POLITICAL
India and Luxembourg enjoy close and friendly ties since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1948. Both countries celebrated 70 years establishment of diplomatic relationship in 2018. Bilateral relations between India and Luxembourg are rooted in shared commitment to rule of law, democratic values, appreciation of each other’s concerns and commonality of views on major bilateral and multilateral issues. Luxembourg opened its Embassy in Delhi in 2002 and has Honorary Consulates in Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai.

High Level Visits
From India:
Minister of External Affairs, Smt. Sushma Swaraj, visited Luxembourg on 19-20 June 2018. It was the first ever visit to Luxembourg by an External Affairs Minister. During her visit, EAM called on the His Royal Highness Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg and H.E. Mr. Xavier Bettel, the Prime Minister of Luxembourg. EAM held talks with her counterpart, Mr Jean Asselborn, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, in which both sides reviewed India-Luxembourg bilateral relations and discussed regional and global issues. During the visit, EAM also interacted with the Indian community at the Grand Duke Jean Museum of Modern Art (MUDAM) in Luxembourg.

Other recent high Level visits from India to Luxembourg include those of Union Minister of Steel, Shri Chaudhary Birender Singh, on 28-29 August 2016; Minister of State for External Affairs, Gen. (Retd) Dr. V. K. Singh, who led the Indian delegation to the 12th Asia-Europe Foreign Ministers’ Meeting on 4-7 November 2015; Minister of State (IC) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar, who attended the Major Economies Forum on 18-19 July 2015; and Minister of State for External Affairs, Smt. Preneet Kaur, on 18 April, 2012.

President of India, Shri K.R. Narayanan, paid a State visit to Luxembourg on 14-16 September 1998.

From Luxembourg:
Finance Minister of Luxembourg, Mr. Pierre Gramegna, visited Mumbai on 25-26 June 2018 to participate in the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). During his visit, he also met Minister of Finance, Shri Piyush Goyal.
Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Mr. Francois Bausch, visited India on 11-16 November 2017 to attend the International Road Federation (IRF) World Road meeting.

Deputy Prime Minister of Luxembourg (in-charge of economy), Mr. Etienne Schneider, led a trade mission to India from 29 February to 4 March 2016.
Foreign Minister, Mr. Jean Asselborn, paid an official visit to India in March 2015. He earlier visited India to attend the 11th ASEM Foreign Ministers’ Meeting held in November 2013 in New Delhi.

Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Mr. Jean Claude Juncker, paid an official visit to India in 1999.

Incumbent Grand Duke Henri led an economic delegation to India in May 1995 (as the then Crown Prince). The then Grand Duke Jean (father of incumbent Grand Duke Henri) visited India in March 1983 as the Chairman of the International Olympic Committee.

**Parliamentary Interactions**
Parliamentary exchanges have taken place between the two sides in the recent past. The President of the Chamber of Deputies of Luxembourg, Mr. Laurent Mosar, led a Parliamentary delegation to India from 28 February to 2 March 2012. Speaker of Lok, Sabha Smt. Meira Kumar, led a high level Parliamentary Delegation to Luxembourg on 10-13 June 2010.

**ECONOMIC & COMMERCIAL**
India’s Joint Economic Commission with the Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union (India-BLEU JEC), established in 1997, is the main vehicle for discussing the bilateral economic and commercial issues. The 16th India-BLEU JCM was held in New Delhi on 17 September 2019.

The total bilateral trade in 2018 stood at USD 53.16 million (€45.05 million) with India’s exports to Luxembourg amounting to USD 8.20 million (€6.95 million) and India’s imports from Luxembourg amounting to USD 44.96 million (€38.1 million). India’s exports to Luxembourg mainly consisted of engineering products, textiles and garments and chemicals while India mainly imported engineering goods, base metals, chemicals, etc. FDI flows from Luxembourg to India from April 2000 to December 2018 amounted to US$ 2747 million making it the 16th largest investor in India.

Presently about 17 Luxembourg companies are operating in India. Major Indian IT companies, viz. TCS, Tech Mahindra and Wipro, have established business in Luxembourg. Luxembourg is one of the world’s most important financial centers. 74 Indian companies have raised capital by issuing Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs) at the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. It includes top Indian companies, such as Reliance Industries, Tata Group companies, Larsens & Toubro and Hindalco. Total market capitalisation of Indian GDRs listed in Luxembourg has reached Euro 12.7 billion.

**CULTURAL**
India and Luxembourg signed a Cultural Agreement in 1996 for promoting and encouraging bilateral cooperation in the field of arts and culture including exchange of artists, dance and music troupes.
INDIAN DIASPORA
The Indian Diaspora in Luxembourg has a good social profile and numbers around 1400, of which around 500 are Indian passport holders. Indian professionals work in Luxembourg based IT and Steel companies and Banks. Indian students (around 175 Students) also increasingly prefer Luxembourgian research institutes for their post-doctoral studies.

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