

India – Tuvalu Relations

Political Relations

Bilateral relations between India and Tuvalu have grown steadily since the reopening of the High Commission of India, Suva, in 1999.

Tuvalu was one of the 34 Co-sponsors of G-4's draft resolution on UNSC reform in 2005. Tuvalu supported India's candidature for the position of Commonwealth Secretary General election held in Kampala in November 2007.

Government of India announced US\$ 100,000 Grant-aid to all Pacific Island countries during the Post Forum Dialogue Partners meeting in 2006 and during the subsequent years (US\$ 125,000 since 2009). Assistance under the grant included computers and medicines & medical equipment for the Princess Margaret Hospital, the only government hospital situated in its Capital Funafuti.

Two officials from Tuvalu availed of training facilities under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme in 2012-13.

Rt. Hon. Sir Kamuta Latasi, Speaker of Parliament, Tuvalu, visited India to attend 20th Conference of Commonwealth Speakers in New Delhi from 4-8 January, 2010. Mr. Mainagar Taope, Manager, Tuvalu Cooperative Society visited India to participate in the Chefs-de-Mission seminar held at New Delhi from 8-12 March, 2010.

Two diplomats from Tuvalu attended the special course for Pacific diplomats organized by FSI in Nadi, Fiji in January 2011.

The Queen's Baton Relay (QBR) for the Commonwealth Games held in New Delhi in October 2010 passed through Tuvalu from 29-30 May, 2010.

High Commissioner Shri Vinod Kumar presented his Credentials to Governor General of Tuvalu on 27 September 2011, followed by a call on the Acting Prime Minister Kausea Natano, Minister of Health and Minister of Home Affairs.

GOI contributed US\$ 100,000 to the Government of Tuvalu in February 2012 for storage, supply and management of water following the severe drought in Tuvalu.

Commercial Relations

India has no significant trade or investment with Tuvalu.

Cultural Relations

Three students from Tuvalu availed of ICCR's General Cultural Scholarship Scheme in 2011-12 and five in 2012-13. For 2013-14 five slots have been offered to Tuvalu.

Indian community

There are some persons of Indian origin in Tuvalu, mostly from Fiji.

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