

India - Georgia Bilateral Brief

Overview

India recognized Georgia's independence in December 1991 and operationalised the resident mission in July 2024. Before 2024, the Indian Embassy in Yerevan was concurrently accredited to Georgia. The first resident Ambassador Shri Amit Kumar Mishra assumed charge in Tbilisi on 20 March 2026. Georgia opened its Embassy in Delhi in 2009.

Historical Background

2. Indian folklore, especially Panchatantra, influenced Georgian folk legends. One of the main heroes in the epic Georgian masterpiece "The Knight in the Panther's Skin", by 12th century poet Shota Rustaveli, is an Indian Prince. Georgians served in the Mughal Courts. 19th Century Georgian painter Niko Pirosmiani's depicted India in his "Hunting in India" artwork. The Queen St. Ketevan relics discovered in Goa's St. Augustine Church. A part of the relics was handed over to Georgia in 2021 by EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar.

Important visits

3. EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Georgia in July 2021, and met Georgian President, PM and FM. Parliamentary delegation led by Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia, Mr. Shalva Papuashvili visited India from 01-05 December 2025, and met with Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha and Hon'ble Vice President. Following this visit, a Parliamentary Friendship Group for Georgia in Indian Parliament was constituted to further strengthen the Parliamentary cooperation. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Mrs. Maka Botchorishvili visited India in March 2025 to participate in the Raisina Dialogue and met External Affairs Minister on the sidelines.

Institutional mechanisms

4. Bilateral dialogue between India and Georgia is conducted through the mechanism of Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) and Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC). The 8th FOC was held in Tbilisi in December 2025. The 3rd IGC was held in New Delhi in September 2017. Secretary (West) and Georgian Deputy Foreign Minister co-chair the FOC and IGC.

Trade and Economic Relations

5. The bilateral trade between India and Georgia has remained robust but much below potential. The trade figures for the last 5 years

are as follows:

All figures in million US\$

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Indian Export	163.91	265.31	197.49	288.98	345.18
Indian Import	196.64	167.04	100.98	74.66	87.03
Total	360.55	432.35	298.46	363.63	432.21

Source: DGCI&S, DGFT

6. Poti Port in the Black Sea is Georgia's largest container and general cargo port, handles most containerized imports and exports, and main gateway for cargo arriving from Europe, Turkey and Central Asia. The major export commodities from India are: Vehicle parts and accessories, Machinery & mechanical appliances, Meat, Drugs & pharmaceuticals, Electric machinery & equipment and parts, plastic & Linoleum, and Tobacco. The major import commodities are fertilizers, inorganic chemicals, organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals or rare earth metals, Lead and articles thereof, Copper and articles thereof.

7. India and Georgia launched a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Feasibility Study in April 2017, which was completed in January 2019. The FTA negotiations are yet to take place.

8. The Indian commercial flight, Indigo was operating daily flights between Delhi and Tbilisi since August 2024 (currently suspended due to ongoing middle east crisis).

9. There are sizeable Indian (or Indian origin) investments in Georgia - approximately US\$ 770 million in steel, infrastructure, agriculture and service sectors. Major Indian investors are Tata Power, Geo Steel, KEC International and Hindustan Silichem Pvt Ltd. Apart from this, there are individual investors from India, mostly from Punjab, who have acquired agricultural land for cultivation in Georgia.

ITEC & ICCR Scholarships

10. Georgian nationals visit India for various short-term courses under ITEC scholarships. 20 ITEC slots are being offered to Georgia annually. ICCR Scholarships are also offered to Georgian nationals to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Indian Universities. Apart from this, SSIFS organises training courses for Georgian Diplomats. So far, 24 Georgian diplomats had undergone training at SSIFS.

Cultural Cooperation

11. Agreement between India and Georgia on Cooperation in the fields of Culture, Education, Science, Sports and Youth was signed in March 2010. The agreement expired in March 2020. A new agreement is under consideration.

12. Bollywood films are very popular in Georgia. Raj Kapoor is a household name. The Georgian government launched an incentive programme offering a 20% cash rebate on qualified expenses incurred for film shooting in Georgia. Georgia participates regularly in the 'Annual Surajkund Mela'

Indian Community

13. Georgia hosts about 25,000 Indian students studying medicine at various Universities. There is a sizable Indian community. In recent years, many Indians have brought investment from Gulf countries and started mid-size businesses such as restaurants, hotels etc. NGO for Cultural Diversity for Peaceful Future (NGOCDPF), an Indian Cultural Association organizes regular Indian festivals and cultural events in Georgia.

14. Georgia has also become an important tourist destination for Indians, as around 1,40,000 Indian tourists visited Georgia last year.

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