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## INDIA-ITALY BILATERAL RELATIONS

India and Italy are ancient civilizations with rich cultural heritage. Italian port cities were important trading posts on the ancient spice route. The Venetian merchant Marco Polo, during his travels to the east, travelled to India in the 13<sup>th</sup> century and wrote about his experiences. Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore visited Italy in May-June 1926. Mahatma Gandhi visited Rome in December 1931 on his way back to India from the Round Table Conference in London. Indian troops, serving with the British Indian Army, were deployed in Italy during World War II, fighting against the Germans and Mussolini's forces.

2. Diplomatic relations with Italy were established in 1947. In 2023, both countries celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations. The two countries enjoy a strong people-to-people connect with a large Indian diaspora. There is a long standing tradition of Indological Studies in Italy. The list of high level VVIP visits exchanged from 2023 to April, 2026 is at **Annexure I**.
  
3. Italy joined several India-led several India led plurilateral initiatives such as International Solar Alliance (ISA), Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).

## **POLITICAL RELATIONS**

4. Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's first state visit after she was elected was to India in March 2023. She was also Chief Guest at Raisina Dialogue. PM Meloni participated in the G20 Leaders' Summit in New Delhi in September, 2023. During the G20 Summit, Italy joined two key initiatives launched by India – India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) and Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA).
5. Prime Minister Modi visited Italy in October 2021, for the G20 Summit in Rome under PM Mario Draghi. He met PM Draghi and interacted with the Indian Community. He visited Italy in June 2024 and participated in the G7 Summit in Puglia and had a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Meloni.
6. Prime Minister Modi met PM Meloni on 18 November 2024 on sidelines of the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro. They announced the Joint Strategic Plan of Action 2025-29 as a roadmap for bilateral cooperation through co-production, innovation, R&D, mobility and business collaborations.
7. PM Meloni called PM Modi on 24 April, 2025 to express solidarity and support following the Pahalgam terror attack of 22 April, 2025. Prime Minister Modi briefly met PM Meloni on 17 June, 2025 at the G7 Summit in Canada. PM Modi and PM Meloni had a telephonic conversation on 10 September, 2025.
8. On November 23, 2025, Prime Minister Modi met PM Meloni on the sidelines of G20 Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa. They adopted the India-Italy Joint Initiative to Counter Financing of Terrorism which reiterates our common resolve to fight terrorism.

PM Meloni expressed strong support for the AI Summit hosted by India in February 2026.

**G7 Meetings in Italy (2024):**

India supported Italy's G7 presidency and participated in following G7 meetings in Italy in 2024:

9. **G7 Foreign Ministers Meeting:** EAM Dr S. Jaishankar visited Italy in November, 2024 to attend G7 Foreign Ministers Meeting. He met Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mr. Antonio Tajani; participated in the MED Dialogue (Mediterranean Dialogue) and inaugurated the new chancery building of the Embassy in Rome.
  
10. **G7 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting:** Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal visited Reggio Calabria, Italy in July, 2024 to participate in the G7 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting. He met Mr. Antonio Tajani, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister.
  
11. **G7 tourism Ministers Meeting:** Shri Suresh Gopi, Minister of State (MoS) visited Italy for G7 tourism Ministers Meeting and had bilateral meeting with Tourism Minister of Italy, Ms. Daniela Santanchè in November, 2024.
  
12. **G7 Culture Ministers Meeting:** Shri Arunish Chawla, Secretary (Culture) visited Naples, Italy from 19 to 22 September to participate in the G7 Culture Ministers Meeting. He met Italy's Minister of Culture Mr. Alessandro Giuli.

13. **G7 Ministerial Meeting on Industry & Tech Innovation:** Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary (MEITY) visited Rome in October, 2024 for the G7 Ministerial Meeting on Industry & Tech Innovation.

14. **G7 Health Ministers Meeting:** Ms. Punya Salila Srivastava, Secretary (Health) visited Ancona, Italy for G7 Health Ministers Meeting in October, 2024 and had a bilateral meeting with the Italian Health Minister Orazio Schillaci.

### **Political Consultations**

15. On the sidelines of UNGA in New York, Italian DPM and Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani met Minister of External Affairs Dr. S Jaishankar and Commerce and Industries Minister Shri Piyush Goyal on 25 September, 2025.

16. Undersecretary of State of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Maria Tripodi visited Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025.

17. Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman visited Italy to participate in the annual ADB meeting in Milan, 04-06 May 2025. She met her Italian counterpart, addressed Italian CEOs and Indian community.

18. CIM visited Brescia, Italy for the 22<sup>nd</sup> India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) on 4-5 June 2025, accompanied by 80 Indian companies. The second Business Forum was held on 5 June in Brescia, Italy. Around 800 Italian companies participated.

19. Italy's DPM and Foreign Minister Mr. Antonio Tajani accompanied by 50 Italian companies visited India from 10-12 December, 2025. He called on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, met External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, NSA and Commerce and Industry Minister Mr. Piyush Goyal.

20. The last Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) in New Delhi on 20 March 2026, was co-chaired by Secretary (West), MEA and Ambassador Nicoletta Bombardiere, Director General, Italian Foreign Ministry.

**Parliamentary Linkages:**

21. The India-Italy Parliamentary Friendship Group led by Senator Guilio Terzi, has 22 members. Senator Terzi participated in Raisina Dialogue in Delhi in February 2024. Parliament of India constituted a 11- member Parliamentary Friendship Group for Italy in March 2026, led by Shri P. Chidambaram, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha.

22. Three Italian Parliamentarians Hon. Lorenzo Cesa, Hon. Paolo Formentini and Senator Simona Flavia Malpezzi participated in the Raisina Dialogue in Delhi, in March 2026.

23. The All-party delegation of eight MPs led by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, visited Italy from 27-29 May, 2025 to convey our perspective about cross-border terrorism, following the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir. They met Presidents of Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies, Ms.

Maria Tripodi, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (MoS equivalent) and members of India-Italy Parliamentary Friendship Group led by Senator Giulio Terzi. They interacted with think-tanks, news agencies, journalists and met a cross section of Indian community.

**Other Visits:**

24. Minister of Enterprises and Made in Italy, Mr. Adolfo Urso visited India from 29 November 2024 to 2 December, 2024 to mark the arrival of Italian Navy Ship, ITS Amerigo Vespucci, at Mumbai Port. He met the Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, MoS for Space, Minister of Coal and Mines and Commerce Minister.
25. Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh visited Rome from 28 September to 1 October to attend the 2025 FAO Global Conference on Sustainable Livestock Transformation.
26. Rajasthan's Minister of Industry and Commerce, Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore participated in the Marmomac global trade fair, in Verona from 22-25 September 2025.
27. **AI Impact Summit 2026:** Italy's Minister of Enterprises and Made in Italy H.E. Mr. Adolfo Urso visited New Delhi from 16-20 February 2026 to attend the India AI Impact Summit 2026.

28. **India Maritime Week 2025:** From October 27-31, 2025, Italy's Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, Mr. Edoardo Rixi, participated in the India Maritime Week 2025 in Mumbai. He met Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Ministers of State for Railways; Road Transport and Highways and Housing & Urban Affairs.

29. **IMEEC:** Italy is founding member of IMEEC and appointed a Special Envoy for IMEEC Ambassador Francesco Talo. DPM Tajani hosted a meeting about IMEEC in Trieste, Italy on 17 March, 2026 in which our Deputy NSA (SA) Ambassador Pavan Kapoor participated. Italy set up a Parliamentary Group on IMEEC in November, 2025. As part of IMEEC digital corridor, Sparkle (TIM Group) has a strategic partnership with Airtel, and activated the Blue-Raman submarine cable between India and Genoa, Italy.

## TRADE & INVESTMENT

30. Italy is India's 4th largest trading partner in the EU. In 2025, bilateral trade reached € 14.25 billion with India's exports at €8.55 billion and a balance in favour of India of € 2.85 billion. Italy's export to India stood at €5.70 billion in 2025, an increase of 9.42% over 2024. India and Italy have set a target to increase their annual bilateral trade to €20 billion by 2029. India is Italy's 14th largest import source. Italy has identified under its global trade strategy, India as one of priority countries.

### Bilateral Trade in Goods (2021-2026)

(Values in US\$ billion)

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
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<b>India's exports to Italy</b>	8.18	8.69	8.77	7.73
<b>India's imports from Italy</b>	5.05	5.56	5.80	6.01
<b>Total Trade</b>	13.23	14.25	14.57	13.74
<b>Trade Balance</b>	3.13	3.13	2.97	1.72

Total trade from April 2025- January 2026 was US\$ 12.01 billion.

31. **Trade in Services** stands at € 1.33 billion in 2025 Italy's imports from India stood at € 653.88 million (+19.94% over 2024), while Italy exported to India services worth € 676.03 million (-6.18% over 2024). *(Data: Central bank of Italy)*

32. The main products of export from India were travel, transport, charges for the use of intellectual property, telecommunications, computer and information services.

33. **Remittances:** In 2025 remittances from Italy to India reached € 594.02 million (+32.8% over 2024), with India ranking second in outward remittances from Italy.

## FDI Inflows

34. Italy ranks 19th in FDI inflows into India during April 2000 to September 2025 which stand at US \$ 3.66 bn (Source: DPIIT). The top sectors attracting FDI are: automobiles (29.8%), trading (17.1%), industrial machinery (5.6%), services (5.1%), Electrical equipment (4.6%). Italian investments in India exceeded €500 million in first six months of 2025.
35. **Indian FDI in Italy:** Total Indian direct investment in Italy is approximately €490 million (Source: DPIIT) predominantly in IT, electronics and engineering sectors. The €3.8 billion acquisition of Iveco Group by Tata Motors is the most significant Indian investment in Italy so far.
36. Indian companies in Italy are mainly in IT, electronics and engineering sectors: TCS, BKT, Greenlam, Strelite Technologies, Mahindra, Ranbaxy, Zydus Cadila, Himatsingka Seide, Varroc Group, Endurance Technologies, Gammon, Aditya Birla, Sun Pharma etc. Around 800 Italian companies are present in India, from diverse sectors such as fashion and garments, textiles and textile machinery, automotive and automotive components, infrastructure, chemicals, energy, confectionery, insurance, etc.
37. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Antonio Tajani visited India on April 11-12, 2025, accompanied by Minister of University and Research Ms. Anna Maria Bernini, 100 Italian companies, Rectors of six universities and heads of six research institutions. Minister Tajani called on the President, met EAM and co-chaired the inaugural India-Italy Business, Science and Technology Forum with EAM and CIM.

38. The 22nd bilateral Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) in Brescia, Italy on 5th June 2025, was co-chaired by Commerce and Industries Minister (CIM) Mr. Piyush Goyal and Deputy Prime Minister Tajani. On sidelines the second Business Forum was held with 80 Indian companies and around 800 Italian companies, business chambers and associations participated.
39. On 11 December, 2025, Deputy Prime Minister Tajani and Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal co-chaired the 3rd Business Forum in Mumbai.
40. Incentives for Italian companies by the Italian Government under push strategy:
- Opening of a SIMEST (Italian agency supporting Italian SMEs to internationalize) office in Delhi, with a dedicated € 500 million funding line.
  - Additional € 200 million support for Italian companies by SACE (Italian export credit agency) to facilitate contracts between Indian buyers and Italian SMEs.
41. 2nd meeting of the Italy-India Joint Working Group on Food Processing was held on 16th February, 2024, in Rome. 2<sup>nd</sup> JWG on Renewable Energy and Agriculture met in 2023. The 3<sup>rd</sup> JWG on Renewable Energy was held virtually on 29 April, 2026.

## **DEFENCE**

42. Indian Army has a unique historical connect with Italy. It played a significant role in advances of the allied forces for the liberation of Italy in the Second World War. Out of the 20 Victoria Crosses awarded for the Italian Campaign, six were to Indians. 5,782

Indian soldiers were killed in action. They are honored in 40 Commonwealth War Graves Cemeteries in Italy. In April, 2025, a memorial in honour of Indian soldier Sepoy Thaman Gurung, Victoria Cross of the 5th Gurkha Rifles, was inaugurated at Modigliana, Italy. The bust of Naik Yeshwant Ghadge was unveiled on 05 July 2025 at Montone. He was an Indian soldier and war hero from World War II, serving in the 5th Mahratta Light Infantry of the British Indian Army.

43. The defence relationship has expanded to dialogue, service to service interactions, training, export of defence equipment, sharing information, port calls, naval exercises, maritime security, etc.
44. Raksha Mantri (RM) visited Italy in October, 2023 for bilateral discussions with his counterpart Mr. Guido Crosetto. An Agreement on defence cooperation was signed. RM interacted with CEOs of Italian companies.
45. Mr. Matteo Perego di Cremnago, Italian Under Secretary of State for Defence alongwith a defence business delegation participated in Aero India 2025 from 10-12 February, 2025 and met Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth.
46. Lt. Gen Luciano Portolano, Italian Secretary General of Defence visited India from 11-15 March 2024 to co-chair with Defence Secretary the 10th Joint Defence Committee (JDC) and Military Cooperation Group (MCG) meetings in New Delhi. In April 2026, the 14th India-Italy MCG meeting was held in Delhi and prepared a plan of action for 2026-27.

47. 11<sup>th</sup> India-Italy JDC meeting in Rome from 14-16 April 2025, was co-chaired by Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Defence Secretary and Dr Luisa Riccardi, Deputy National Armaments Director, alongwith Italian delegates. An MoU between Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and the Federation of Italian Companies for Aerospace, Defence and Security (AIAD) was signed, for bilateral defence industrial cooperation.
48. The India–Italy Defence Industry Seminar was held in Rome on 26–27 February 2026 with the participation of a business delegation led by AIAD and SIDM. Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Secretary (Defence Production), Ministry of Defence, who led the delegation, met Mr. Matteo Perego di Cremona, Undersecretary of Defence, Italy, General Luciano Portolano, Chief of Italian Defence Forces, CHOD and Vice Admiral Giacinto Ottaviano, National Armaments Director.
49. Italian Defence Minister Mr. Guido Crosetto visited India on 29-30 April 2026 and met RM and NSA. They discussed defense and security cooperation, key regional and global issues as well as new areas of collaboration, particularly in the area of industrial partnerships. The 2026-2027 bilateral Military Cooperation Plan was exchanged.
50. Delegations of Indian Navy War College visited Italy in December 2024, National Defence College visited Italy in June 2025 and Indian Army War College visited Italy in November, 2025.

51. As part of focus on Indo-Pacific, there are regular ship visits and port calls. Italian Navy Ships- *ITS Morosini* ( Mumbai August, 2023), *ITS Cavour* (Goa, October, 2024), *ITS Vespucci* (Mumbai, November-December, 2024), Antonio Marceglia (Mumbai, May-June 2025). Port calls made by Indian Navy ships in Italy- 'INS Tamal' (Naples, August 2025), INS Trikand (Taranto, September 2025). Indian Navy Ship INS Sumedha held PASSEX with ITS Morosini off the coast of Sardinia in April, 2023. Italian Navy participated in MILAN Naval Exercises in Vishakapatnam in February, 2024.

### **Tourism & Connectivity**

52. ITA Airways has direct daily flights from Rome to New Delhi. Air India operate flights between Delhi-Rome (four flights in a week) and Delhi-Milan (four flights per week). Italian low-cost airline Neos Air operates direct flights from Bergamo to Amritsar thrice a week and Rome to Amritsar once a week. Mission is regularly interacting with Italian travel agencies to promote tourism to India.

### **Agriculture**

53. Secretary (Agriculture) Mr. Devesh Chaturvedi visited Italy in October 2024 and met his Italian counterpart, Undersecretary of State for Agriculture Mr. Luigi D'Eramo and Indian agricultural workers.

### **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

54. Ms. Anna Maria Bernini, Minister of University and Research of Italy visited India from 11-12 April, 2025. She met Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Science and Technology) and Earth Sciences. Both sides signed a MoU for cooperation in scientific research and agreed to implement the 2025–2027 Executive Programme for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (EPOC), for collaboration in critical technologies like AI and digitalization. 10 Projects for the Exchange of Researchers and 10 Joint Research Projects in blue economy, renewable energy and green hydrogen, quantum technologies, infectious diseases and physics of matter and new materials, were approved for joint funding under EPOC.

55. Secretary DST, Prof. Abhay Karandikar visited Trieste and Rome from 03-05 September, 2025. He visited research institutions- International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) and Elettra Sincrotrone. In Rome, he met senior officials from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of University and Research to further bilateral scientific cooperation. To implement the MoU for cooperation in scientific research, signed in April 2025, both sides are working to establish a Joint Committee to further the bilateral research collaboration.

56. Department for Science and Technology (DST) in collaboration with the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste instituted the DST-ICTP Ramanujan Prize in Mathematics for developing countries annually. Mr. Claudio Muñoz from Chile was awarded the prize for 2025.

## **Counter Terrorism and Cyber Cooperation:**

57. The bilateral Cyber Dialogue first met on 25 October 2024 in New Delhi. The next dialogue is due to be held in 2026 in Rome.

58. The 5<sup>th</sup> JWG on Counter Terrorism was held in Rome on 15-16 January, 2025. Next round is due in 2026 in Delhi. Both sides announced in November 2025, a Joint Initiative to Counter terror financing. The first meeting of Permanent Task Force under this initiative was held on 27 April, 2026 in Rome.

## **Space:**

59. Dr. S.Somanath, then Secretary(Space) & Chairman ISRO visited Milan in October 2024 to attend International Astronomical Congress. He met H.E. Mr. Adolfo Urso, Italy's Minister for Enterprises & Made in Italy. Three MoUs were signed between Indian and Italian space companies for satellite services and ground station solutions. Italian Space Agency ASI participated in IAF Global Conference on Space Exploration (GLEX 2025) on 7-9 May 2025 in New Delhi and visited India from 22-26 September, 2025. InSpace will lead an Indian space delegation to Veneto, Italy from 11-13 May, 2026.

## **Culture:**

60. An Executive Programme on Cultural Cooperation for 2023-27 was signed in 2023. An ICCR troupe, "*Panihari Lok Sangeet*" performed Rajasthani folk dances in four cities for the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations in July, 2023.

61. The 11th edition of IDY was celebrated in 2025 in several cities in Italy. In Rome, it was celebrated at the iconic Castel Sant Angelo with Member of Parliament, Smt. S. Phangnon Konyak, as Chief Guest.
62. Mahatma Gandhi's bust gifted by ICCR was unveiled in Brindisi on 7 August 2024. Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated across in Italy in October 2025. Tagore Jayanti was also celebrated by the Embassy. A bronze bust of the Indian poet Maharishi Valmiki gifted by ICCR was unveiled in Comporotondo, Italy in July 2025.
63. Diwali is celebrated in the Senate every year by the Italian Hinduist Union (IHU).
64. The 25th edition of the River to River Florence Indian Film Festival was held from 5-10 December, 2025 in Florence.
65. The first Indian Film Festival was organised in collaboration with ANICA from 7 to 11 February, 2025 in Rome. Special screenings of Indian films were also held in Matera, Bari, Potenza and Anzio and the Umbria Film Festival in Montone. The year 2026 edition of Indian Film Festival was inaugurated in Rome on 20 February, 2026 featuring a retrospective of films by Sanjay Leela Bhansali.
66. The Embassy organised the first →Incredible India Cultural Festival→ at Teatro India in Rome from 26-28 September 2025 featuring performances and workshops about dance,

music, yoga, Ayurveda, films etc and activities. It featured more than 100 artists based in Italy.

67. On 27 September 2025, Embassy organized a #ViksitBharatRun2025 in Rome, in which nearly 150 Indian nationals participated.

68. Secretary (Culture) Shri Vivek Aggarwal visited Italy from 10 to 13 November, 2025. He met Mr. Federico Mollicone, Member of Parliament and President of the Culture Commission, Ms. Aruna Gujral, Director General of ICCROM and Mr. Pietrangelo Buttafuoco, President of the Venice Biennale Foundation.

69. India Pavilion at the Venice Art Biennale will be inaugurated by Union Culture Minister Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in May 2026, and will stay open until November 2026.

70. On, January 28, 2026, H.E. Mr. Antonio Tajani, Italy's Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign Minister was Chief Guest at the Embassy's Republic Day reception in Rome.

## **EDUCATION**

71. The number of Indian university students in Italian Universities stands at 5105 in 2025. Most are enrolled in engineering, finance/economics, medicine. Indian students are studying mostly at Politecnico di Milano (Milan); La Sapienza University (Rome); Tor Vergata University (Rome), Politecnico di Torino (Turin). Embassy regularly interacts with the Indian student community.

72. A school is functional in Rome, based on the Cambridge Curriculum, with students mainly from the Indian subcontinent. Most children of Indians staying in Italy are attending local Italian schools.

73. There is a long standing tradition of Indology in Italy and study of Indian languages like Hindi, Tamil, Sanskrit, etc. Vishwa Hindi Diwas is regularly celebrated in the University of Naples and other Universities.

74. In June 2025, the Istituto Europeo di Design (IED), Italy's premier design school, signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with India's Ministry of Education to open a branch campus in Mumbai to offer Bachelor's degree programmes in India. In August, 2025, Campus Biomedico Rome and Plaksha University (Punjab) signed an MoU for double degrees programmes in Mohali, Punjab.

75. In September, 2025, The Design Village (TDV), a design education institution originally based in Noida, India, launched a dedicated Europe / Italy campus in Borgo Priolo. It is the first Indian design school to open a campus in Europe.

### **Indian Diaspora:**

76. Indian nationals in Italy are the largest Indian community in the European Union. They are the seventh largest foreign community in Italy at 1,86,833 in January 2025 (3.25% of the foreign nationals residing in Italy). A majority are working in agriculture, dairy

farming and factories. Some are employed as care-givers and nurses, and run restaurants, grocery stores and vehicle repair/wash centres.

77. Concentration of Indian population in north Italy is higher (56.8%), with mostly residing in Lombardy (27.6%) region. In Cremona, Indians of Punjabi origin are the single largest immigrant group. Central Italy hosts a high Indian population (28.8%), especially in the Lazio Region (22.2% of the Indian diaspora). In the South, Campania region hosts 4.5% of the Indian community. In Lombardia region's province of Cremona, Indians of Punjabi origin constitute the single largest immigrant group (20% of the total immigrant population). Several Indian nationals from Kerala are residing, mostly in Lazio region. Rome has 22,225 Indian nationals followed by Brescia (15,946) and Latina (14,244).

78. Milan is home to around 60,000 Indian nationals mainly from Punjab (85%), Haryana (10%) and other regions like Rajasthan etc. In Milan, approximately 1500 Indians are working in IT, gems, diamonds and restaurant sectors.

79. There is a large Punjabi community, estimated to be over 70% of the Indian diaspora. There are several temples and nearly 90 Gurdwaras.

Professions in which Indians nationals are involved:

**(Source: Italian Ministry of Labour report of 2025 on Indian community)**

<b>Profession</b>	<b>% of Indian nationals</b>
Agriculture	33.5%

Industry	28.5%
Business and services	10.8%
Commerce	8.4%
Hospitality	5.7%

80. The Migration and Mobility Agreement (MMA) was signed in November 2023 to facilitate safe and legal migration of seasonal and non-seasonal workers, researchers, professionals and academicians. The first JWG under the MMA was held in Rome on 26-27 June, 2024. The next JWG is scheduled to be held in Delhi this year. The 2nd India-Italy Consular Dialogue was held in New Delhi on 29 February, 2024. Next one is due in Rome.

81. Under the Flows decree issued by Italian government to plan legal entry flows into Italy for foreign workers during 2026-2028, India has been included in the list of recipient countries. Indian citizens will be assigned 5,000 quotas for seasonal work and 7,000 for non-seasonal work each year from 2026 to 2028.

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**5 May, 2026**

**ANNEXURE-I**

**Incoming visits**

- i. Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Commerce and Industries Minister, 12-14 April, 2023.

- ii. Smt. Darshana Jardosh, MoS for Textiles and Railways, 7-11 June, 2023.
- iii. Shri. Nityananad Rai, MoS for Home Affairs, 29-30 September, 2023.
- iv. Shri. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Minister for Defence, 9-10 October, 2023.
- v. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, 1-2 November, 2023.
- vi. PM Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister, 14 June 2024.
- vii. Shri. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Commerce and Industries Minister, 16-17 July, 2024.
- viii. Shri Suresh Gopi, Hon'ble Minister of State for Tourism, 13-15 November 2024.
- ix. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, 24-27 November, 2024.
- x. Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President to Vatican, 25-26 April, 2025
- xi. Smt. Nirmala Sitharam, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, 04-06 May 2025
- xii. Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Commerce and Industries Minister, 04-05 June 2025
- xiii. Chief Justice of India Shri Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai, 16 to 20 June 2025
- xiv. Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, 28 September to 1 October 2025,
- xv. Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Culture and Tourism, May 5-6, 2026.

### **Outgoing visits**

- i. PM Ms. Giorgia Meloni, State visit, March, 2023.
- ii. Mr. Antonio Tajani, DPM and Foreign Minister, 2-3 March, 2023 for G20 FMM.
- iii. Mr. Francesco Lollobrigida, Minister for Agriculture and Food Sovereignty, 19 June, 2023 for G20 Agriculture Ministers Meeting.

- iv. Mr. Giuseppe Valditara, Minister for Education and Merit, 22 June, 2023 for G20 Education Ministers Meeting.
- v. Mr. Gennaro Sanguiliano, Minister for Culture, 26 August, 2023 for G20 Culture Ministers Meeting.
- vi. PM Ms. Giorgia Meloni, G20 Leaders' Summit, September, 2023.
- vii. Mr. Ignazio La Russa, President of the Italian Senate and Mr. Lorenzo Fontana, President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, 13-14 October, 2023 for P20.
- viii. Mr. Edoardo Rixi, Deputy Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, 16-17 October, 2023.
- ix. Mr. Adolfo Urso, Minister for Enterprises and Made in Italy, 29 November-02 December, 2024.
- x. Mr. Matteo Perego di Cremona, Under Secretary of State for Defence of Italy, 10-12 February, 2025.
- xi. Ms. Maria Tripodi, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Italy, 17 February, 2025.
- xii. Mr. Antonio Tajani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italian Republic, 11-12 April, 2025
- xiii. Ms. Anna Maria Bernini, Minister of University and Research of Italy, 11-12 April, 2025
- xiv. Mr. Edoardo Rixi, Italy's Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, October 27-31, 2025
- xv. Mr. Antonio Tajani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italian Republic, 10-11 December, 2025
- xvi. Mr. Adolfo Urso, Minister for Enterprises and Made in Italy, 16-21 February, 2026
- xvii. Mr. Guido Crosetto, Minister of Defence, Italy, 29-30 April, 2026.