

INDIA-URUGUAY BILATERAL RELATIONS

Diplomatic relations between these two democratic countries were established in 1960. The Embassy of India in Montevideo, Uruguay started its operations on 15th May 2026. The Oriental Republic of Uruguay has an Embassy in New Delhi and an Honorary Consulate in Mumbai and Bengaluru.

Bilateral Interactions

2. Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Uruguay Mr. Yamandú Orsi met on 07 July 2025 on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Then Uruguayan President Mr. Luis Lacalle Pou participated in 3rd Voice of Global South Summit (VOGSS) held virtually on 17 August 2024. The then Prime Minister of India Ms. Indira Gandhi visited Uruguay in 1968. The then Vice Presidents of Uruguay, Mr. Danilo Angel Astori Saragosa, and Dr. Hugo Fernandez Faingold visited India in 2011 and 1999 respectively.

3. Ministerial-level interactions and visits between the two countries have taken place from time to time. Minister of State Pabitra Margherita visited Uruguay from 28 February to 01 March 2025 to attend the swearing-in ceremony of President Yamandu Orsi, he also interacted with Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining, Ms. Fernanda Cardona. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Omar Paganini, met Minister of State, Mr. V. Murleedharan, on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting in Rio de Janeiro in February 2024. External Affairs Minister (EAM), Dr. S. Jaishankar, had a telephonic conversation with the then Uruguayan Foreign Minister Mr. Ernesto Talvi on 29 April 2020 during Covid pandemic.

4. A 10-member Parliamentary delegation led by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs & Coal and Mines, Mr. Pralhad Joshi, visited Uruguay 14-17 June 2023. Earlier, a parliamentary delegation from India had visited Uruguay in 2012 and a Parliamentary delegation from Uruguay visited India in 2010. A Rajya Sabha delegation comprising four Members of Parliament participated in '2nd World Summit of Committees of Future' in Montevideo on 25-27 September 2023. The delegation also met Mr. Sebastián Andújar, President of Lower House of Parliament.

5. Commander-in-Chief of the Uruguayan Army, General Mario Stevenazzi, visited India on 14-16 October 2025 to participate in the first United Nations Troop Contributing Countries' Chiefs Conclave 2025.

6. Foreign Office Consultations have been institutionalized between the two countries through an Agreement signed in 1999. The 6th round of FOC was held on 16 September 2024 in Montevideo, Secretary (East) Jaideep Muzumdar and Deputy Foreign Minister (DFM) Nicolás Albertoni chaired the meeting. The fifth round of FOCs was held in March 2023 in New Delhi for which Deputy Foreign Minister Nicolás Albertoni visited India. and also met Ministers of

External Affairs and Commerce & Industry. The fourth round of FOCs was held in November 2021 in Montevideo.

7. Four young political leaders from Uruguay participated in the third edition of ICCR's Gen-Next Democracy Program in July 2022. Four journalists from mainstream media visited India under XP Division's familiarization program in 2023.

Economic and Commercial Relations

8. In 2025 (Jan-Nov), bilateral trade stood at USD 238.44 million, of which Indian exports constituted USD 159.14 million and imports from Uruguay were USD 79.29 (Source - Datamyne). Plastics, petroleum oils, vehicles, auto parts, and organic chemicals are the main exports from India to Uruguay. Timber, shorn wool, edible oils, iron and steel casings and tubes, and inorganic chemicals are the main exports from Uruguay to India.

9. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) established its software development centre and regional training centre in Montevideo in 2002, the first ever in Latin America, which now employs more than 3,500 employees including about 800 Indians. Another Indo American company, Infogain (Tenarai), opened its delivery center in Montevideo, in April 2022.

10. Uruguay hosts headquarters of MERCOSUR in Montevideo, a trade bloc of southern LAC countries including Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. An India MERCOSUR Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) was signed on 25 January 2004 and became operational in June 2009.

Cultural Relations

11. Yoga and meditation are popular in Uruguay. There are several hundred followers of Sai Baba, ISKCON, Art of Living, Brahma Kumaris and other Indian yoga and spiritual groups. The 12th International Day of Yoga (IDY) was celebrated in Uruguay on 20–21 June 2026. The event was organised in association with Indian Cultural Association of Uruguay (ICAU) and AgNIY (Association of Yoga Institutes in Uruguay) respectively, which saw participation of more than 20 yoga schools and more than 1000 yoga enthusiasts.

12. The 10th Ayurveda Day was celebrated in Uruguay on 02 November 2025 i.e on Dhanvantari Jayanti in collaboration with Asociacion Uruguay de Medicina Ayurvedica (AUMA), a non-profit organization formed with the objective of promoting the knowledge of Ayurveda in Uruguay.

Technical and Development Co-operation

13. India offers 5 ITEC scholarships to Uruguay every year. Seven diplomats from Uruguay have attended various editions of the Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service in New Delhi.

Indian Community

14. There are approximately 950 Indians living in Uruguay, out of which roughly 900 are NRIs, most of whom are employees of TCS and their respective families, and reside in Montevideo.

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