
India-Tajikistan Bilateral Relations

Relations between India and Tajikistan have traditionally been close and cordial. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations on 28 August 1992, high-level visits between the two countries have helped expanding bilateral ties. Deep-rooted historical and cultural linkages have further facilitated cultural exchanges and people-to-people relationship between the two countries. In August 2022, India and Tajikistan celebrated 30 years of establishment of diplomatic relations by organizing a series of special events to mark the occasion.

High-Level Political Exchanges

President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon sent a congratulatory message to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the successful parliamentary elections and the formation of his government for a third consecutive term on 10 June 2024. In the message, he emphasised joint efforts to strengthen friendly relations and multifaceted cooperation between the two countries.

Foreign Minister Sirojiddin Muhriddin sent congratulatory message to his counterpart, Dr. S. Jaishankar, on his re-assumption of charge of the External Affairs Minister in the new government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 12 June 2024.

Both President Rahmon and Foreign Minister Muhriddin participated in the Voice of the Global South Summit 3.0, hosted virtually by India on 17 August 2024.

High-Level Visits and Meetings

Former President of India Ram Nath Kovind paid a State Visit to Tajikistan from 7 to 9 October 2018. During the visit, eight bilateral agreements were signed and President Kovind announced a USD 20 million grant for development projects. The grant was used by Tajikistan to construct an 8-lane highway, which was completed in April 2023.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Tajikistan on 12–13 July 2015. During the visit, the two sides agreed to enhance cooperation in defence, connectivity, and counter-terrorism. Prime Minister Modi has also met President Rahmon several times on the sidelines of SCO Summits, most recently on 31 August 2025 in Tianjin, China.

President Emomali Rahmon has visited India six times (1995, 1999, 2001, 2006, 2012, and 2016). During his last visit in December 2016, he met President Pranab Mukherjee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Vice President Hamid Ansari. He also participated virtually in the first India-Central Asia Summit in January 2022.

The External Affairs Minister and Tajik Foreign Minister meet regularly. Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Tajikistan multiple times, including in March, July, and September 2021 for SCO-related meetings. Their most recent meeting was held on the sidelines of the 4th India-Central Asia Dialogue in New Delhi in June 2025.

Recent Engagements

Following the Pahalgam terror attack, President Emomali Rahmon conveyed his deep condolences to the President and Prime Minister of India on April 23, 2025. In his message, President Rahmon strongly condemned the act of violence in Jammu & Kashmir and reaffirmed Tajikistan's firm commitment to joint counter-terrorism efforts.

On 19 November 2025, Tajik Foreign Minister Sirojiddin Muhridin conveyed similar condolences to External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar following a terrorist incident

near the Red Fort in Delhi. He strongly condemned the attack and reiterated Tajikistan's firm opposition to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

In 2025-26, several high-level visits and meetings took place:

- India's Minister of State for External Affairs, Kirti Vardhan Singh, visited Dushanbe from 29 to 31 May 2025 to attend the High-Level International Conference on Glacier Preservation.
- Foreign Minister Sirojiddin Muhriddin participated in the 4th India–Central Asia Dialogue in New Delhi on 5–6 June 2025 and called on Prime Minister Modi along with other Central Asian ministers.
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh met Tajik Defence Minister Lieutenant General Sobirzoda Emomali Abdurahim on the sidelines of the SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting in June 2025.
- Tajikistan's Deputy Secretary of the National Security Council participated in the 3rd India–Central Asia Meeting of National Security Advisers in October 2025.

- Tajikistan's Minister of Health and Social Protection, Prof. Jamoliddin Abdullo Abdullozoda, visited New Delhi in December 2025 to attend the Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine.
- Tajikistan's Minister of Industry and New Technologies, Sherali Kabir, attended the India AI Impact Summit in February 2026 and held bilateral meetings with several Indian ministers.
- Tajikistan's Minister of Energy and Water Resources, Juma Daler Shafoqir, visited New Delhi in March 2026 for the Bharat Electricity Summit and held discussions with Indian ministers and industry leaders.
- India's Minister of State for External Affairs, Kirti Vardhan Singh, visited Dushanbe on 12–13 June 2026 to attend the SCO international conference organised by the Tajik side to mark the 25th anniversary of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

The two countries have following bilateral consultative mechanisms:

- Foreign Office Consultations
- Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism

- Joint Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation
- JWG on Defence Cooperation
- JWG on Peaceful Use of Space Technology
- JWG on Cooperation in the Field of Renewable Energy
- Bilateral Consular Consultations
- Dialogue between the National Security Councils of both countries

The 4th round of Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) and the 12th round of the Joint Commission Meeting on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation were held on 1 April 2026 and 12 June 2026, respectively. These meetings provided important platforms to review the entire spectrum of bilateral relations and explore new avenues for cooperation.

Cooperation in International Forums/initiatives

Tajikistan supported India's bid for UNSC permanent membership of the UN Security Council in the joint statement issued on 8 October 2018 during the state visit of President Shri Ram Nath Kovind to Tajikistan.

India has consistently supported Tajikistan's multilateral initiatives on climate change, including the International Water Conference and the International High-Level Conference on Glacier Preservation. India has been represented at the Ministerial level at several of these International Water Conferences and the Conference on Glacier preservations held in Dushanbe.

Training and Capacity Building

Since the establishment of the Indian Embassy in Dushanbe in 1994, Tajikistan has been a beneficiary of the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC). In the current financial year (2026-27), 230 ITEC slots have been allotted to Tajikistan. Additionally, the Indian Council for Cultural Research (ICCR) provides 30 scholarships to Tajik citizens annually, for higher education in the leading Indian universities and institutes.

Connectivity, Trade & Economic Relation

Bilateral trade figures of the last few years are as follows:

Indian Exports to Tajikistan (source DoC, GOI): million USD

2016-	2017-	2018-	2019-	2020-	2021-	2022-	2023-	2024-	2025-

17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
20.44	23.94	22.28	23.50	53.45	35.35	49.40	51.64	45.68	58.12

Indian Import from Tajikistan (source DoC, GOI): million USD

2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
21.82	50.29	4.24	0.29	1.06	10.74	0.52	0.01	0.00	0.79

Private Investments and Projects

Important Indian private investments/projects undertaken in Tajikistan are as follows:

- (i) A 5-star hotel constructed by M/s CHL Limited, India. The hotel was inaugurated by President Emomali Rahmon in September 2014.
- (ii) An Indian company M/s KEC/RPG completed the construction of 116 KMs Long power transmission line from Sangtuda-1 Hydropower plant to Afghan border in October 2010 under an ADB financed project.

- (iii) BHEL supplied a 7 MW generator to the Tajik company → Pamir Energy → in 2011 under a commercial contract.
- (iv) Indian Company M/s Kalpataru has been engaged for construction of electric transmission lines and CASA-1000 power transmission project.
- (v) M/s Tata Power is providing management services for the Tajikistan Distribution Company for five-year period from January 2022 to January 2027.
- (vi) Besides, there are other small private projects/companies/health clinics and hospitals, which provide healthcare and other services in Tajikistan.

Development & Aid Partnership

Since Tajikistan's independence in 1991, India has played the role of a development and aid partner for Tajikistan. A brief outline of the same is as follows:

- (i) In 1995, India extended a credit line of USD 5 million to set up a pharmaceutical plant (Ajanta Pharma). The Government of India thereafter converted the principal

amount along with the accrued interest of USD 3.37 million into a grant during the visit of Prime Minister Vajpayee in November 2003.

(ii) A Fruit Processing Plant was established with a grant of USD 0.6 million in Dushanbe by M/s HMT in January 2005.

(iii) An Information and Technology Centre (Bedil Centre) was commissioned with a grant of USD 0.6 million in 2006. The project ran for full hardware cycle of 6 years and trained almost all the first-generation IT experts in government sector in Tajikistan.

(iv) A Modern Engineering Workshop was commissioned with a grant of about USD 0.75 million on 02 June 2011. The project is running successfully.

(v) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) undertook rehabilitation and modernization of a 1936 vintage Varzob-1 Hydro Power Station. After renovation, the installed capacity was enhanced from 2x3.67 MW to 2x4.75 MW. The rehabilitated Power Station was inaugurated on 28 December 2012.

(vi) A project for setting up of computer labs in 37 schools in Tajikistan (announced during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit in July 2015) was completed at a cost of USD 6,02,701/-.

(vii) Under the USD 20 million grant announced during the State Visit of President of India to Tajikistan in October 2018, construction of phase-I of an 8-lane highway project from Chortut village to Ayni roundabout in Dushanbe was completed at a cost of approximately USD 17.45 million. The highway was opened for public use in April 2023.

In December 2021, India signed an MoU with Tajikistan for Indian Grant Assistance for implementation of High Impact Community Development Projects with a capital cost up to US\$ 1.5 million each.

Humanitarian Assistance

A list of humanitarian aid and assistance provided by India to Tajikistan over the years is as follows:

(i) India delivered USD 5 million worth of food assistance in 2001-02.

(ii) To overcome a crisis caused by an unprecedented harsh winter in January-

February 2008, India gave a grant of USD 2 million (USD 1 million as cash assistance and USD 1 million in kind, such as power cables, generators and pump sets).

(iii) In June 2009, USD 200,000 cash assistance was given by India to overcome damage caused by floods in April-May 2009.

(iv) After flash floods in Kulyab province in May 2010, India provided USD 200,000 humanitarian cash assistance.

(v) After the outbreak of Polio in southwest Tajikistan, India provided 2 million doses of oral polio vaccine through UNICEF in November 2010.

(vi) In September 2015, India granted USD 100,000 as humanitarian assistance to Tajikistan for providing relief to the flood and mudslide-affected people of GBAO (Pamir) and Rasht valley.

(vii) India provided USD 100,000 to Tajikistan in March 2017 as humanitarian assistance for natural disasters.

(viii) In March 2018, India gifted 10 ambulances to various regions of Tajikistan.

(ix) After the outbreak of Covid-19 in 2020, India provided humanitarian medical assistance to Tajikistan. In May 2020, India provided 50,000 HCQ tablets and 100,000 Paracetamol tablets to Tajikistan, and sent another consignment of 4.6 tons of medical supplies. In June 2020, India sent another 800 Kgs of medicines and medical accessories to Tajikistan. India delivered an additional 698,500 doses of Covid-19 vaccine, 'Covishield' (Astrazeneca) to Tajikistan on 30 November.

(x) In June 2022, India handed over the fully equipped 50-bed India-Tajikistan Friendship Hospital (ITFH) to Tajikistan.

Cultural & People-to-People Relations

India and Tajikistan share strong historical, cultural and linguistic ties. There is great liking for Indian culture in Tajikistan. Indian films and TV serials dubbed in Russian and Persian language are routinely shown on local TV channels.

The Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre in Dushanbe plays a pivotal role in promoting Indian culture through a wide range of events and programmes. The Centre regularly conducts classes in Indian classical dance, music, yoga, and Hindi.

Several India Study Corners have been set up by the Embassy of India in prominent Universities/Institutions in Dushanbe and other cities of Tajikistan to cater to the increasing demand for study of Indian languages and Yoga in Tajikistan.

Since January 2019, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has established a Hindi-Urdu Chair at the Tajik National University in Dushanbe. Additionally, youth delegations from Tajikistan have regularly participated in the India-Central Asia Youth Forums hosted and sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

The inscription of the 'Culture of Sumanak (Sumalak) cooking' from Tajikistan on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity during the 20th session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee, held in New Delhi on December 10, 2025, was well received in Tajikistan.

Yoga is very popular among local people in Tajikistan. The Indian cultural Centre offers regular Yoga classes. Every year, International Day of Yoga is celebrated not only by the cultural centre but by many private individuals/yoga centres across various cities and towns in Tajikistan.

Consular Services

India offers an e-visa facility to Tajik citizens. India maintains a modern and liberal visa regime for Tajik citizens, with visas usually issued promptly within one to two working days. Most Tajik nationals travel to India on e-visas for tourism, medical treatment, education or business purposes. Tajikistan has also introduced an online visa system that includes provisions for Indian nationals.

The Indian Embassy in Dushanbe has a dedicated Community Welfare Officer and a Student Welfare Officer to address the welfare and general concerns of the Indian Community, including Indian students, residing in Tajikistan. The Embassy's helpline for Indian citizens operates on a 24*7 basis.

Indian Community in Tajikistan

The Indian diaspora in Tajikistan is estimated at approximately 2,150 individuals, of whom around 1,900 are students pursuing medical studies at various universities and medical institutions. A small Indian business community exists, while other members of

the community are employed in international organizations, education, banking, hospitality, healthcare, and other sectors.

Useful Links

- (i) Embassy Portal : <https://www.eoidushanbe.gov.in>
- (ii) Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/IndEmbDushanbe/>
- (iii) X : <https://x.com/IndEmbDushanbe>
- (iv) Instagram : <https://www.instagram.com/indiaindushanbe/>

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