

Brief on India-Armenia Relations

Overview

India and Armenia share friendly relations rooted in the historical ties between the people of the two countries. India recognized Armenia on 26 December 1991 and India's Ambassador in Moscow was concurrently accredited to Armenia. The Protocol on establishment of Diplomatic relations between India and Armenia was signed on 31 August 1992 in Moscow. India opened its Resident Mission in Yerevan at the level of Chargé d'Affaires on 01 March 1999 and the first Resident Ambassador assumed charged in Yerevan in October 1999. In 2022, India and Armenia celebrated the 30th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations.

Historical Background

2. Historians have suggested that when Assyrian warrior queen Semiramis invaded India in ancient times, some Armenians accompanied her as they probably did Alexander the Great in 326 BC. According to literary evidence, there were Indian settlements in Armenia established by two Indian Princes (Krishna and Ganesh escaping from Kanauj) who along with their families and large retinue, had arrived in Armenia as early as 149 BC and were allotted land in Taron region (now in Turkey) by the then rulers of Armenia. Thomas Cana is said to be the first Armenian to have landed on the Malabar Coast in 780 AD. The first guidebook to Indian cities in Armenian was written in the 12th century. By the Middle Ages, the Armenian towns of Artashat, Metsbin and Dvin had become important centres for barter with India. While India exported precious stones, herbs and stones to Armenia, Armenia exported hides and dyes to India. A few Armenian traders had come to Agra during the Mughal Empire. Emperor Akbar, who was believed to have

an Armenian wife Mariam Zamani Begum, was highly appreciative of the commercial talents and integrity of the Armenians, granted them numerous privileges and considerable religious freedom as also an opportunity to serve in his empire in various capacities. In the 16th century, Armenian communities emerged in Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai and Agra, where the first Armenian Church was constructed in 1562. Indian classical singer Gohar Jaan, the first to be recorded on gramophone in 1902 was of Armenian origin. The first ever Armenian constitution (Vorogayt Parats) was written in Madras (Chennai) in 1773 by Shahamir Shahamirian (a wealthy Armenian merchant, writer and philosopher who founded the first Armenian printing press in Madras). The Armenian language journal →Azdarar→ published in Madras in 1794, was the first-ever Armenian journal published anywhere in the world. The vestigial Armenian community in India is now mainly settled in Kolkata. The Holy Church of Nazareth, erected in 1707, repaired and embellished in 1734 is the biggest and the oldest Armenian Church in Kolkata.

Political Exchanges

3. During the Soviet era, President Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (September 1964) and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (June 1976) visited Armenia. After the independence of Armenia, political exchanges have been regular – 3 Presidential-level visits from Armenia in 1995, 2003 and 2017. The last visit was by President Serzh Sargsyan from 2-4 November 2017. He met President, Prime Minister and Vice President. From India, the highest ever visit was that of Vice President B. S. Shekhawat in October 2005 and Vice President Hamid Ansari in April 2017. The Armenian PM Nikol Pashinyan has extended an invitation to our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to visit Armenia. This invitation was reiterated during the meeting of the two PMs on the sidelines of the UNGA in

September 2019. India had proposed a visit of Vice President to Armenia in July 2020. However, it was postponed due to the pandemic. PM Nikol Pashinyan and PM Shri Narendra Modi again met briefly on the sidelines of 79th UNGA in New York on 24 September 2024, in Paris at the official dinner hosted by French President, Mr. Emmanuel Macron, for HoS/HoGs attending the Global Artificial Intelligence Action Summit from 10-11 February 2025 and on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Tianjin, China on 31 August 2025.

4. All other bilateral visits may be seen at Annexure 'A'.

5. EAM and Armenian FM met in New York in September 2022, December 2022, September 2023 on the sidelines of the UNGA, on 18 February 2024 on the sidelines of Munich Security Conference, on 12 June 2025 on the sidelines of the Raisina Mediterranean Conference in Marseille, France. They also spoke over telephone on 17 June 2025 to discuss logistical and diplomatic coordination for evacuation of Indian nationals from Iran during the Iran-Israel war and on 09 August 2025 when EAM conveyed India's felicitations and best wishes for the peace deal reached between Armenia and Azerbaijan on 08 August 2025 in Washington DC.

6. The 1st India-Armenia-Iran trilateral consultations were held in Yerevan in April 2023, the 2nd Consultations were held in New Delhi on 12 December 2024 and the 3rd Consultations were held in Tehran on 08 September 2025. In all three sessions, the Indian delegation was led by JS (PAI). The India-Armenia Policy Planning Dialogue was conducted in Yerevan in July 2023. The Indian delegation was led by JS (PP&R), Dr. Sumit Seth.

7. Armenian DFM, Mr. Paruyr Hovhannisyan, participated in the Foreign Ministers' Session of the 2nd Voice of Global South Summit (VOGSS) and Armenian Finance Minister, Mr. Vahe Hovhannisyan, participated in the 3rd VOGSS (Finance Minister's Session) held virtually on 17 November 2023 and 17 August 2024 respectively.
8. The Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Manatskan Safaryan, participated in the 5th meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Committee for Europe and Other Regions, in Brussels from 11-13 June 2024.
9. Armenian PM, Mr. Nikol Pashinyan, congratulated PM Shri Narendra Modi during a telephonic conversation on 06 June 2024 following the victory of PM Modi-led National Democratic Alliance in the General Elections.
10. EAM met PM Nikol Pashinyan on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia on 24 October 2024. Minister of State for External Affairs, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, met the Armenian Deputy Minister for Environment, Mr. Ara Mkrtchyan, on the sidelines of the 16th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP 16) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Cali, Colombia on 02 November 2024.
11. PM Pashinyan sent a message of condolences to PM Shri Narendra Modi on the death of former PM, Dr. Manmohan Singh. DFM Mnatsakan Safaryan visited the Indian Embassy in Yerevan on 30 December 2024 to sign the condolence book on behalf of the Government of Armenia.
12. Mr. Sargis Shirkhanyan, Acting Head of North-East Asia Division, Asia-Pacific Department and Mr. Mushegh Avetisyan, Acting Head of South Asia Division of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia participated in the 3rd and 4th Edition of Raisina Forum for Future of Diplomacy 2024 programme organized by ORF from 06-15 October 2023 and 13-22 October 2024 respectively. Ms. Anna Arzumanyan, Third Secretary in South Asia Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia attended the Raisina Young Fellows Programme 2025 held from 14-23 March 2025.

13. Armenian FM, Mr. Minister Ararat Mirzoyan, visited India on a bilateral visit from 09-11 March 2025 at the invitation of EAM, Dr. S. Jaishankar. During the visit, he met EAM and held delegation level talks. Two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed during the visit: (i) MoU on Cooperation between Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service of India and Diplomatic School of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia and (ii) MoU between Central Drug Standards Control Organization (CDSCO), India and Center of Drug and Medical Technology Expertise (CDMTE) Armenia. FM Mirzoyan also delivered a lecture at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) on *“Armenia-India in a Changing World: Strengthening Ties, Securing Future Relations”* and interacted with scholars and researchers.

14. The Secretary of the Security Council of Armenia, Mr. Armen Grigoryan, visited India on 13 May 2025 and met with NSA, Shri Ajit Doval. They had a telecon on 22 September 2025.

15. Senior Advisor (S&T) NITI Aayog, Dr. Vivek Kumar Singh, visited Armenia to attend the International Conference on Scientometrics and Informatics organized by Yerevan State University from 23-28 June 2025. Dr. Singh called on First Deputy Minister of High-Tech Industry, Mr. Gevorg Mantashyan, on 27 June. He also met Mr. Sargis Hayostan, Chairman of Higher Education and Science Committee of Armenia and visited the Engineering city.

16. Mr. Gevorg Papoyan, the Armenian Minister of Economy visited India to attend the 30th CII Partnership Summit held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh from 14-15 November 2025. He met Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, on the sidelines of the CII Summit. The First Deputy Minister of High-Tech Industry of Armenia, Mr. Gevorg Mantashyan, paid a working visit to New Delhi to participate in the AI Impact Summit 2026 from 19-20 February. He called on Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw.

17. Amb. Sripriya Ranganathan, Secretary (CPV & OIA) visited Armenia and led the Indian delegation to the 3rd edition of Yerevan Dialogue from 04-06 May 2026. Secretary (CPV & OIA) met DFM, H.E. Mr. Mnatsakan Safaryan and several dignitaries on the sidelines of the Yerevan Dialogue.

18. On 08 June 2026, PM Shri Narendra Modi congratulated PM Mr. Nikol Pashinyan on the ruling Civil Contract Party's victory in the 07 June Parliamentary Elections.

Institutional mechanisms

Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) & Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economics, Scientific and Technological, Cultural and Educational Cooperation (IGC)

19. Bilateral dialogue between India and Armenia is conducted through the mechanism of Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) and Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological, Cultural and Educational Corporation (IGC). The 7th IGC and 8th FOC were held in Yerevan on 01 April, 2016. The 9th round of FOC was held in virtual format on 18 February 2022. The 8th IGC was held in Yerevan on 04 July 2022. FM Mirzoyan led the Armenian delegation, while the Indian delegation was led by Secretary (West), Shri Sanjay Verma. The 10th round of India-Armenia Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) was held in New Delhi on 18 November 2023. The Indian

delegation was led by Shri Sanjay Verma, Secretary (West) and the Armenian delegation by Deputy Foreign Minister of Armenia, Mr. Mnatsakan Safaryan. The 11th FOC took place in Yerevan on 07 November 2025. The Indian delegation was led by Amb. Sibi George, Secretary (West) and the Armenian delegation by DFM Mr. Mnatsakan Safaryan.

Parliamentary cooperation:

20. Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Vice-President of India visited Armenia in October 2005 and an MoU was signed between the two Parliaments which included intensification and promoting bilateral cooperation through exchange of visits and information, formation of parliamentary friendship group. The first visit to Armenia by the Parliamentarians of India was in October 2013 when Shri Paban Singh Ghatowar, Minister of States for Parliamentary Affairs led the Indian Parliamentary delegation which included 8 MPs in October 2013. Shri Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, President, ICCR and Member of Rajya Sabha visited Armenia during 14-17 August 2021. Vice President of the Armenian National Assembly visited India in March 2023 to participate in the Raisina Dialogue and paid a courtesy call on the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 02 March 2023.

21. Vice President of Armenia National Assembly, Mr. Hakob Arshakyan, who is also the Chairman of the Armenia-India Friendship Group, met with the Indian Parliamentary delegation led by the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Shri Harivansh Narayan Singh, on the sidelines of the 148th Assembly of the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) meeting held in Geneva from 22-27 March 2024.

22. A two-member Parliamentary delegation consisting of Shri Amar Pal Maurya, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Shri Saumitra Khan Member of Parliament, Lok

Sabha participated in the 10th IPU Global Conference of Young parliamentarians held in Yerevan from 12-14 September 2024.

23. Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla met Mr. Alen Simonyan, President of the National Assembly of Armenia on the sidelines of the 149th IPU on 15 October 2024 in Geneva.

24. President of the Armenian National Assembly, Mr. Alen Simonyan, led a Parliamentary delegation to India from 16-20 December 2024 at the joint invitation of Chairman Rajya Sabha and Speaker of Lok Sabha. During the visit Mr. Simonyan called on Hon'ble President, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Vice President & Chairman Rajya Sabha, Shri Jagdeep Dhankar and Speaker Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla.

25. Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Shri Harivansh Narayan Singh, met the Armenian Parliament Vice Speaker Hakob Arshakyan, on the sidelines of the 150th Inter Parliamentary Union in Tashkent on 11 April 2025.

26. Mr. Zaruhi Batoyan, Member of the Armenian National Assembly, participated in the "Purple Fest 2025", an international festival organized by the Central Government, State Government of Goa and the UN from 09-12 October 2025 in Goa.

27. Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Om Birla, constituted an 11-Member India-Armenia Parliamentary Friendship Group (PFG) in the Lok Sabha in February 2026. Shri Dharmendra Yadav, MP Lok Sabha was appointed the President of the PFG.

Trade and Economic Cooperation

28. The trade figures for the last few years are as follows:

(in USD million)

Year	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
India's Exports	25.9	40.49	69.8	27.4	61.3	95.29	264.51	305.51
India's Imports	0.91	1.56	96.46	134.8	72.8	36.09	50.67	102.26
Total	26.81	42.05	166.26	162.2	134.1	131.38	315.18	407.76

Source: DGCIS, DGFT

29. As can be seen from the above table, bilateral trade has significantly increased from 2023-24 to 2025-26. India's major export items (in terms of value) are: (i) diamonds or semi-precious stones, natural and cultured pearls (ii) electrical apparatus for line telephony (iii) bovine meat (iv) tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes (v) pharmaceutical products. India's major import items (in terms of value) are: (i) Gold (ii) unwrought lead (iii) medical, surgical & dental instruments (iv) precious and semi-precious stones and (v) optical fibre cables.

30. Indian investments in Armenia are estimated to be between USD 50-100 million. Pharmexcil (Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council) brought an 18-member delegation to Armenia in November 2019 to explore the pharma market. A business delegation led by Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO) also visited in November, 2019 and signed 4 agreements with their counterparts in diverse fields. A lack of direct air connectivity and Armenia being a landlocked country, has kept our trade figures low.

31. With an aim to strengthen business relations and develop reciprocal cooperation, Investment Support Centre of the Republic of Armenia and Invest India signed an MoU on 28 June 2021. The objective of this MoU is to provide business solutions for stakeholders of both sides to promote the investment climate in Armenia and India and

establish a practical framework for the development of stronger business relations between the two sides.

32. FIEO (Federation of Indian Exporters Organization) organized India Pavilion in 20th Edition of Armenia Expo held from 16-18 September 2021 with around 23 Indian companies representing multiple sectors like ceramics, food & beverages, handlooms & handicrafts, textile & apparels and industrial equipment etc. The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO) led business delegations to Armenia in April and May 2023 respectively. Indian companies had fruitful engagements with their Armenian counterparts during these forums.

33. During the 9th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF-2023) from 17-20 January 2024, an MoU between National Innovation Foundation (NIF), India and National Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship of Armenia (NCIE) was signed.

34. In order to leverage the current momentum in Indo-Armenian relations, a business forum, jointly organized by the Indian Embassy and the Armenian Chapter of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) was held on 14 March 2024 in a hybrid format. The event brought together business leaders, innovators, policymakers from both countries. A panel discussion was also held on various topics including technology, trade and tourism.

35. An India-Armenia webinar on “Collaborative Opportunities in Pharma Sector” was organized by the Indian Embassy in collaboration with Pharmexcil on 17 May 2024. The Armenian side was led by First Deputy Minister of Health, Dr. Lena Nanushyan. Dr. Nanushyan also led the Armenian delegation to iPHEX 2024 (International Exhibition for Pharma and Healthcare from 28-30 August 2024).

36. A Business Forum was organized on 07 March 2025 on the occasion of signing of a MoU between the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India and the Center of Drug and Medical Technology Expertise (CDMTE), Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia on Cooperation in the field of Medical Product Regulation. The event was organized in hybrid format in collaboration with Pharmexcil. The First Deputy Minister of Health of Armenia, Ms. Lena Nanushyan was the Chief Guest, representatives from CDSCO and CDMTE also attended the event. More than 200 Indian and Armenian Pharma companies took part in the B2B event.

37. An India-Armenia Business networking event was organized by International Chamber of Commerce Armenia for the visiting Indian business delegation led by Bharat Freight on 21 May 2025. The event was attended by Armenian and Indian entrepreneurs for possible business collaborations.

38. The Armenian Association of Digital Health (AADH) and the Telemedicine Society of India (TSI) organized a webinar on the theme of *“Telehealth in India and Armenia”* on 12 September 2025, which brought together leading experts and stakeholders from both countries. The webinar was held within the framework of the MoU signed by AADH and TSI during Telemedicon 2024 held in November 2024 in India. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) signed an Agreement with Armenian Card CJSC (ArCa) in October 2025 for enabling cross-border remittance from Armenia to India. In this connection, a delegation from NPCI visited Yerevan from 10-11 November 2025 to attend the FinnoWay Armenia PLUS Forum organized by the Central Bank of Armenia and ArCa.

39. An India-Armenia Virtual Meeting on Tourism was organized on 08 October 2025 by the Embassy in collaboration with the Indian Ministry of Tourism and the Tourism Committee of Armenia. Tour operators from both countries attended and took part in the networking session later. To promote Indian Coffee in Armenia, the Embassy took part in the ArmProd 2025 Exhibition in Yerevan from 12-13 December 2025 and organized a Coffee Tasting event.

40. The Embassy, in association with the Gems & Jewellery Export Promotion Council of India (GJEPC) and with the participation of the Ministry of Economy of Armenia, organized a Business Forum on Gems & Jewellery sector in a hybrid format on 20 March 2026.

41. An MoU was signed on 19 June 2026 by Indian near-space startup company 'Red Balloon Aerospace' with Armenian company 'Bazoomq Space Research Laboratory' to jointly develop high-altitude balloon technologies, near space testing capabilities and AI-enabled payload systems. The MoU aims to advance stratospheric research and commercial applications using high-altitude balloon platforms.

Developmental / Humanitarian Assistance

42. India–Armenia Centre of Excellence in ICT with PARAM super computer was set up in Yerevan in March 2015. This Centre has trained one third of total IT workforce of Armenia. A telemedicine network was created in Armenia in March 2015. Computerization of 50 schools in Vayots Dzor region was carried out in April 2017. Computer labs were established in 72 schools in Tavush region of Armenia in November 2013. Apart from this, India has provided humanitarian assistance, especially medicines on several occasions including during the Covid-19 pandemic.

43. An MoU on High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP) in Armenia with financial and technical assistance from India was signed on 04 July 2022. A health project under HICDP is under consideration of the Indian side.

44. Thalassemia drug Kelfer 500 donated by Indian Pharmaceutical giant CIPLA was handed over by Ambassador to the Hematology Center after Prof. R.H.Yeolyan in Yerevan in the presence of Deputy Minister of Health, Mr. Armen Gasparyan on 27 November 2024. CIPLA has donated this life-saving drug to the Hematology Center in 2013, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026.

45. An India Corner and Digital Transformation Lab was jointly inaugurated by Ambassador and Director, Mr. Karen Petrosyan, at the Armenian State University of Economics Gyumri Branch (ASUE-GB) on 17 December 2025. The lab is fully equipped with all necessary digital tools.

Cultural Cooperation

46. A 12-member Armenian Folk Dance Group Masunq participated in International Folk Festival organized by ICCR in December 2019. A Folk Group Kayt and 3 artisans participated in Surajkund International Crafts Mela in 2019. Armenian troupes are almost a regular participant to this Crafts Mela. In 2024, and 2025 three craftspeople participated in the 37th and 38th editions of the Surajkund International Craft Mela. In 2026, two crafts persons from the Folk-Art Museum participating in the 39th edition from 31 January-15 February 2026.

47. The Indian Embassy, in cooperation of Government of Armenia, celebrated the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Haypost (Department of Posts of Armenia) issued a stamp on Mahatma Gandhi on 23rd May 2019. Further an Indian Cultural Centre, run by a local NGO- India- Armenia Friendship Society is carrying out various activities to promote Indian culture in Armenia.

48. A statue of Mahatma Gandhi was also installed in Yerevan in April 2021 and was inaugurated by President ICCR, Dr. Vinay Sahashrabuddhe on 16 August 2021. He also inaugurated Veda Center for Indology at Russian-Armenian University. Mahatma Gandhi Center was set up at the Yerevan State Medical University in 2021.

49. As a part of the events dedicated to the 30th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia and Institute of Oriental Studies of Armenia organized a conference titled *“Armenia-India: New Incentives for Millennial Relations”* from 27-29 November 2022. Opening addresses were delivered virtually from Delhi by Joint Secretary (Eurasia), Shri Charanjeet Singh and in Yerevan, by Deputy FM Mr. Mnatsakan Safaryan. Former Indian Ambassador, H.E. Mrs. Reena Pandey, delivered her remarks in one of the sessions. Mr. Sunjoy Joshi from Observer Research Foundation (ORF) was also one of the participants. At the end of the conference, an MoU was signed between the Institute of Oriental Studies of the National Academy of the Sciences of Armenia and the Indian Think tank, Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF).

50. As a part of “Mission LiFE” (Lifestyle for Environment) initiative, the Indian Embassy in collaboration with the Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets organized a photo exhibition by renowned conservationist, Shri Vivek Menon, in Yerevan on 16 October 2023.

51. The Mission celebrated the 8th Ayurveda Day on the theme *“Ayurveda for One Health”* on 10 November 2023; the 9th Ayurveda Day on 29 October 2024 on the theme *“Ayurveda – Innovation for Global Health”* and the 10th Ayurveda Day on 23 September 2025 on the theme *“Ayurveda for People and Planet”*.

52. Two Armenian journalists, from Armenpress and News.am participated in the Familiarization Visit to India from 22-28 June 2024. The Familiarization Visit of Journalists from Eurasia (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Belarus, Kyrgyz Republic,

Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Mongolia, Armenia, Georgia and Iran) was organized by the External Publicity Division of Ministry of External Affairs. During the visit, the journalists visited Delhi, Gurugram, Agra and Hyderabad and met senior Government officials in the Ministry of External Affairs as well as other Ministries/Departments and visited places of commercial, scientific, education and touristic interest. The journalists also called on EAM.

53. Shri Arun Singhal, Director General, National Archives of India visited Yerevan from 07-09 October 2024 to attend the 13th International Seminar “Faces of Memory” in Yerevan. A facsimile of the *Saddharma Pundarika Sutra* - the Gilgit manuscript, was gifted to Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts of Armenia on the occasion.

54. An Indo-Armenian Cultural Festival was held at Kajaran Cultural House in the southern Syunik region of Armenia from 12-13 October 2024. The festival was co-organized by the India-Armenia Friendship Society with Grant-in-Aids from the Indian Embassy.

55. Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Shri Kailash Satyarthi visited Yerevan from 03-07 November 2024 to participate and deliver the keynote address at the international conference on “Decent Work: A path to Social Justice” organized by the Armenian Ministry of Labour & Social Affairs on 05 November 2024. Shri Satyarthi was conferred an Honorary Doctorate of the Yerevan State University (YSU). He called on the Armenian PM Mr. Nikol Pashinyan on 06 November 2024. The Founder of Infosys, Shri Narayana Murthy, visited Yerevan from 15-16 November 2024 to attend the Silicon Mountains Tech Summit. Shri Murthy was conferred the Global IT Award 2023 by the Government of Armenia. This was conferred by PM Pashinyan on 15 November 2024.

56. The Mission organized a “Satyajit Ray Film Festival” from 24-25 November 2023 in Yerevan at the Moscow Cinema Hall. Under the Development, Communication & Dissemination of Filmic Content (DCDFC) Scheme of the Ministry of Information &

Broadcasting through the National Film Development Corporation, the Mission organized a Festival of Yash Raj Films in Yerevan from 14-17 November 2024 at the Moscow Cinema Hall. A second Film Festival celebrating Raj Kapoor's Centenary was organized from 07-09 February 2025. Along with this, a photo exhibition of the 'Life & Times of Raj Kapoor' was also organized. Both the film festivals and photo exhibition were well received. A Retrospective of Mithun Chakraborty Films was organized from 28-30 March 2025. The Mission organized a 3-day Festival of Contemporary Indian Films in Yerevan from 05-07 December 2025 in collaboration with the 'National Film Development Corporation' (NFDC) of India. An Armenian film "Lullaby for the Mountain" a debut feature from Armenian Filmmaker, Hayk Matevosyan, marked its Asia Premier at the 56th India International Film Festival (IFFI) held in Goa from 20-28 November 2025. The Mission organized a three-day Festival of Contemporary Indian Films in Kapan, Syunik region from 06-08 March 2026. The second edition of the Festival of Contemporary Indian Films was organized in Yerevan from 27-29 March 2026.

57. An ODOP (One District One Product) exhibition of products from UP, Bihar and J&K was held at the Folk Arts Museum, Yerevan from 04-10 December 2024.

58. On the occasion of the World Meditation Day, A Yoga Workshop was organized in collaboration with the Armenian State Institute of Physical Culture & Sports (ASIPCS) and Luys Yoga Studio on 20 December 2024 at the ASIPCS.

59. The Embassy organized the "*Viksit Bharat Run*" on 28 September 2025. Yerevan was amongst the 150 cities in which this 5-km run was held on the theme "*Run to Serve the Nation*". Ambassador administered the *Viksit Bharat and Atmanirbhar Bharat Pledge* to the around 150 runners and 20 volunteers who took part with enthusiasm. The Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture & Sports of Armenia, Ms. Hasmik Avagyan, was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

60. President of the Indian think-tank, India Foundation, Dr. Ram Madhav, visited Armenia on 31 October 2025. He called on Secretary General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Mr. Davit Karapetyan and interacted with members of Orbeli Analytical Center (prominent Armenian think-tank under their PMO).

61. Three Armenian journalists from CivilNet, Armenpress and News.am agencies respectively took part in the “Familiarization Visit” from Central Asia organized by the External Publicity & Public Diplomacy Division of the MEA from 09-18 December 2025. A Defence journalist from News.am visited India to take part in the 1st Familiarization Visit for Defence Journalists organized by the MEA’s External Publicity & Public Diplomacy Division.

62. Three Armenian nationals from Luys Yoga Studio took part in the 1st World Yogasana Sports Championship held from 04-08 June 2026 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. Ms. Sona Soghoyan won a bronze medal in ‘Supine Yoga Poses (Individual)’ category.

ITEC & Hindi language

63. 40 ITEC slots have been allocated to Armenia. So far, 402 Armenians have availed of ITEC courses.

64. Ministry of External Affairs sponsors Hindi teaching in Armenia. Armenian candidates avail 2 annual ICCR scholarship to pursue various courses in India and 1-2 scholarship at the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (KHS).

65. Ms. Liliya Tadevosyan was granted Ayush Scholarship to study BAMS course in Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar, Gujarat for the academic year 2024-25.

66. A Special ITEC Course on Digital Forensics was organized at the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) for 18 officers of the Armenian State Revenue Committee in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from 13-24 January 2025.

67. The Head of the Department of Specially Protected Areas & Biodiversity Policy of the Ministry of Environment of Armenia, Ms. Voskehat Grigoryan, attended the ITEC Executive Course for Wildlife & Conservation Practitioners under the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) at the Kaziranga National Park, Assam from 10-16 February 2025. Mr. Hayk Hakobyan, Coordinating Advisor at the Geomatic Center of Cadastre Committee of Armenia attended the ITEC Executive Course on Land Governance from 24-29 March 2025.

68. Hindi Day and World Hindi Day is celebrated regularly by the Mission: In 2024, the World Hindi Day was celebrated on 10 January 2024 and Hindi Day on 16 September 2024 while in 2025, the World Hindi Day was celebrated on 17 January 2025 and Hindi Day on 15 September 2025. There is a good participation in these events in which both Armenians and Indians take part in large numbers in various categories of competitions.

69. A specialized ITEC course on *“Advanced Methods of Financial Crime Investigation and Digital Intelligence”* under the ITEC Programme was organized from 16-27 February 2026 at the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar, Gujarat for 15 Officers from the Armenian Investigative Committee and 10 Officers from the State Revenue Committee of Armenia.

Courses organized by SSIFS for Armenian diplomats

70. 15 Armenian diplomats attended the 1st Special Course for Armenian Diplomats at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS) from 18-27 October 2023. Earlier, Ms. Anahit Karapetyan (currently the Head of the Asia-Pacific Department in the MFA) attended the 70th Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats (PCFD) at the SSIFS

in March 2023. Mr. Ara Matevosyan, Third Secretary in the Middle-East & Africa Department of the MFA attended the 3rd edition of the Global South Young Diplomats' Forum (GSYDF) at SSIFS from 08-19 September 2025.

71. The SSIFS (formerly known as the Foreign Service Institute – FSI) has been conducting fully sponsored courses of varying duration for diplomats from across the world since 1992. Till date, 40 diplomats from Armenia have undergone training programmes at the SSIFS.

Cooperation at International Organizations

72. Armenia has been steadfast in its support to India's candidatures in various international bodies.

73. Armenia became the 117th signatory of the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement on 16 November 2023. Armenia ratified the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement on 10 September 2024 and after depositing the Instrument of Ratification with India, became the 104th Member of the ISA on 21 November 2024.

74. Armenia joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), created in 2023 at the initiative of PM Narendra Modi, to promote the protection of big cats by uniting the efforts of countries and forming relevant international standards. The Armenian Deputy Minister of Environment, Mr. Aram Meymaryan, signed the IBCA Framework Agreement on 30 June 2025.

75. The Armenian Parliament's 'Defence and Security Affairs Committee' on 05 September 2025, endorsed the bill on ratifying the Charter of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).

Indian Community

76. There is a moderate Indian student community in Armenia – approximately 2066. The Indian expatriate population figure is around 38,650. Students are mainly from the medical field who are studying in one Government University (Yerevan State Medical University) and 4-5 private Universities. Tourist inflow from India has increased in the past few years. The figures are as follows:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
No. of Indian Tourists visited Armenia	2,920	17,980	18,194	34,687	43,250	28,450

June 2026

Bilateral visits**From India**

S.No.	Visit by	Month/year
1.	Vice President Shri B. S. Shekhawat	October 2005
2.	Minister of States for Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Paban Singh Ghatowar	October 2013
3.	Vice President Shri Hamid Ansari	April 2017
4.	President ICCR and Member of Rajya Sabha, Shri Vinay Sahasrabuddhe	August 2021
5.	Minister of External Affairs, Dr. S.Jaishankar	October 2021
6.	Minister of State for External Affairs Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh	September 2024
7.	Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Shri Amar Pal Maurya	September 2024
8.	Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Shri Saumitra Khan	September 2024

From Armenia

S.No	Visit by	Month/Year
1.	President, Mr. Levon Ter-Petrossian	December 1995
2.	President of the National Assembly, Mr. Babken Araktsyan	<u>December 1996</u>

3.	Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Vartan Oskanian	<u>December 2000</u>
4.	President, Mr. Robert Kocharyan	October 2003
5.	President of the National Assembly, Mr. Tigran Torosyan	<u>December 2006</u>
6.	Foreign Minister Mr. Edward Nalbandian	<u>November 2010</u>
7.	Secretary of the National Security Council, Mr. Arthur Baghdasaryan	<u>March 2011</u>
8.	President of the National Assembly Mr. Hovik Abrahamyan	<u>December 2013</u>
9.	President Mr. Serzh Sargsyan	November 2017
10.	Foreign Minister, Mr. Ararat Mirzoyan	April 2022
11.	Defence Minister, Mr. Suren Papikyan	October 2022
12.	Secretary of Security Council, Mr. Armen Grigoryan,	November 2022
13.	Foreign Minister Mr. Ararat Mirzoyan	March 2023
14.	Vice President of the National Assembly and Head of India-Armenia Parliamentary Friendship Group, Mr. Hakob Arshakyan	March 2023
15.	Deputy Minister of Environment, Mr. Aram Meymaryan	April 2023
16.	Deputy minister for Hi-Tech, Mr, Gevorg Mantashyan	June 2023
17.	Minister of Health, Ms. Anahit Avanesyan	August 2023
18.	Secretary of Security Council, Mr. Armen Grigoryan,	August 2023
19.	Minister of Territorial Administration,	October 2023

	Mr. Gnel Sanosyan	
20.	Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Mnatsakan Safaryan	October 2023
21.	Minister of Economy, Mr. Vahan Kerobyan	January 2024
22.	Minister of Labour & Social Affairs, Mr. Narek Mkrtchyan	February 2024
23.	First Deputy Minister of Health, Dr.Lena Nanushayn	August 2024
24.	Deputy Minister of High-Tech Industry, Mr. Gevorg Meliksetyan	October 2024
25.	President of National Assembly Mr. Alen Simonyan	December 2024
26.	Defence Minister, Mr. Suren Papikyan and Deputy Defence Minister Mr. Karen Brutyan	February 2025
27.	Foreign Minister, Mr. Ararat Mirzoyan	March 2025
28.	Secretary of Security Council, Mr. Armen Grigoryan	May 2025
29.	Minister of Economy, Mr. Gevorg Papoyan	November 2025
30.	Chairman State Revenue Committee, Mr.Eduard Hakobyan	December 2025
31.	First Deputy Minister of High-Tech Industry, Mr. Gevorg Mantashyan	February 2026
32.	Lieutenant General Edward Asryan, Chief of General Staff (CGS) of Armenia and First Deputy Minister of Defence of Armenia	April 2026

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