
Brief on India-Ecuador Bilateral Relations

India and Ecuador share cordial and friendly bilateral relations since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1969. The establishment of a resident Mission of India in Quito in November 2025 marked a new milestone in bilateral relations. The Ecuadorian Embassy re-opened in February 2005 and a Consulate General in Mumbai was established in 2013.

Major Bilateral Visits

From Ecuador:

2. Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador, Ms. Gabriela Sommerfeld Rosero along with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Alejandro Davalos visited India on a bilateral visit from 29-30 April 2026. During the visit Foreign Minister Sommerfeld met with Dr.S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister; Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry; and Shri J.P. Nadda, Union Health Minister on 29 April 2026.
3. MoS for External Affairs, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, met Mr. Saúl Pacurucu, Vice Minister of Human Mobility of the Republic of Ecuador, on the margins of the 2nd International Migration Review Forum in New York on May 7, 2026. The two leaders discussed strengthening cooperation on safe, orderly and regular migration, mobility partnerships, and bilateral issues of mutual interest.
4. In April 2018, then EAM met the then Foreign Minister of Ecuador, Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa in Baku on the sidelines of the Mid-term Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). In September 2018, then EAM met the Foreign Minister of Ecuador, Mr. Jose Samuel Valencia Amores on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. On 12 October 2020, EAM held a telephonic conversation with the then Foreign Minister of Ecuador, Mr. Luis Gallegos. Cooperation in areas of health, business, development partnership, multilateral partnership and consular issues were discussed.
5. Former President of Ecuador, Mr. Guillermo Lasso participated in the Concluding Leaders' Session of the 1st Voice of the Global South Summit held on 13 January 2023. Dr. Fernando Santos Alvite, the then Minister of Energy and Mines of Ecuador, participated in the 2nd Summit of the Voice of the Global South, held on 17 November 2023.

From India:

6. MOS for External Affairs & Textiles, Shri Pabitra Margherita paid an official visit to Ecuador from 5-6 November 2025 as part of his tour to Latin America. During the visit, MoS (PM) called-on President of Ecuador, Mr. Daniel Noboa on and held bilateral meetings with Foreign Minister, Gabriela Sommerfeld.

7. Then MOS for External Affairs & Culture, Ms. Meenakashi Lekhi paid an official visit to Ecuador from 4-7 November 2023. During her visit, MoS (ML) called-on President of Ecuador, Mr. Guillermo Lasso and met Foreign Minister Mr. Gustavo Manrique Miranda on 7 November 2023.

8. Then MoS for External Affairs, Gen. (Retd.) V.K. Singh visited Ecuador in May 2015 and met the then Foreign Minister of Ecuador and held discussions on issues of mutual interest.

Institutional Mechanisms

9. **Foreign Office Consultations:** The 5th round of Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs) between India and Ecuador was held on 23 June 2023 in Quito, co-chaired by Shri Saurabh Kumar, Secretary (East) and Ambassador Luis Vayas Valdivieso, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, Ecuador.

10. 4th FOCs were held in India in August 2014 led by Vice Foreign Minister, Mr. Leonardo Arizaga from Ecuador and then Secretary (East) from India. In May 2017, then Commerce Secretary visited Ecuador to participate in the first Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) meeting in Guayaquil. From Ecuador, the Ecuadorean Minister of Hydrocarbons, Mr. Carlos E. Pérez attended the 16th Ministerial Meeting organized by the International Energy Forum in New Delhi in April 2018.

11. **Joint Economic and Trade Committee:** The second JETCO meeting was held on 21 September 2023, in which the two sides agreed to re-activate the PTA. 3rd JETCO has been proposed in 2026.

Economic and Commercial relations

12. India – Ecuador trade has seen rise and fall periodically. It experienced a slump from 2015 due to global fall in oil prices which adversely affected Ecuador's economy. The bilateral trade between India and Ecuador started to pick up from 2018 and stood at USD 614.60 million in 2019-20 and it rose to USD 1.42 billion in 2022-23. Import of crude oil from Ecuador occupied more than 50% of bilateral trade by value.

13. **India's Export:** India's main export items to Ecuador include vehicles, iron and steel, plastic, pharmaceutical products, aluminum, rubber, miscellaneous chemical products, organic chemicals, cotton, etc.

14. **India's Import:** India's main import items from Ecuador include mineral fuels, wood, cocoa, coffee, tea, spices, raw hides and skins, aluminum, zinc, miscellaneous manufactured articles, rubber, iron and steel, plastic, semiprecious stones, etc.

15. Several Indian companies are operating in Ecuador. These are :
- Tech Mahindra, Tata Consultancy Services, Palazhi Engineering Limited (IT)
- MSN Laboratories, CIPLA, SetaaPharma S.A.S (Pharmaceuticals)
- United Phosphorus Limited, Sharda Cropchem Limited (Agrochemicals)
- Hero MotoCorp, Bajaj Auto Limited, Mahindra, TVS Ecuador, Sonalika International Tractors Limited (Automobiles and tractors)

16. **Oil and Gas:** In recent years, several Indian Export Promotion Councils have expressed interest in expanding business ties with Ecuador. There is growing demand for Indian pharmaceutical products and automobiles in Ecuador. Mining and oil and gas sector present opportunities though ease of doing business in Ecuador is an impediment.

Technical Cooperation/Capacity Building

17. In the last 5 years till 2025-26, 223 Ecuadorian professionals have been trained against the allocated 530 ITEC slots. A special course on "Science Technology and Innovation Policy" for 25 Ecuadorian universities Rectors was organized at the Indian Institute of Science in February – March 2020.

Institutional Collaborations

18. An MoU to establish a Center of Excellence in Information Technology (CEIT) was signed in Quito in August 2009 with the Institute of High National Studies (*Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales*; IAEN). The CEIT was established in the North Technical University [*Universidad de Norte* (UTN)], in the city of Ibarra and became operational in May 2015. Three C-DAC experts sent from India trained 816 Ecuadorean nationals.

HADR Assistance

19. India sent a donation of Hepatitis C medicines to Ecuador recently. Another donation of 50000 vials of Human Insulin and Firefighting Equipment is under finalization. Five Projects under Quick Impact Projects, as per the MoU signed in April 2026, are also under discussion with Ecuador.

Cultural Exchanges

20. Indian culture, yoga and Ayurveda is becoming popular in Ecuador. Several schools/institutes impart training in yoga and Indian culture. India and Ecuador signed a Cultural Cooperation Agreement in 2006 and in 2008, a Cultural Exchange Programme was signed for 2009-2011 during the visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Integration of Ecuador, Mrs. Maria Isabel Salvador Crespo to India.

21. There are two busts of Mahatma Gandhi in Ecuador, one at La Carolina Park in Quito and the other at Malecon Area in Guayaquil on 20 March 2018. A bust of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore was installed at the University of Cuenca in 2019.

22. Ecuador participated in the Biennial of Bihar Museum 2025 and set up a pavilion in Bihar Museum, Patna during the Biennial event in Nov. 2025. An Ecuadorian archaeologist Dr. Francisco Valdez visited from Ecuador to participate in the event.

23. After the opening of a resident Mission in Ecuador in November 2025, celebrations were held on the occasion of inscription of Deepavali on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity on 10 December 2025 in Quito and on 11 December 2025 in Guayaquil; World Hindi Day celebrations in Cuenca on 9 January 2026 at UNAE; and observance of the 77th Foundation Day of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations on 9 April 2026.

24. Mission organized the 12th International Day of Yoga celebration on 21st June at the iconic monument 'Mitad El Mundo' at the Equator in Quito, and the participants were able to perform Yoga on both, Northern & Southern hemispheres simultaneously.

Indian community

25. Ecuador has a growing Indian community numbering around 350 (PIOs - 50; NRIs – 300) that mainly reside in Quito and Guayaquil. Most of the community members are working in the services sector. In Quito, TCS, employs a sizable number of Indians. Some Indian nationals are engaged in the teak wood business. Indian companies participate in the commercial events organized by the Embassy, local organizations and chambers of commerce. Indian restaurants have also been established in Quito, Guayaquil and Cuenca. The Indian community celebrate some cultural festivals.

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