modi at GIFT City in Gandhinagar, Gujarat in July 2022. The MOU sets forth a statement of intent of the authorities to establish a framework for mutual assistance and to facilitate the exchange of information for development, regulation and enforcing or ensuring compliance with their respective law or regulatory requirements. In 2025, Doha Insurance Group and Qatar National Bank (QNB) set up their offices at GIFT City.

16 Top 10 products imported and exported in FY 2025-26 (as per Dept. Of Commerce, GoI):

(Value in USD millions)

Exported to Qatar		Imported from Qatar	
Products	Value	Products	Value
Articles of Iron & Steel	225.62	LPG, LNG, Crude oil	10736.70
Nuclear Reactors, Boilers etc	124.99	Fertilisers	428.76
Cereals	115.28	Organic Chemicals	287.27
Vehicle and parts thereof	100.35	Ships and floating structures	228.58
Mineral Fuels	90.22	Plastics	208.95
Gems and Jewellery	80.04	Aluminium articles	139.19
Electrical Machinery and equipment	66.97	Inorganic chemicals	69.37
Inorganic Chemicals	66.89	Salt, Sulphur, Lime and Cement	64.92
Meat	54.01	Misc. Chemical Products	51.47
Medical instruments	53.07	Iron and Steel	17.68

17. According to Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCI), there are over 20,000 big and small Indian companies operating in Qatar, wholly owned or as joint ventures. Indian companies are today pursuing collaborations in various sectors like infrastructure, communications and information technology, energy and other areas in Qatar.

18. On 15 September 2025, QNB and India's NIPL announced the acceptance of UPI payments in Qatar at QNB POSs covering a large part of the market. NIPL also signed an agreement with Commercial Bank of Qatar for acceptance of UPI at its POSs. UPI was formally launched in

Qatar during the visit of Minister of Commerce and Industry on October 7, 2025.

19. Qatari investments in India: Qatar's investments have grown in the past few years and its FDI in India today stands at about USD 1.77 billion (as per India's DPIIT figures). During the recent visit of Qatar Amir to India, QIA committed to increase its investments in India to USD 10 billion and also announced that it will open an office in India. The major recent investments of QIA in India include:

(i) In February 2022, Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) announced its financial support of USD 1.5 billion to the investment firm Bodhi Tree, which will invest in media and consumer technology opportunities in South-East Asia, with particular focus on India.

- In July 2022, Bodhi Tree Systems invested USD 600 million in Indian test prep business Allen Career Institute for 36% stake.

- In April 2022, Bodhi Tree Systems along with a consortium of investors invested US \$ 1.8 billion in Viacom 18.

(ii) In August 2023, INQ Holding LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of QIA, invested USD 1 billion in Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd.

(iii) In September 2023, QIA invested USD 150 million in Indospace.

(iv) In November 2023, QIA invested USD 50 million in Global Dental Services, the parent company of Clove Dental, India's largest tech-enabled-dental-platform.

(v) In January 2025, QIA invested USD 140 million in Shriram Housing Finance Limited.

(vi) Earlier, in 2019, QIA invested USD 470 million in Adani Transmission in December 2019 and had also invested in other Indian companies such as Byju's, Airtel (Africa) etc.

20. In March 2025, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) announced winning an Ultra Mega Offshore Contract (above USD 1.75 billion) from QatarEnergy LNG for the North Field Production Sustainability Offshore Compression Project (NFPS COMP 4). Earlier, in January 2024, Qatar Energy awarded an engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contract-package to L&T for a riser platform valued at about USD 1.3 billion towards the next development phase of the offshore Al Shaheen field.

III. Energy

21. Qatar is the largest supplier of LNG to India (10.86 MMT for US\$ 5.61 billion in FY 2025-26; 11.19 MMT in FY 2024-25). Qatar is also the largest supplier of LPG to India (4.58 MMT for US\$ 2.67 billion in Financial Year 2025-26; 4.89 MMT in FY 2024-25). In FY 2025-26, the total bilateral hydrocarbon trade between the countries amounted to US\$ 10.81 billion, accounting for 77.71% of overall bilateral trade. Besides gas, India also imports ethylene, propylene, ammonia, urea and polyethylene from Qatar.

(Value in USD billion)

S.No.	Items	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Crude Import	1.87	1.11	1.06	2.04
2	POL Import	12.64	9.85	10.01	8.69
3	POL Export	0.28	0.05	0.06	0.08
4	Total hydrocarbon Trade	14.79	11.01	11.13	10.81
5	Total Bilateral Trade	18.77	14.08	14.14	13.91
6	% of Hydrocarbon Trade in Total Trade	78.86%	78.31%	78.71%	77.71%

22. A long-term contract for LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement was signed in February 2024 during the visit of Qatar's MoS for Energy Affairs Eng. Saad bin Sherida Al Kaabi to India for participating in the India Energy Week 2024. The deal stipulates 7.5 MMTPA supply by QatarEnergy to PetronetLNG for 20 years starting from 2028. In June 2024, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited (HPL) announced a strategic agreement with QatarEnergy under which QatarEnergy will supply a total of up to two million tons of Naphtha to HPL over the next ten years, starting from second quarter of 2024. In December 2024, GAIL and QatarEnergy signed an agreement for 60 Cargoes of LNG supply over the next 5 years. Qatar's Energy Minister Al Kaabi participated in the India Energy Week on 11-12 February 2025. On 29 October 2025, QatarEnergy signed a 17-year Sales and Purchase Agreement with Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC) for supplying up to 1 MMTPA of LNG, with deliveries starting in 2026.

IV. Defence and Security

23. India and Qatar signed a Defence Cooperation Agreement in November 2008. A Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation (JCDC) held its fifth meeting in Doha in November 2019. Both sides have continued defence cooperation by offering training slots in respective defence institutions as well as through participation in important defence exhibitions and events. These include Aero India, International Fleet Review & MILAN and DefExpo in India and DIMDEX in Qatar.

24. Both sides held their second bilateral maritime exercise Za'ir Al Bahr (Roar of the Sea) in August 2021. Qatar Emiri Naval Force participated as Observers in biennial multilateral naval exercise MILAN 2022 hosted by the Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam in February 2022. The Qatar side also facilitated visits of Indian naval ships to transport LMO containers through Qatari ports during Covid pandemic.

V. Consular and Cultural Relations

25. Embassy of India, Doha provides almost 600 consular services on a daily basis. In 2025, Embassy issued a total 96,411 Passports/ECs/PCCs, 38,262 attestation related services and 5,843 Visas/OCIs. The Embassy holds monthly consular camps in different parts of the country and also organizes a monthly Open House for addressing consular grievances. The Embassy's Labour Wing provides guidance for resolving labour complaints. These issues are also discussed under the bilateral mechanism of Joint Working Group on Labour and Manpower. GOI's Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) is used to provide legal assistance, food, shelter and air tickets to return to India to distressed Indian nationals. The Embassy also works with Indian community organizations to extend financial and other assistance to blue collar workers and anyone in distress. Every year, Embassy celebrates Labour Day with a large gathering of Indian workers in Doha.

26. Cultural ties between India and Qatar are deep-rooted and actively nurtured by both sides. There are regular cultural exchanges between the two sides, under the provisions of the Agreement on Cultural Cooperation signed between the two sides in 2012. The year 2019 was celebrated as India-Qatar Year of Culture. India was also one of the partner countries for Qatar-MENASA year of culture 2022. A three-day cultural festival, 'Passage to India' 2024 was held from 7-9 March 2024 and saw enthusiastic participation of Indian community in various events and activities. The festival was also organized in 2022.

27. "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" in Qatar was held between 2021-2023. Over 75 cultural events including exhibitions, fashion shows, art displays, dance performances, musical concerts, etc. were organized in Qatar by the Embassy during 2023 with the cooperation of Ministry of Culture & Sports of Qatar, Qatar Museums, Katara Cultural Village, Qatar Posts, and Qatar Foundation. International year of Millets was celebrated in Qatar and the Embassy in collaboration with various community organizations organized events with special focus on millet.

28. Qatar, as a co-sponsor, supported Resolution at the UNGA, adopted unanimously with a record 177 co-sponsors, declaring 21 June as the

International Day of Yoga (IDY). A commemorative stamp to mark the occasion was also released by Qatar Post in June 2015. International Day of Yoga is being celebrated every year in Qatar and is attended by large number of yoga enthusiasts. In March 2022, Indian Sports Centre (working under the aegis of Indian Embassy) made it to Guinness World Record for conducting a Yoga session for maximum number of nationalities (114). More than 1500 people participated in IDY celebrations in 2026.

29. Visit Qatar announced a year-long partnership with the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC) in Mumbai on 22 July 2025 to showcase Qatar's rich heritage, modern attractions and luxury experiences to attract Indian tourists. A program in this regard was held in Mumbai on 30 August 2025. Separately, on 22 December 2025, NMACC signed a five-year partnership agreement in Doha with Qatar Museums to establish a series of Museum-in-Residence educational programmes in India and Qatar. A delegation from Qatar Leadership Centre (QLC) visited India in November 2025. Qatar participated as 'Guest of Honour' country at New Delhi World Book Fair from 10-18 January 2026.

VI. Indian Community

30. Around 830,000 strong and vibrant Indian community in Qatar is testament to the close people-to-people ties that continue to nurture the cultural bonds between India and Qatar. The closeness of both countries was apparent in the support and celebrations during Qatar's great success in hosting FIFA 2022 and Qatar's victory in AFC 2023. Indians comprise the largest expatriate community in Qatar and are engaged in a wide spectrum of professions including medicine, engineering, education, finance, banking, business, and media apart from a large number of blue-collared workers.

31. There are over 20,000 big and small Indian companies operating in Qatar, either wholly owned or joint ventures, in sectors like retail, hospitality, construction, infrastructure, communications and

Information Technology, energy etc. As per Invest Qatar, Indian companies have invested over USD 350 million in Qatar for the period 2017-2025. Indian companies from across sectors have been present in Qatar for over several years. Some of these include L&T, Voltas, Bluestar, Shapoorji Pallonji, Wipro, TCS, Tech Mahindra, Lulu Group, Malabar and Tanishq.

32. There are about 60,000 Indian students studying in 19 Indian schools and a few in international schools all over Qatar. More than 1500 Indian students study in universities in Qatar. Milestone International Education (MIE) - Savitribai Phule Pune University (MIE-SPPU) started functioning in Qatar since September 2021. MIE-SPPU is offering graduate level and post-graduate level courses to about 400 students.

33. There is substantial passenger traffic between India and Qatar as well as transit via Doha to various international airports. Before the start of the regional conflict in February 2020, 214 weekly flights were operating between India and Qatar. These were being operated by Air India, Air India Express, Indigo, Akasa and Qatar Airways. The flight services between the two sides is getting back to normal, with over 70% of the normal capacity operating currently.

34. The Indian community in Qatar has four apex bodies under the aegis of the Embassy, namely, Indian Cultural Centre (ICC), Indian Business & Professionals Council (IBPC), Indian Community Benevolent Forum (ICBF) and Indian Sports Centre (ISC) for community activities.

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