

India-Peru Relations

Political Relations

India established diplomatic relations with Peru in March 1963. Until 1969, the Indian Ambassador in Chile was concurrently accredited to Peru. In September 1969, India opened its resident Mission in Lima. The first resident Indian Ambassador in Lima took charge in November 1973. India-Peru relations have traditionally been cordial and friendly. Since early 2000s, the relationship has acquired more economic and business content leading to a Joint Study on Feasibility of a Trade Agreement. Free Trade Agreement negotiations are ongoing with nine rounds and an online inter-sessional meeting held so far. The multifaceted bilateral cooperation covers a range of areas, including health & pharma, energy & mines, textiles & agriculture, science & technology, defence & space, ICT & capacity building, people to people contacts & culture. India and Peru cooperate closely on multilateral matters. The 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Peru was celebrated on 25 March 2013. During the ceremony, a special postal stamp depicting Taj Mahal and Machu Picchu was issued. A special event to commemorate the 55th anniversary was held during Hon'ble Vice President's visit to Peru in 2018. On the occasion of 75th anniversary of India's Independence, a Special Commemorative Postal Stamp was released by Serpost in August 2022. Several commemorative activities were conducted by our Mission in 2023-24 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations. A special commemorative postal stamp was released by Peruvian Post on 14 March 2024.

Recent VVIP/VIP visits from India to Peru: President Shri K. R. Narayanan (1998); EAM Shri Yashwant Sinha (2003); MoS Defence Rao Inderjit Singh (2006); MoS External Affairs Dr. Shashi Tharoor (2010); Minister for Housing, Urban Poverty Alleviation & Tourism Kumari Selja (2010); MoS (C&I) Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia (2010). Vice President Shri M. Hamid Ansari (2013); MoS Railways Shri Adhir Ranjan Choudhury (2014); MoS for Environment, Forests & Climate Change Shri Prakash Javadekar (for COP20 – December 2014); Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information & Broadcasting Shri Arun Jaitley (participated in World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings and Meetings of G24 and the Commonwealth FMs – October 2015), MOS Railways Shri Rajen Gohain transited through Lima on 19 & 22 April 2018. Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu visited Peru from 10-12 May 2018, MOS Labour and Employment Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar transited through Lima on 4 September 2018, MOS External Affairs Shri V. Muraleedharan was on a bilateral visit from 22-24 August 2019. Secretary (East) visited Lima for the first India-Peru Joint Commission Meeting held on June 21, 2017; Secretary (Mining) visited Peru from 12-14 September 2018. An online interaction between the External Affairs Minister and the Peruvian Foreign Minister on 28 April 2020 focused on cooperation in dealing with the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, including exchange of best practices. Secretary (East) Shri. Jaideep Mazumdar visited Peru from 17-19 September 2024 to conduct the Third India-Peru Joint Commission Meeting. A 5-member delegation led by Shri. Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary (Agriculture & Farmers Welfare) visited

Perù from 1-6 June 2025. Secretary (East) Shri Periasamy Kumaran visited from 23-26 August 2025.

Recent VIP / VVIP visits from Peru to India: President Alan Garcia (1987) – Chief Guest for Republic Day; President Alberto Fujimori (1997); Minister for Foreign Affairs and Tourism Mr. Alfredo Ferrero Diez-Canseco (2006); Vice Minister for Defence Mr. Rafael Aita Campodonico (2009) to attend "Aero India 2009"; Minister for Trade and Tourism Mr. Eduardo Ferreyros Koppers (2011); Vice Minister of Environment Mr. Hugo Cabieses Cubas (2011); Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Jose Beraun Aranibar (2012); Vice Minister for Foreign Trade Mr. Edgar Vasquez Vela (August 2014); Vice Minister for Foreign Trade Mr. Edgar Vasquez (March 2017), Energy and Mines Minister Mr. Francisco Ismodes Mezzano (October 2018). Vice Foreign Minister Ignacio Higuera Hare visited India on 15 April 2023 in order to participate in the second India-Peru Joint Commission meeting, co-headed by Secretary (East) Shri Saurabh Kumar on the Indian side. From 3-5 August 2023, Vice Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism Ms. Teresa Mera Gomez visited Delhi to attend the 9th CII-LAC Business Conclave and met with Commerce and Industries Minister of India, Commerce Secretary and Secretary (ED), MEA. Foreign Minister of Peru Mr. Elmer Schialer Salcedo visited New Delhi from 16-20 March 2025 and participated in the Raisina Dialogue. He met EAM and held comprehensive discussions during the visit. From 18-21 March 2025, Peruvian Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism Ms. Ursula Desilu León Chémpen visited New Delhi to attend the 10th CII-India LAC Business Conclave.

Parliamentary contacts: In January 2003, two Vice-Speakers from the Peruvian Congress visited India to participate in the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the Indian Parliament. On 30 April, 2003, the Peruvian Congress reactivated the Peru-India Parliamentary Friendship League. In December 2007, the India-Peru Parliamentary Friendship Group was formed in the Indian Parliament. A Peru-India Parliamentary Friendship League exists in the Peruvian Congress since 2011. In April 2013, an eight-member Peruvian parliamentary delegation paid an official visit to India. Four Indian Members of Parliament accompanied Vice President Shri M. Hamid Ansari on his official visit to Peru in October 2013. A multi-party Parliamentary delegation accompanied Hon'ble Vice President during an official visit to Peru in May 2018. Ms. Swati Maliwal, MP visited Peru from 10-14 September 2025 to participate in the 11th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians for Gender Equality held at Lima, Peru.

Agreements: Many bilateral agreements have been signed by the two sides over the years, covering a wide range of areas. Some of the more recent ones include Cooperation in the fields of peaceful use of nuclear energy, Customs Cooperation Agreement, Cooperation in New and Renewable Energy, Defence Cooperation Agreement, Establishment of a Joint Commission, Educational Exchange Programme, Cooperation between Geological Survey of India and its Peruvian counterpart (INGEMMET), Cooperation in Geology and Mineral Resources and to create an UPI-like platform for digital payments in all over Peru by The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) International Ltd. (NIPL).

Assistance to Peru: On the Peruvian Government's request, India donated Disodium Calcium EDTA (15 ampoules), Dimercaprol (48 ampoules), Calcium Gluconate 10% injectable 10ml (100,000 ampoules), and Dopamine Hydrochloride 40mg/5ml injectable (16,000 units) in May 2026. On 19 November 2025, the consignment of 250,000 saline bottles (100ml) has been delivered by India as donation to cope up with Peruvian health crisis. On September 18, 2023 India handed over 1000 vials of Human Immunoglobulin to the Peruvian Health Ministry in the wake of increasing number of cases of Guillian-Barre Syndrome in July 2023 in an official ceremony held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peru. India gifted medical aid of over 09 tons of essential medicines, including 900,000 Hydroxychloroquine tablets and protective gear on 14 August 2020. The India-Peru Centre for Excellence in Information Technology (IPCEIT) set up in Lima with the assistance of the Government of India commenced academic courses from March 2015. India offers to Peru regular training courses under its ITEC programme which is gaining popularity in Peru with more than 840 candidates having attended various courses so far. Three Peruvian Defence officers availed training in India under ITEC in 2024-25, that number rose to 11 in 2025-26. Two experts from CONIDA (National Commission for Aerospace Research and Development) have also attended the UNNATI (UNIspace Nanosatellite Assembly and Training) programme conducted by ISRO from 15 October – 15 December 2019 at Bengaluru. A group of 06 young Peruvian leaders, including three Members of Congress visited India from 20-29 May 2022 under ICCR's Gen-Next Democracy Network Programme. India gave an amount of US\$ 500,000 to the Government of Peru as disaster relief assistance in the wake of a severe earthquake which took place on 15 August 2007. An amount of US\$ 150,000 was contributed in June 2017 towards reconstruction work in northern Peru affected by heavy rains and floods due to the El Niño phenomenon. Afforestation of an area in Lima named after Mahatma Gandhi was undertaken with GOI's assistance of US \$26,222. Learning material and equipment worth US\$18,780 were gifted to the Rabindranath Tagore School in Lima project in March 2018.

Commercial Relations: The trade between India and Peru during the Financial Year 2025-26 was US\$ 10.02bn, of which India's exports were worth US\$ 1.15bn and imports from Peru were US\$ 8.87bn. Peru is among the top five trading partners of India in Latin America. India is the 3rd largest trading partner for Peru. India's main exports to Peru include automobiles, motorcycles and three-wheelers, polyester and cotton yarns, pharmaceuticals, iron and steel products, plastic products, rubber, pipes for oil and gas industry, tires, pipes, etc. Main imports from Peru are gold, copper, synthetic filaments, phosphates of calcium, fresh grapes, fish flour, etc. Several trade missions/business delegations have visited Peru representing sectors such as pharmaceuticals, leather, chemicals, engineering, apparel, cotton yarn, synthetic & rayon, handicrafts, plastic, food processing, and automotive parts. Virtual business interactions were held on business opportunities for Indian companies with focus on sectors like medical devices, pharmaceuticals, critical health technologies, agricultural machinery, customized vehicles, leather and footwear, electronic products, technological services, textile machinery, fisheries, metal industry, services, education, healthcare and entertainment industry as well as trade and investment opportunities.

Investments: It is estimated that present Indian investment is to the tune of US \$65 million in Peru. Core-Minerals-Archean has invested in the Anthracite coal mining sector in Peru and provides employment for more than 1000 Peruvians. Copper plus holdings SAC, acquired the local company Intertech Services SAC and proposes to explore copper mining in Cajamarca and Gold mining in Paucartambo. Tata Consultancy Services have a sizeable operation in Lima and is increasing its presence in Peru providing over 1300 jobs locally. All major Indian pharmaceutical companies have their representative offices or local subsidiaries here. Indian automobile firms Bajaj Auto, TVS, Hero Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra have local dealerships. AJE Peru has opened a subsidiary in Maharashtra, AJE India Pvt. Ltd. for manufacturing soft beverages. The operations started in December 2010. They have invested US \$15 million so far and plan to increase this in the future. A major Peruvian company, Resemin S.A.C., which specializes in mining machinery, has opened a subsidiary in New Delhi by the name of Reliant Drilling Ltd., following a major contract it has won from Hindustan Zinc Ltd. Several other mining services companies of Peru have set up operations in India such as Opermin and AAC Mining Executors Ltd. Lubricants major Vistony has set up a plant near Rewari (Haryana) and another plant in Delhi.

Cultural Relations: The two countries signed a Cultural Agreement in 1987. ICCR sponsored troupes visited Peru and staged performances at prominent venues. Three cultural groups – Bollywood, Kalarippayattu and Odissi- Hindustani music visited Peru during FY 2023-24 in order to commemorate the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations. In FY 2024-25, ICCR-sponsored Kathak dance group and Kathakali group visited Peru in July 2024 and January 2025 respectively. On 10-12 August 2025, ICCR-sponsored cultural Sitar group visited Peru. The Centro Cultural India at the Embassy conducted regular classes on AYUSH (lectures and workshops on Ayurveda and Yoga and extension activities with regional organizations), Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Painting, Bollywood and theatre for kids. The AYUSH Information Cell, supported by Ministry of AYUSH, is promoting Ayurveda and other Indian traditional systems of medicine. The International Day of Yoga (IDY) has been celebrated every year since 2015 at iconic locations, such as Machu Picchu, Caral Valley, Qorikancha Temple and prominent cities such as Lima, Cusco, Trujillo etc. The 11th IDY was observed in June 2025 by organizing 12 events (six cities) of Peru 'Lima, Paracas, Trujillo, Ayacucho, Puno and Iquitos'. The principal event held at the Parque de las Leyendas, Lima witnessed a participation of more than 1000 yoga enthusiasts. Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated every year with a series of activities and community events.

Indian Community: The size of the Indian community in Peru is small, numbering around 500, including PIOs, mainly engaged in business and trade. There are some Indian nationals with the Missionaries of Charity and other Christian organizations in Lima, Chimbote and Puno. Indian Association of Peru (IAP) actively celebrates Indian festivals in Peru.

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