

## **India-Andorra Bilateral Brief**

The Ambassador of India to Spain is concurrently accredited to the Principality of Andorra. Diplomatic relations were instituted between Andorra and India in 1994, soon after the proclamation of the Andorran constitution in 1993. Bilateral relations have been cordial and friendly with a special focus on cooperation in international organizations. Both sides have expressed keenness on strengthening bilateral relations on new fronts.

### **Political Relations**

2. In October 2023, Secretary (West), MEA, Shri Sanjay Verma made the first Secretary level visit to Andorra from India when he led the Indian delegation for the Foreign Office Consultations with Andorra. The Andorran side was led by the Foreign Minister H.E. Ms. Imma Tor Faus. During his visit, Secretary (West) also called on the Head of Government of Andorra, H.E. Xavier Espot Zamora and discussed the growing bilateral ties and thanked Andorra for their continuous support in multilateral fora.

3. H.E. Ms. Maria Ubach Font, the then Minister of Foreign Affairs, Andorra visited India on 31 July 2022 for a 3-day visit. This was the first time a Foreign Minister from Andorra had visited India, marking a new era of enhanced cooperation between the countries. She met EAM H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar and signed a Joint Declaration of Intent on Friendship and General Cooperation. During the 3-day long visit, she delivered a talk at Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service and met NITI Aayog Vice Chairman and discussed Agenda 2030, SDGs and how India and Andorra can collaborate on tackling global challenges such as Climate Change.

### **Economic Cooperation**

4. Bilateral trade between India and Andorra stood at US\$ 260,000 in FY2024-25 and US\$ 320,000 in FY2023-24 with nearly all trade being Indian exports to Andorra which includes textiles and garments, beverages and spirits, pharmaceutical products and precious and semi-precious stones.

## **Cultural Cooperation**

5. The International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2024 celebrations were held on June 10, 2024 at the picturesque *Parc Central*. In October 2022, under its 'Andorran Diversity' series, Andorra released a *commemorative stamp on 75 Years of Indian Independence* dedicated to the Indian community.

6. Around 140 Indians/PIOs live in Andorra. The Indian community has been in Andorra since 1970s starting mainly as businesspersons selling electronic goods and diversifying to other areas later. The Indian community is well-respected for being a peace-loving community which has assimilated well into the Andorran society.

7. Ms. Madhu Jethani has been India's Honorary Consul General in Andorra since 2020.

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