

India-Senegal Relations

Political Relations:

Diplomatic relations between the two countries were established at Ambassadorial level in 1962, with a resident Indian Mission in Dakar. Both countries enjoy warm and friendly bilateral relations sharing common values of democracy, development and secularism. They are both members of the Non-Aligned Movement and G-15. Senegal has appreciated India's cooperation and support for the development of Africa on a number of occasions in the international fora. Partnership with India in the fields of urban transport, agriculture, fisheries, rural electrification, human resource development, information technology, health etc. is particularly well appreciated. Senegal, being the leading Francophone country in West Africa, played a significant role in the creation of TEAM-9 and is also a prominent beneficiary under the programme.

Support on India's candidature in International bodies and issues of relevance to India:

Senegal has been supporting India in multilateral fora and voted in favour of India at the United Nations Human Rights Council elections for the term 2015-2017. During the last one year, Senegal has consistently supported India's candidature to International organizations e.g. ITLOS, ICJ and IMO. Senegal was one of the 24 members which signed the Declaration of Yoga as a "Human Treasure" at the 11th Session of Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage held in Addis Ababa.

Visits:

Special Envoy of Prime Minister (SEPM) and Minister of State for Agriculture, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan visited Senegal from 8-11 July 2015 to personally invite President Macky Sall to participate in India Africa Forum Summit III (IAFS-III). Minister of State Shri M.J. Akbar visited Dakar in September 2017 as a Special envoy of Prime Minister Modi. He met President Mr. Macky Sall and handed over a Letter of Thanks from PM Modi for Senegal's support for the re-election of India's candidate Justice Dr. Dalveer Bhandari to the International Court of Justice.

President Macky Sall visited India to participate in IAFS-III in October 2015 and again in May 2017 to participate in the 52nd Annual Meeting of African Development Bank in Gandhinagar. President Sall and Prime Minister Narendra Modi met again in July 2017 on the sidelines of G20 Summit in Hamburg. In November 2017, Mr. Mary Teuw Niane, Minister of High Education of Senegal visited India to participate in "India-Africa Sharing Mission on Skills Development" in New Delhi. Senegalese Minister of Petroleum & Energy Mr. Mansour Elimane KANE participated in ISA Founding Conference in New Delhi on March 11, 2018. Senegalese Minister of Hydraulics and Sanitation Mr. Mansour FAYE, participated in Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention (MGISC) from 29 September to 2 October 2018. Mr. Faye was accompanied by Mr. Lansana Gagny SAKHO, Director General of Senegalese National Sanitation Office (ONAS). Mr. Ibrahima NIANE, Director of Electricity, Ministry of Petroleum and Energy and Mr. Fadel TRAORE, Chief of Division of Studies at National Agency for Renewable Energy of Senegal participated in First ISA Assembly and 2nd RE-INVEST from 2-5 October 2018. Ms. Aminata Assome DIATTA, Director of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Trade, Consumer Affairs, Informal sector and SMEs of Senegal participated in CII-EXIM Bank Regional Conclave in West Africa in Abuja on 8-9 October 2018.

Commercial Relations / Bilateral Trade:

Value in US \$ Million

SENEGAL	India's Exports	India's Imports	Total Trade	Growth in %
2014-2015	518.72	208.13	726.85	25.30
2015-2016	545.84	263.95	809.78	11.40
2016-2017	634.10	315.85	949.95	17.31
2017-2018	724.11	564.94	1289.05	35.70
2018-19 (Apr-Sep)	314.25	448.57	762.82	

Source: Export Import Database, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India

Major items of export from India include textiles, food items, automobiles and pharmaceuticals. Major items of import from Senegal are phosphoric acid and raw cashew.

Investments:

India's investment is mainly in construction, tourism, retail, trading, phosphates, pharmaceuticals etc. Indian companies viz. Tata Group (Tata Motors, Tata Unitech), Ashok Leyland, Kirloskar Bros, Ajanta Pharma, Sun Pharma, Shapoorji Pallonji, Kalpataru Power Transmission, KEC Ltd., Promac etc are present in Senegal.

Development assistance programmes:

LOCs: The Line of Credit (developmental assistance) projects under various stages of implementation include line of Credit of US \$ 62.95 million for the first phase of Lift Irrigation for Rice Self Sufficiency Programme (handing over ceremony of agriculture quipment including 520 tractors was organized on 23 April, 2018 on a grand scale in which President Macky Sall and Ambassador participated), US \$ 27.5 million for the 2nd phase of Rural Electrification Project, US \$ 19 million for the 2nd phase of the fisheries development project, US \$ 26 million for public transportation and US\$ 24.5 million for upgradation and rehabilitation of healthcare of Senegal (LOC agreement was signed by Senegalese Ambassador in India and EXIM Bank Representative on 20 August 2018 in New Delhi).

Export Import Bank of India (Exim Bank of India) extended credit worth US \$ 200 million under the National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) to Senegal for transmission line linking Tambacounda-Kolda-Ziguinchor and extension and rehabilitation of networks in Senegal. Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited will be building a 225 KV double circuit transmission line/substations/distribution network in Senegal under the project. The scope of the project also covers building distribution network for medium and low voltage overhead line/underground cable in Senegal.

Grants: India is supplying 250 e-Rickshaws with lithium-ion batteries on grant basis to Senegal, responding to the request of President Macky Sall of Senegal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On 16 November 2018, External Affairs Minister of India Ms. Sushma Swaraj, at a ceremony held in New Delhi handed over symbolically e-Rickshaws to Ambassador of Republic of Senegal, H.E. Mr. El Hadji Ibou Boye.

Under Indian grant assistance, HMT had set up an Entrepreneurial Training & Development Centre (CEDT) in Dakar in 2002. So far the Center has trained 5837 students and 3186 have been employed in various sectors. MoU for upgradation and

modernization of CEDT at USD 3.43 million was signed by the Ambassador of India in Senegal Shri Rajeev Kumar and Senegalese Minister of Vocational training Mr. Mamadou Talla on 27 February 2018. The work of upgradation and modernization is underway and scheduled to be completed by February 2020.

Government of India has also financed the development of garden namely 'India Tiranga Park' in the famous Renaissance Monument in Dakar. The work of development of garden is underway.

Hub Earth Station of the Pan-African e-Network Project was located in Sebikotane village of Senegal. In 2017, it was decided to re-structure the project by making it internet-based. The Government of Senegal has been requested to indicate its willingness for the next internet based phase called e-Vidya Bharti and e-Arogya Bharti (e-VBAB).

India donated Euro 50000/- to Senegal for organizing the 5th edition of Dakar International Forum for Peace and Security in Africa. The cheque was presented by Ambassador to Mr. Sidiki Kaba, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad on October 16, 2018.

ITEC and other training programmes: For the year 2018-19, Senegal has been allotted 25 slots under ITEC and 10 slots under ICCR Scholarship. Six Senegalese scientists have won and the CV Raman International Fellowship for African Researchers in 2016 and 4 have availed of the scholarship till now.

Events and Activities:

Business Events: In order to increase awareness about business opportunities between India and Senegal and to inform about the opportunities available under our LoCs, this mission organized two business events in Senegal since January 2018: (i) Business event-cum-Seminar on Business Relations between India and Senegal in Dakar in collaboration with Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Dakar (CCIAD) on 16 March 2018; (ii) Business event-cum-Seminar on India's Action for the Emergence of Senegalese Mining Sector focusing on gold sector on 9 August 2018 in the gold rich region of Kedougou in collaboration with Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Kedougou (CCIAK) and (iii) Business event-cum-Seminar on Business Relations between India and Senegal in Dakar in collaboration with Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Kaolack (CCIAK) on 29 November 2018. These events attracted wide participation from business persons, local Ministries and administration, and local Chambers of Commerce and were widely covered in the local media.

TIRANGA 2.0 – the Festival of India in Senegal: Embassy of India, Dakar organized the second edition of Tiranga i.e. TIRANGA 2.0 – the Festival of India in Senegal from 1 February 2018 to 3 March 2018 to showcase Indian music and dance. A well-known Bharatnatyam dance troupe from India visited Dakar as a part of the Festival. Apart from Bharatnatyam dance, the traditional dances of Punjab, Gujrat and Maharashtra were also show-cased with the active participation of local Indian community. Bollywood musicals and dance by Indo-Senegalese cultural associations and Yoga performance were also the highlights of the Festival. Tiranga 2.0 ended with the closure of Mahatma Gandhi Exhibition and celebration of Dakar Tiranga Holi on 3 March 2018 at Renaissance monument.

4th International Day of Yoga: Embassy of India on 24 June 2018, organized a grand event at the Place de l'Obélisque in Dakar to celebrate 4th International Day of Yoga. The

event was attended by about 1500 people including members of Indian diaspora, dignitaries and local Government officials, celebrities, diplomats and local people.

150th Mahatma Gandhi Birth Anniversary celebrations: Embassy of India launched 150th Mahatma Gandhi Birth Anniversary celebrations in collaboration with University of Cheikh Anta Diop (the biggest University of Senegal and one of the biggest in West Africa region) by organizing one month long exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi at the University library. The Embassy also donated books to the library to create India corner. Embassy also organized a 2 day screening of movies (2-3 October 2018) and documentaries on Mahatma Gandhi in the University auditorium. In the evening on 2nd October, video projection of Mahatma Gandhi slide show on Renaissance Monument was jointly inaugurated by the Ambassador and Senegalese Minister of Culture Abdoulatif Coulibaly. On 6 October 2018, as a part of celebrations, Embassy of India in collaboration with Principal Hospital, Dakar organized a blood donation camp in which 99 Indians and Senegalese donated blood. The event was first of its kind organized by any Embassy and was widely covered by print and electronic media. A Khadi exhibition of material provided by KVIC was also inaugurated on 16 October 2018 in the University as a part of Mahatma Gandhi Birth Anniversary celebrations.

Bharatsen – The Sun from India: To recognize the significant contributions made by an individual Indian/Association/Indian company based in Senegal in strengthening India-Senegal bilateral relations by promoting - Health and Education; Indian business opportunities; India's interests and culture in Senegal and welfare of Indians and Senegalese, the Embassy had instituted "Bharatsen- The Sun from India", an annual recognition certificate in 2016, the first edition of which was awarded on 26 January 2017. The second edition i.e. Bharatsen – 2017 was awarded to representatives of TATA Motors Limited & TATA International Unitech Senegal during the reception of Republic Day on 26 January 2018. The third edition will be awarded on 26 January 2019.

NRI Population:

The Indian community numbers around 380 (three hundred and eighty). Most of them are working for Indian companies including those executing development projects under Lines of Credit extended by India. Some of them are running their own businesses.

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