
India-Denmark Bilateral Brief

Diplomatic relations between India and Denmark, established in September 1949, are based on historical links, common democratic traditions and shared desire for regional, as well as international peace and stability. Bilateral relations were elevated to the level of Green Strategic Partnership during the Virtual Summit held on 28 September 2020 between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Denmark Ms. Mette Frederiksen. The current development of renewed India-Denmark relations has been guided by the Green Strategic Partnership.

I. Recent High-Level Interactions

2. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met Acting Prime Minister of Denmark H.E. Ms. Mette Frederiksen on 19 May 2026 in Oslo, Norway on the sidelines of the 3rd India-Nordic Summit. During the meeting the two leaders reviewed bilateral cooperation and expressed satisfaction at the progress achieved in the joint agenda. Both leaders welcomed the advances made in the India-Denmark Green Strategic Partnership which prioritizes collaboration in the field of environment and climate change and pooling of efforts to aid green transition in both countries. Recalling the regular high-level exchanges between both countries ever since the launch of the Green Strategic Partnership in 2020, the leaders decided to further strengthen collaboration in new and emerging technologies, communications, advanced research, start-ups and academic exchanges. They also discussed cooperation in the areas of defence and AI. Prime Minister invited Danish companies to setup presence in GIFT city Gujarat.

3. Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Mary of the Kingdom of Denmark visited India from 26 February - 2 March 2023. During the visit they called on Hon'ble President of India, met the Hon'ble Vice President who hosted an official banquet in their honour; inaugurated the exhibition "Silver Treasures from Denmark and India" at National Museum; and participated in the "India and Denmark: Partners for Green and Sustainable Progress" Conference. The Royal Couple also visited Tamil Nadu and met the Governor. They were accompanied by Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Minister of Environment Mr. Magnus Heunicke and the Minister for Climate, Energy & Utilities Mr. Lars Aagaard.

4. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid an official visit to Denmark on 3-4 May 2022. The visit included two components- bilateral talks with PM Frederiksen and the

2nd India-Nordic Summit hosted by India and Denmark. During the bilateral talks, the two Prime Ministers reviewed the progress of India-Denmark Green Strategic Partnership and exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest. H.M. Queen Margrethe II received Prime Minister and hosted an official dinner in his honour. PM also interacted with the Indian community in Copenhagen and addressed an India-Denmark Business Forum held at the headquarters of the Danish Industry (DI). Agreements/MoUs in the fields of migration and mobility, green shipping, cultural exchange programme, water resource management, skill development, animal husbandry and dairying were exchanged. On 4 May, PM attended the 2nd India-Nordic Summit along with the Prime Ministers of Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Finland and reviewed India-Nordic relations. A Joint Statement reiterating strong commitment to multilateralism and international cooperation, and a robust partnership with Nordic countries to help promote innovation, economic growth, climate friendly solutions and mutually beneficial trade and investments was issued. On the sidelines of the Summit, Prime Minister held bilateral talks with PMs of Finland, Iceland, Sweden and Norway.

5. Prime Minister Ms. Mette Frederiksen paid a State Visit to India on 9-11 October 2021 and held bilateral talks with Prime Minister Modi. During the visit, she also called on Hon'ble President of India. This was the first visit by a Head of Government to India following the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. Then Danish Prime Minister Mr. Lars Løkke Rasmussen had visited India from 18-19 January 2019 for the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, where Denmark participated as a Partner Country. Prime Minister Modi also met Danish Prime Minister Rasmussen at the India-Nordic Summit in Stockholm on 17 April 2018.

7. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar (EAM) visited Denmark on 20 & 21 May 2025. EAM called on Prime Minister H.E. Ms. Mette Frederiksen and briefed her on developments in the Green Strategic Partnership between India and Denmark. They also discussed regional and international developments of mutual interest. He also met Speaker of Parliament Søren Gade, Foreign Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen and Minister of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs Morten Bødskov.

8. Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, met the Danish Minister of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs Mr. Morten Bødskov during his official visit to Copenhagen, Denmark on June 5-6 2025. The two ministers exchanged views on bilateral maritime collaboration under the auspices of the Green Strategic Partnership and the MoU on Maritime Affairs.

9. An All-Party Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, visited Copenhagen from 29-31 May 2025 to convey India's unwavering stance against terrorism and its resolve to obliterate every trace of it. The delegation was received at the Deputy Speaker's level in the Danish Parliament. The delegation also held a townhall meeting with the Indian diaspora.

10. Other recent Ministerial visits from India to Denmark include visits by Minister of Jal Shakti Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat for the World Water Congress & Exhibition from 12-14 September 2022; External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar on 4-5 September 2021 for the 4th Joint Commission Meeting; Minister for Science & Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan on 21-24 May 2018 to attend the 9th Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM9) held in Copenhagen; and Minister for Food Processing Industries Mrs. Harsimrat Kaur Badal in August 2017 and September 2018 to attend the World Food Summit. A Ministerial delegation led by Shri Mahesh Joshi, Minister for Public Health Engineering and Ground Water, Rajasthan Government visited Aarhus in August 2022 for cooperation in the field of water resources management. Ministerial delegations from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka governments have also visited Denmark in recent times to seek investment and technology from Denmark in the fields of renewable energy, water and machinery.

11. Danish Minister of Industry, Business, and Financial Affairs Morten Bodskov visited India on 16-18 September 2024 and held bilateral meetings with EAM, Jal Shakti Minister, Shipping Minister, Minister of New and Renewable Energy, and Chief Minister of Gujarat. He also held a telephonic exchange with Minister of Commerce and Industry. The Minister also participated in ReINVEST 2024 in Gandhinagar and India Water Week in Delhi. Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Lars Løkke Rasmussen along with an official delegation paid a visit to India from 21-22 February 2024. He participated in the 9th edition of Raisina Dialogue and held bilateral discussions with EAM Dr S. Jaishankar.

12. Other important ministerial visit from Denmark in recent times include those by Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy, Mr. Dan Jorgensen, from 8-12 February 2023 for the UP Global Investors Summit and again a separate visit to attend Clean Energy Ministerial & G20 Ministerial Working Groups on Green Transition and Environment and Climate Sustainability from 19-22 July 2023 and from 7-10 September 2021 as the Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities; Danish Minister for Development Cooperation Mr. Flemming Moller Mortensen on 10-13 August 2022; Danish Minister of Health Mr. Magnus Heunicke on 7-10 March 2022; Foreign Minister Mr. Jeppe Kofod on 14-16 January 2020 to attend the 5th edition of the Raisina Dialogue; Minister for Environment and Food Mr. Jakob

Ellemann-Jensen on 17-19 January 2019; Foreign Minister Mr. Anders Samuelsen from 17-18 December 2018 and 27-30 November 2017 during which he co-chaired the Joint Commission Meeting with the External Affairs Minister.

13. Recent exchange of Parliamentary delegations include visit of Danish Speaker Mr. Soren Gade and the Danish Presidium from 3-9 March 2024, a 5-member Parliamentary Committee led by Higher Education and Science Minister Ms. Christina Egelund from 3-9 March 2024, a Danish Parliamentary Standing Committee for European Affairs to India headed by MP Mr Niels Fleming Hansen from 17-20 April 2023, 7-member Danish Parliamentary Foreign Policy Committee delegation led by Chairman Martin Lidegaard to India from 3-6 March 2020. From the Indian side, a Parliamentary delegation led by Speaker Smt. Meira Kumar visited Denmark from 16-18 June 2011. A UP Legislature delegation led by Shri Satish Mahana, Speaker, UP Legislative Assembly and Shri Kunwar Manvendra Singh, Chairperson, UP Legislative Council visited Denmark from 13-16 August 2023 and met Chairman of the Danish Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. Bertel Haarder.

II. Bilateral Institutional Mechanisms

14. A number of bilateral institutional mechanisms at different levels between India and Denmark are in place. The Joint Commission Meeting at the Foreign Ministers' level (established in 2008) and the Foreign Office Consultations at Secretary-level (established in 1995) provide the broad framework for bilateral consultations. So far, four meetings of the Joint Commission have been held. The last meeting was held in Copenhagen in September 2021 during which both sides reviewed the progress made since the launch of the Green Strategic Partnership. Foreign Office Consultations have been held seven times since 1995. The latest edition was held on 17 November 2025 in New Delhi.

15. At the level of line Ministries, Joint Working Groups function in the fields of (i) Renewable Energy, (ii) Shipping and Ports, (iii) Agriculture & Animal Husbandry, (iv) Food Processing, (v) Science & Technology, (vi) Labour Mobility, (vii) Environment, (viii) Smart Cities, (ix) Digitisation (x) Energy Cooperation, (xi) Health and Medicine and (xii) Water. Bilateral calls on Cutting Edge Green Hydrogen Technology jointly funded by The Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science and Department of Science and Technology, Government of India were held regularly.

16. India and Denmark have signed a Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement on 22 Feb 2024 in New Delhi. The Agreement was signed by External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar and Danish Finance Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen, which aims to set up a framework to facilitate mobility and employment opportunities for skills

and talents from both sides. The inaugural Joint Working Group meeting on Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement (MMPA) was held in Copenhagen on 27-28 February 2025.

17. In January 2026, Minister for Senior Citizens Mette Kierkegaard made a visit to India and signed a 5-year partnership agreement with the State of Kerala to recruit nurses, social and healthcare assistants for Danish elderly care. Managed by NORKA Roots, Government of Kerala, the initiative aims to facilitate the movement of healthcare professionals to Denmark.

III. Commercial and Economic Relations

18. Bilateral trade in goods figures from financial year 2017 to 2025 are given below:

(Figures in US\$ million)

Calendar Year	India's Exports	India's Imports	Total Trade	Growth Rate %	India's BoT Surplus
2017	1308	1116	2424	8.85	192
2018	1546	1225	2771	14.32	321
2019	1437	1347	2784	0.46	90
2020	1125	1032	2157	-22.52	93
2021	1329	1107	2436	12.93	222
2022	1351	876	2227	-8.58	475
2023	1027	801	1828	-17.92	226
2024	1070	973	2043	11.76	97
2025	1069	985	2054	0.54	84

[Source Denmark Statistics]

19. The major export items from India to Denmark are textiles, apparels and yarns, vehicles and components, metal goods, iron and steel, leather and footwear, and travel goods. Major Danish exports to India are medicinal/pharmaceutical products, power generating machinery, industrial machinery, metal waste and ore, and organic chemicals.

20. During 2025, bilateral trade in services reached US\$ 4.25 billion; exports from India reached US\$ 1.9 billion and imports were amounting to US\$ 2.3 billion. Bilateral trade in services between India and Denmark was USD 4.0 billion in 2024; import by

India in services amount to USD 2.3 billion and export by India in services valued to USD 1.7 billion (Source: Denmark Statistics). As per recent data of Commerce Ministry the Indian exports to Denmark for 2025-26 have exceeded the target with 106% exports achieved.

21. As per Denmark Statistics figures, the value of total direct investment inflows from Denmark to India till 2024 was US\$ 2090 million while as per DPIIT data, the total Danish investment was reported at US\$ 1.413 billion from April 2000 – December 2024. Around 200 Danish companies have invested in India in sectors such as shipping, renewable energy, environment, agriculture, food processing and smart urban development.

22. Several major Danish companies have built new manufacturing factories under the 'Make in India' scheme. Major investing companies from Denmark include the Danish shipping giant, AP Moller-Maersk Group, carrying about 19% of India's container trade.

23. Other Danish companies which have major investments in India include Vestas, LM Wind Power, Grundfos (with factories in Ahmedabad and Chennai to produce energy efficient water pumps), Danfoss (with factories in Vadodara, Pune and Chennai manufacturing thermostats, compressors and equipment for cold-chains), Carlsberg, FL Smidth Ltd., Novo Nordisk, Haldor Topsoe (designing fertilizer factories), Novonesis, AVK Valves, Fertin Pharma, Foss, Knud E. Hansen etc.

24. Danish consultancy firms such as Ramboll and Cowi have a major presence in India with about 1800 professionals working on various projects and have undertaken design and supervision of many prestigious projects in India, including Mumbai Trans Harbor Link.

25. As per information available from 'Invest in Denmark', the total value of Indian investments in Denmark is estimated about USD 560 million. Around 40 Indian companies are present in Denmark in various sectors, including IT, renewable energy and engineering. Indian companies present in Denmark include Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, L&T Infotech, HCL, Infosys, Tech Mahindra and OYO etc. Majority of them are providing IT solutions, projects consultancy and outsourcing services for Danish services sector.

IV. Cultural Cooperation

26. A Cultural Exchange Programme was signed during the visit of Hon'ble PM to Denmark in May 2022. Under this framework, a joint exhibition "Silver Treasures from

India and Denmark” was inaugurated at the National Museum in New Delhi during the visit of the Royal Couple from Denmark in February 2023. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) to commemorate 75 years of India’s Independence was celebrated with much fervour across Denmark with lighting up iconic Danske Industries building with the Indian tricolor, hoisting of the tricolor at the Royal Stock Exchange, Børsen in Central Copenhagen and a multitude of events including Har Ghar Tiranga initiative.

27. International Day of Yoga is celebrated every year by the Embassy across Denmark with active participation of several organisations involved in imparting Yoga training in Denmark. The 10th Anniversary of the International Day of Yoga was celebrated in June 2025 with events being held in several important cities of the Kingdom, viz. Copenhagen, Aarhus, Aalborg, Sonderborg, Herning, Odense, and The UN City. The flagship IDY event was held at the iconic ‘Operaparken’ by the waterfront overlooking Amalienborg Palace on 21 June 2025, under the theme ‘One Earth, One Health’.

28. Under ‘Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam’ initiative, in an event organised by Embassy on 05 June 2025 Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal planted a tree in the Embassy premises.

29. On 28 September 2025, Viksit Bharat Run was organised in collaboration with all the Indian diaspora associations of Denmark and the Tarnby Municipality with participation from the Indian community and Friends of India. The event saw the participation of more than 300 people including children, young adults, and even senior citizens who came forward to express their strong support to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Chief Guests of the event were Shri Dinesh Pratap Singh, Hon’ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Horticulture, Agriculture Marketing, Agriculture Foreign Trade and Agriculture Export, Government of Uttar Pradesh, who was on an official visit to Denmark and Mr. Allan S. Andersen, Mayor of Tarnby Municipality.

V. Indian Diaspora / People-to-People Contacts

30. The size of the Indian community in Denmark, inclusive of both NRIs and PIOs is around 22000. These include IT professionals, doctors, engineers, finance & banking professionals, academics and students. Important streets and public places named after Indian leaders include Gandhi Plaeene (Gandhi Park), Indiakaj (road named after India) and Nehru Road near Aarhus University in Aarhus. There are over 30 Indian community associations.

31. For the first time ever, the Indian community presented a 12-hour non-stop Indian cultural extravaganza 'Namaste Denmark' on 06 September 2025 in Copenhagen's most prominent central square, the Townhall with over 10000 Indians and Friends of India visiting the event. The event organised in association with the Embassy of India and supported by the Diaspora Engagement Division, MEA was a huge success displaying the rich and vibrant Indian culture.

32. Mission in association with Danish Indian Voluntary Association (DIVA) and Indian Community Association, organised an Indian music concert commemorating the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram and Uttar Pradesh Diwas on 25 January 2026. During the event a special performance by DHOAD, Gypsies of Rajasthan cultural troupe was the main highlight.

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