

India-The Principality of Liechtenstein Bilateral Relations

India and the Principality of Liechtenstein established diplomatic relations in 1993 with Indian Ambassador to Switzerland concurrently accredited as Ambassador to the Principality. Year 2023 marked the 30th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral diplomatic relations.

2. Bilateral High-level visits

From Liechtenstein to India

- H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois – November 2010
- Prince Hans Adam II and Hereditary Prince Alois – October 2013 (private visit)
- H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois -October 2018

From India to Liechtenstein:

- In the first ever high-level official visit from either side, H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois, accompanied by spouse Princess Sophie and eleven member official delegation, including the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Education, and Culture and ten member business delegation visited India from 14-20 November, 2010 at the invitation of our Vice-President. During the visit, Prince Alois called on Rashtrapatiji Smt. Pratibha Patil, Vice-President Shri Mohammad Hamid Ansari, Finance Minister Shri Pranab Mukherjee, UPA Chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Leader of Opposition Smt. Sushma Swaraj and MoS (External Affairs) Smt. Preneet Kaur. The delegation also visited the India International Trade Fair in Delhi.
- The MoS (External Affairs) Gen. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd), visited Liechtenstein, in a first ever ministerial visit from India on 18-19 April 2016. He met Mr. Thomas Zwiefelhofer, Dy. PM and Minister for Home Affairs, Justice and Economic Affairs and Ms. Aurelia Frick, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education and Cultural Affairs. He paid a courtesy call on Prince Alois at Vaduz Castle on 19 April 2016.
- During his official visit to India in October 2018, Hereditary Prince Alois called on Rashtrapatiji Shri Ram Nath Kovind and met EAM.
- Hereditary Prince Alois participated in the India Reception held on 23 January 2020 in Davos on the sidelines of the 50th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum.
- EAM met Dr. Aurelia C.K. Frick, Liechtenstein's Foreign Minister, on the margins of the High Level Segment of UNGA during 73rd Session of the UNGA on 24 September 2018.
- Secretary (West) met Martin Frick, Liechtenstein's Foreign Secretary in Vaduz for the first ever Foreign office Consultations on 7 December 2023.

Recent high level interactions:

- Liechtenstein's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Education and Sports, Ms. Dominique Hasler met with Hon'ble EAM, Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble CIM, Mr. Piyush Goyal and MoS(I/C) for Skill development and Entrepreneurship, Mr. Jayant Choudahary, during her visit to New Delhi for participation in Raisina Dialogue 17-19 March 2025.
- Hon'ble CIM, Mr. Piyush Goyal and Hon'ble Finance Minister, Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman met Dominique Hasler, Liechtenstein's Foreign Minister, in February 2025, during her visit to New Delhi for the inauguration of EFTA Desk.
- Hon'ble MoS (IC), Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Mr. Jayant Choudhary called on H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois on 23 January, 2025 in Davos, on the sidelines of World Economic Forum.
- Dominique Hasler, Liechtenstein's Foreign Minister, visited New Delhi for signing of EFTA-TEPA on 10 March 2024.
- EAM met Dominique Hasler, Liechtenstein's Foreign Minister, on the margins of Raisina Dialogue on 22 February 2024.
- **H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois met PM Shri Narendra Modi in Dubai on 1 December 2023 on the sidelines of COP-28 in Dubai, UAE.**

3. Economic and Commercial Relations

India-Liechtenstein Trade Figures (in Million USD)

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
India's Exports	4.29	4.32	2.13	0.41	0.32	1.00
India's Imports	1.49	0.30	4.48	1.79	8.00	2.59
Total Trade	5.78	4.62	6.61	2.2	8.32	3.59

(Source: Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India)

- **The main items of India's exports** electric heating resistors; other organic compounds: cefadroxil and its salts, ibuprofane, nifedipine, ranitidine, danes salt of d(-) pheny; parts of non electric furnaces ovens etc; and vacuum pumps etc.
- **Main items of India's imports** included instruments, appliances and machines; electromagnets; chucks, clamps and similar devices; other imitation jewellery of base metal plated with precious metal; moulds for mineral materials; and articles of precious or semi precious stones(natural synthetic/reconstructed).
- As per DPIIT data, the FDI equity inflow from Liechtenstein amounted USD 105.82 million during April 2000- December 2024.

➤ Several Liechtenstein companies have their presence in India, employing over 8000 people. Liechtenstein companies having presence in India include the following:

- i. Savannah Seeds Pvt. Ltd
- ii. Hilti Corporation
- iii. Ivoclar Vivadent AG
- iv. Umicore
- v. Oerlikon Blazers
- vi. Neutrik

4. Cultural Relations

➤ A number of Yoga events have been organized coinciding with International Day of Yoga in June every year, including in 2024.

➤ An India Week was organized in Vaduz in November 2023 which included Yoga workshops, cultural shows and performance by ICCR- sponsored three-member flute group on 15 November.

➤ In February 2023, Mission organized an event in Vaduz, Liechtenstein to promote “One District One Product” initiative of the Government of India through an exhibition of Handicraft items, Tea, Coffee, Textiles and Silk products to showcase the richness, uniqueness and varieties of products, India can offer to the world. An Incredible India Photo Gallery of Eastern and North Eastern states to showcase the rich culture, tradition and natural landscapes of the region was also set up. Event was inaugurated by the Mayor of Vaduz.

➤ Mission hosted its Independence Day reception on 24 Aug, 2022 in Liechtenstein. From the Liechtenstein side, Ms. Dominique Hasler, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education and Sports attended the event as the Chief Guest. Also present on the occasion were Chief of Protocol and senior Govt. Officials, MPs, business and cultural leads. Minister Dominique Hasler delivered the keynote address. She conveyed the congratulatory message of His Serene Highness Prince Alois for the 75th Anniversary of Indian Independence and wished the bilateral partnership between India and Liechtenstein to grow and expand in the coming years.

➤ In 2019, the Philately Department of Liechtenstein Post released a commemorative set of 3 postal stamps on Mahatma Gandhi in Vaduz, the capital of Principality of Liechtenstein.

➤ The 10th International Day of Yoga (IDY) was celebrated in June 2024 in Vaduz, Liechtenstein.

➤ To Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the India-Liechtenstein Diplomatic relations, Mission organised Festival of India events in Liechtenstein: in Vaduz [Bharatnatyam; 7 September 2018] and in Schaan

[Dhrupad; 8 November 2018]; Ayurveda lounges were set up on the sidelines of both these events.

➤ A very successful 'India Week' was organized in Liechtenstein by India Club, Vaduz (Liechtenstein) in collaboration with the Embassy of India, Berne, and under the patronage of Ms. Aurelia Frick, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Education and Cultural Affairs of the Principality of Liechtenstein, from 17-22 May 2016. The week-long events highlighted the rich cultural heritage and business potential of India through workshops on Yoga, Kuchpudi Dance performance, ecotourism in Himalayas, screening of Bollywood movies, and the European Green India Summit (EUGIS'16) showcasing the potential of Green and renewable energy and eco-friendly business in India.

➤ **Indian Community:** A very small resident Indian community (5 members) in Liechtenstein due to the requirement that a foreigner needs to have either a Swiss or Liechtenstein spouse for a residence permit. There are about 50-60 Indians working in Liechtenstein but staying either in Austria or Switzerland.

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