

India-Jordan Bilateral Brief

- India's relationship with Jordan has been characterized by warmth and goodwill based on mutual respect. First bilateral agreement for cooperation and friendly relations was signed in 1947 and got formalized in 1950 when the two countries established full-fledged diplomatic ties. High level exchanges including the visit of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi to Jordan on 15-16 Dec 2025, HM King Abdullah II visit to India from 27 Feb to 1 Mar 2018, shortly following the transit visit of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi to Amman on 09-10 Feb 2018, first ever HoS level visit to Jordan by Hon'ble Rashtrapatiji in Oct 2015, NSA Shri Ajit Doval's visit to Amman in Jan 2020 have given a boost to the bilateral relations. The top leadership of both countries remain in close touch regularly to take stock of our bilateral ties.
- Apart from the above high-level bilateral visits, PM Modi had met King Abdullah II on four occasions: at a pull-aside meeting during the 74th UNGA in New York on 24 Sep 2019; in Riyadh during the "Future Investment initiative" meeting held in October 2019; on the sidelines of COP-28 in Dubai on 01 Dec 2023, and on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Apulia, Italy on 14 June 2024. The duo also had telecons on 19 Mar 2026 expressing concern at the evolving situation in West Asia and highlighting the need for dialogue and diplomacy; on 02 Mar 2026 conveying deep concern at the evolving situation in the region and reaffirming support for peace, security and well being of the people of Jordan; on 24 Apr 2025, wherein, King Abdullah II strongly condemned the ghastly terror attack in Pahalgam and conveyed sincere condolences at the loss of innocent lives. He said that terrorism should be rejected in all its forms and manifestations and there can be no justification; on 16 Apr 2020 on international efforts to counter the impacts of Covid-19; on 23 Oct 2023 on the developments in Gaza and the region. On April 13, 2021, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had congratulated His Majesty King Abdullah II and people of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the state of Jordan through a video message.
- EAM Dr S. Jaishankar had met his Jordanian counterpart and Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Ayman Safadi on five occasions: along the sidelines of the 74th UNGA meeting in New York on 27 Sep 2019; in the 12th Sir Bani Yas Forum in Dubai on 14 Nov 2021; on the sidelines of the 77th UNGA in New York on 24 Sep 2022; at Doha Airport during his visit to Qatar on 15 Jun 2024, and on the sidelines of 79th UNGA in New York on 27 Sep 2024. EAM also held telephonic conversations with Minister Safadi on 05 Oct 2023 and 27 Oct 2023 on bilateral ties and regional developments.
- Bilateral trade ties have been expanding over the years with India continuing to remain the 4th largest trading partner of Jordan. In 2025-26 the bilateral trade was valued at US\$ 3.042 billion with Indian exports to Jordan amounting to US\$ 1.165 billion. Indian investments in Phosphates & Textiles to the tune of US \$1.5 bn give us an edge to expand further.
- India and Jordan have co-operated on various domains including dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. Educational and Cultural exchanges further enhance people to people interactions. To help Jordan in its capacity building efforts, Mission, in the last financial year 2025-26, was able to utilize 52 Civilian ITEC slots & 5 Defence ITEC slots, along with 4 Special Executive ITEC Programme and 4 ICCR scholarships. The number of ITEC slots offered to Jordan were increased from 37 to 50 post the 4th round of Foreign Office Consultations held on 29 Apr 2025. A Jordanian Diplomat had attended the 72nd Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats organised by the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, New Delhi from 19-30 May 2025.

Political

- Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Jordan on 15-16 Dec 2025 at the invitation of His Majesty King Abdullah II, which was first full-fledged bilateral visit taking place after a span of 37 years, coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.
- The two leaders held bilateral, as well as, expanded talks and discussed ways to further deepen engagement in the fields of trade and investment; defence and security; renewable energy; fertilizer and agriculture; innovation, IT and digital technologies; critical minerals; infrastructure; health and pharma; education and capacity building; tourism and heritage; culture and people-to-people ties. The leaders also shared perspectives on the developments in the region and on other global issues reiterating the importance of restoring peace and stability in the region.
- On the occasion of the visit, the two sides finalized 5 MoUs in the fields of culture, renewable energy, water management, digital public infrastructure and twinning arrangement between Petra and Ellora. Jordan has also recently joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA), Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA).
- During the visit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and His Majesty King Abdullah II addressed the India-Jordan Business Forum on 16 Dec 2025, which was also attended by HRH Crown Prince Hussein and Jordan's Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister of Investment. Prime Minister had proposed doubling the bilateral trade to US\$ 5 billion over the next 5 years and stated that both countries can join hands to become trusted supply chain partners for the world. The two sides acknowledged the importance of direct connectivity in fostering bilateral relations (Royal Jordanian had started direct flights to Mumbai from Amman since Jun 2025). Prime Minister had also remarked that "Geography is Jordan's strength and India possesses both skill and scale - when these strengths come together, they will create new opportunities for the youth of both countries". The visit has imparted dynamism and fresh momentum to the deep-rooted bilateral ties.
- Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi had transited through Amman from 9-10 Feb 2018, during his official visit to Palestine on 10 Feb 2018. PM was received by HM King Abdullah exceptionally at his private residential palace on a Friday. There was a brief bilateral meeting followed by the ceremonial reception held at the King's Palace.
- HM King Abdullah-II visited India on a state visit from 27 February to 1 March 2018. The King attended the CEO's Roundtable organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry in New Delhi. On 1 March, PM Modi and King Abdullah addressed a conference 'Islamic Heritage: Promoting Understanding & Moderation' held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Then the two leaders held delegation level bilateral talks at Hyderabad House and witnessed the inking of 12 MoU/Agreements. Hon'ble Rashtrapati ji received King Abdullah at Rashtrapati Bhawan where the King was accorded a ceremonial welcome. A Centre of Excellence to be set up by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) in Jordan was announced during the visit for training IT professionals in Jordan over a period of 5 years and for Training of Master trainers in premium IT fields from Jordan. Further, an in-kind assistance was also announced by India for Jordan for pharmaceutical drugs and vaccines amounting to US\$5million.
- 4th round of India-Jordan Foreign Office Consultations was hosted in Amman on 29 April 2025, co-chaired by Secretary (CPV & OIA), and Secretary General, MOFAE, Jordan.
- 1st round of the Joint Working Group Meeting on Cooperation in the field of Water Resources Management was held virtually on 09 June 2026, wherein, discussions were held on Digital Water Technologies & Remote Sensing, Rainwater Harvesting, Artificial Recharge & Aquifer Management, Water Resource Development in Arid & Semi-Arid Regions, Modern Water-Saving Agricultural Technologies, Capacity Building, Research & Institutional Cooperation, Climate Adaptation, Drought Preparedness & Flood Management and Integrated Surface Water and Groundwater Management.

- 2nd round of the Joint Working Group Meeting on Cooperation in Health was held virtually between India & Jordan on 02 Sep 2025, wherein, detailed discussions took place on Acceptance and recognition of Indian Pharmacopoeia, Regulation of pharmaceuticals, vaccines & medical devices, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission and Non- Communicable Diseases.
- Secretary(South) had visited Jordan from 13-15 Oct 2025 in preparation for the VVIP visit in mid Dec 2025. She met Amb Daifallah Ali Al-Fayez, Secretary General & held substantive discussions with Amb Mohammad Abu Wendi, Director General (Asia & Oceania Affairs) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Trade and Investment

- Over the years, bilateral trade has grown rapidly despite global economic downturn with India emerging as Jordan's 4th largest trading partner. In 2025-26 the bilateral trade was valued at US\$ 3.042 billion with Indian exports to Jordan amounting to US\$ 1.165 billion. India imports fertilizers, phosphates, phosphoric acid etc. from Jordan and exports electrical machinery, cereals, frozen meat, organic and inorganic chemicals, animal fodders, petroleum products, engineering and automotive parts etc.
- Among institutional dialogue mechanisms, a Trade and Economic Joint Committee (TEJC) was constituted under the 1976 Trade Agreement to promote and monitor progress in bilateral trade. The 10th TEJC was held in New Delhi in 2017 and dates for the holding the 11th TEJC in 2026 are under deliberation.
- The first Joint Working Group Meeting on Fertilizer was held virtually in Jun 2023.
- An MoU on Comprehensive Review of Existing Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement is under negotiation.
- A JV project worth US \$ 860 million named JIFCO between IFFCO, India and the Jordan Phosphates Mines Company [JPMC] for producing and exporting phosphoric acid to India has been commissioned. It was inaugurated jointly by Rashtrapatiji Shri Pranab Mukherjee and King Abdullah II in October 2015. In 1997 a US\$ 169.5 million phosphoric acid plant of Indo-Jordan Chemical Company was commissioned between JPMC and Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation (SPIC). However SPIC due to its financial troubles sold of their stake to JPMC. Majority of the production is still exported to India.
- Over 15 garment companies, owned by NRIs, with cumulative investment of US\$ 500 million are located in the Qualified Industrial Zones [QIZs]. All finished products are exported outside Jordan under the Jordan-USA FTA.
- Notable Ministerial visits include:
Minister of Investment of Jordan Mr. Kheiry Y. Amr accompanied by Chairman of Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) paid a visit to India from 21-24 Mar 2022 and met with Ministers of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal and Chemicals and Fertilizers Dr. Mansukh Mandviya. On the sidelines of the visit, JPMC signed agreements with Indian companies enhancing phosphate trade between the two countries;
Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya, paid a visit to Jordan from 13-15 May 2022, aiming to further enhance bilateral cooperation in the fertilizer sector (phosphates and potash). During the visit, Hon'ble Minister met with Ministers of Investment (Khairy Amr); Industry and Trade (Yousef Shamali); and Health (Feras Hawari); and Chairman of Amman Chamber of Industry; Jordan Phosphate Mines Company and Arab Potash Company. On the sidelines, JPMC signed memoranda of understanding and agreements with a number of Indian phosphate and phosphate fertilizer companies and manufacturers worth \$1.5 billion. Also, the Arab Potash Company (APC) and Indian Potash Limited

(IPL) signed a five-year memorandum of understanding to provide the Indian market with amounts ranging between 275,000 and 325,000 tonnes annually;

Minister of Tourism & Antiquities of Jordan, Mr Makram Mustafa Queisi visited India and met Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of Tourism in New Delhi on 22 July 2024 on the sidelines of the 46th World Heritage Committee Meeting to discuss enhancement in tourism inflows between the two countries, including better flight connectivity, tourism capacity-building programs and other areas of cooperation in tourism promotion.

- India International Trade Exhibition was held for two consecutive years in Amman in March 2022 and 2023, in association with Federation of Indian Exports Organisation (FIEO). Around 30 Indian companies representing multiple sectors like ceramics, tiles, stones, auto parts, construction machinery, electrical and engineering equipment had participated in the event. Besides, Indian business houses have been continually participating in the major annual events like the International Machines and Electro-Mechanical Exhibition- JIMEX, Arab Pharma Expo, and Interbuild in Jordan.
- Mission organized an ‘India-Jordan Business Meet’ in December 2022 which was graced by H.E Ms. Kholoud Saqqaf, Minister of Investment of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan as the Chief Guest.
- State promotion seminars on Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, and Madhya Pradesh were organized in Sep 2022, Feb 2023 and Feb 2024 in association with Jordanian Businessmen Association to showcase investment opportunities and business/tourism potential of the respective states.
- Mission in collaboration with the Jordan Society of Tourism and Travel Agents (JSTA), organized a tourism promotion event on February 5, 2025 focussing on Madhya Pradesh aimed to engage Jordanian travel agents and showcasing India’s rich and diverse tourism offerings. A key highlight was the announcement of direct flights between Jordan and India.
- Mission in cooperation with Jordanian Businessmen Association (JBA) hosted a trade promotion seminar on February 19, 2025 focusing on investment, and economic collaboration between Jordan and India bringing together business leaders from various sectors highlighting the importance of strengthening bilateral trade and investment. Investment India participated in the event virtually through a presentation and a short video on investing in India.
- Mission welcomed participation of Indian companies in the 3rd International Food and Food Technology Expo in Amman from 12-14 Aug 2025.
- Mission, in association with Federation of Indian Exports Organization, Amman Chamber of Commerce and Jordanian Businessmen Association, organized a Buyer-Seller Meet on 21 Sep 2025 connecting 25+ Indian Food & Agri companies with leading buyers in Jordan. The BSM was followed by a Networking Meet on the same day for deepening the economic engagement and strengthening future collaborations between the two countries.

Science & Technology

- Indian-Jordan Center of Excellence in Information Technology (IJCOEIT - a next Generation IT facility) at Al-Hussein Technical University was inaugurated on 02 October 2021. The Center which is equipped with state of the art IT infrastructure (including Super Computer - PARAM Shavak) and advanced training facilities is fully funded by Govt. of India and has been setup in pursuant to an MoU signed during the visit of HM King Abdullah-II to India in March 2018 with an objective to develop and strengthen software expertise in Jordan in premium fields. Govt of India is conducting master trainer courses for Jordanian experts in emerging fields such as Cyber Security, Web Development, Machine Learning, Big Data Analytics etc. who in-turn train Jordanian youth at IJCOEIT. It is envisioned that 3000 Jordanian experts/professionals would be nurtured at the Center. On the sidelines of the 4th round of Foreign Office Consultation with Jordan held in Amman, Secretary (CPV & OIA) and JS(WANA) visited the India-Jordan Center of Excellence in IT (IJCoEIT) at the Al-Hussein Technical University (HTU). A proposal for

providing developmental/financial assistance to IJCoEIT for enabling them to conduct their Course Plan in 2026 and upgrading the infrastructure is currently under process.

Education

- About 2500 Jordanian alumni of Indian universities are there in Jordan. There are about 500 Jordanian students pursuing studies in India. 61 ITEC slots, including 56 Civilian & 5 Defence, were utilized in the last financial year 2025-26, along with four ICCR scholarships.

Consular

- An Agreement on Man Power was signed during the official visit of HM King Abdullah to India in Mar 2018. An agreement on visa free entry for official and diplomatic passport holders had also been signed in Mar 2018, which came into effect from 30 Sep 2018.
- There are around 17,500 Indian nationals living in Jordan, mostly working in textile, construction and manufacturing sectors. Few are associated in health, nursing, universities, IT and financial companies, UN organizations.
- Jordan extended Tourist Visa on Arrival [TVoA] schemes to Indian tourists since November 2009. GoI extended e-TV for Jordanian nationals effective from November, 2014. Jordan side has also started offering e-Visas for Indian Tourists since 2023.
- First meeting of India-Jordan Joint Working Group on Cooperation in the field of Manpower was held virtually in Mar 2021.

Culture

- There is immense interest in Jordan for Indian art and culture, especially Bollywood films & actors are popular in Jordanian households. A few bollywood movies have been filmed in Jordan, most recently being “Bade Miyaan Chote Miyaan” which was released in 2024. Further, a Malayalam movie “AaduJeevitham” was filmed in Jordan in March-April 2020 in the midst of Covid pandemic.
- Mission, in association with The Royal Film Commission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, organized a two-day Indian film festival at the iconic Rainbow Theater on 16-17 February 2026 screening RRR & English Vinglish with Arabic subtitles to celebrate the rich and vibrant cultural heritage of India through the medium of cinema. The festival was attended by around 320 people comprising of local Jordanians, members of diplomatic & business community, Indian diaspora, members of media and the Royal Film Commission.
- During the visit of President, a cultural exchange agreement between India and Jordan for the period 2015-17 has been signed. The agreement on the Cultural Exchange Programme for the years 2025-2029 was renewed during the Prime Minister’s visit to Jordan in Dec 2025. There has been regular exchange of cultural troupes between the two countries. Recently, Amaiza Dance Troupe participated in the 39th Jerash festival of Culture and Arts, the signature cultural festival of Jordan, in July 2025. Mission, in association with M/s Classic Fashion, owned by a NRI, also arranged the troupe’s performance at the Jordan Industrial Estates Company (JIEC) Hall, in Ramtha, Irbid. In February 2026, a local band of popular folklore, as well as a traditional craftsmen from Jordan participated in the Surajkund International Crafts Mela. Earlier in July 2024, an ICCR sponsored “Natraj Sanskritik Silpi Samaj” cultural troupe performed Assamese Folk Dance at the 38th Jerash festival of Culture and Arts. A Jordanian artist had also participated in the Surajkund International Crafts Mela in Feb 2023.

- A plantation drive under ‘Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam’ campaign, under the Viksit Bharat initiative, was organized by the Mission in association with Al Balqa Applied University in Irbid on 27 Sep 2025 with the support & participation of Indian Diaspora members and Dean, Faculty & students of the University. Earlier in Sep 2024, under the Plant for Mother campaign, Mission, in association with Indian community members, had organized a tree plantation drive in Zayy in Balqa Governorate, wherein, Hon’ble Senator Dr Zuheir Abu Faris participated in this noble initiative.
- Mission, in association with diaspora members, had organized a ‘Viksit Bharat Run’ on 26 Sep 2025 at Sports City, Madinat Al Hussein, Amman, which witnessed enthusiastic participation and served as a platform to foster community engagement and collective commitment towards India’s development vision of Viksit Bharat.
- As part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations in Jordan, Embassy organized a series of activities which included a Special Lecture and Mega Tree Plantation Drive at Isra University; Book Exhibition Week; NRI interaction; Grand Cultural Festival-cum-Handloom Fashion Show; Classic and Patriotic Film Festival; Independence Day Cup Cricket Match; Indian Food Festival; Seminars and other community and commercial events.
- The second edition of the Indian Community Jordan Cricket Tournament was held in Sep-Oct 2024, in association with M/s Classic Fashions, with active participation from the Indian Community.
- On 31 October 2021, Ambassador inaugurated an “India Study Center” at the University Library of Isra University, Amman to enhance the knowledge, understanding and values of India and Indian society among academicians and students.
- Mission celebrates the International Day of Yoga every year on 21 June with the participation of Yoga practitioners and enthusiasts from all walks of life. IDY 2025 was held in the Royal Botanic Garden under the auspices and participation of Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Bint Ali.
- Indian Community in Jordan (ICJ), Bharatiya Samaj in Jordan (BSJ), Jordan India Friendship Society (JIFS), Indian Community Association in Aqaba, Jordan-India Alumni Association and Indian Women Association actively organise socio-cultural events across the Jordanian society.

As on June, 2026