



ITALY

Foreign Cooperation Department
Government of Haryana



OVERVIEW

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ECONOMIC SCENARIO

Total Exports	\$481 B ³
Total Imports	\$429 B ³
Total Area (in sq m)	505,935 ¹
GDP per capita (\$)	31,770 ⁴
Population	47.4 Million ¹
Literacy (%)	98.59

SECTORAL CONTRIBUTION TO GDP 2020 (in %)²

Agriculture	1.99
Industry	21.62
Service	66.69

TOP PRODUCTS EXPORTED 2022³

Item	Value	% Share
Packaged Medicaments	\$26.7 B	5.56
Cars	\$14.8 B	3.08
Vehicle Parts	\$12.5 B	2.59
Refined Petroleum	\$8.26 B	1.72
Blood, antisera, vaccines, toxins and cultures	\$7.75 B	1.61

TOP EXPORT DESTINATION 2022³

Germany	\$62.1 B	12.9%
France	\$49.5 B	10.3%
United States	\$47.9 B	9.97%
Switzerland	\$25.1 B	5.22%
United Kingdom	\$25 B	5.2%

TOP WORLD EXPORT PRODUCT 2022³

Unglazed Ceramics	\$4.21B
Pasta	\$3.55B
Tanned Equine & Bovine Hides	\$2.34B
Processed Tomatoes	\$2.14B
Processed Tobacco	\$1.78B

TOP PRODUCTS IMPORTED 2022³

Item	Value	% Share
Crude Petroleum	\$25.5B	5.96
Cars	\$22.5B	5.24
Packaged Medicaments	\$18.7B	4.36
Petroleum Gas	\$10.6B	1.72
Gold	\$9.17B	1.39

TOP IMPORT DESTINATION 2022³

Germany	\$67.3 B	12.9%
France	\$36 B	10.3%
China	\$35.9 B	3.1%
Netherlands	\$23.3 B	2.74%
Spain	\$22.8 B	4.58%

TOP WORLD IMPORT PRODUCT 2022³

Electricity	\$2.23 B
Rolled Tobacco	\$1.96 B
Prepared Wool	\$246 M
Hot-Rolled Stainless Bars	\$217 M
Non-Retail Combed Wool	\$195 M

¹ World Bank

² <https://www.statista.com/statistics/270481/distribution-of-gross-domestic-product-gdp-across-economic-sectors-in-italy/>

³ <https://oec.world/en/profile/country/ita> ⁴ <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD?locations=IT>



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India-Italy Relations

India and Italy are ancient civilizations but young states (Italy having been reunified only in 1861). The classical languages, **Sanskrit and Latin both belong to the Indo-European language family**. People of these two ancient civilizations have known, **interacted and traded with each other for over 2000 years**. **Italian port cities were important trading posts on the spice route**. **The Venetian merchant Marco Polo, during his travels to the east, also traveled to India in the 13th century** and wrote about his experiences.

Indian troops, serving with the British Indian Army, were active in **Italy during the World War II**. These included the **Rajputana Rifles and Gurkha Rifles**. The 10th Indian Division took part in the East African Allied campaign against the Italians in Somaliland and Abyssinia.

High-Level Engagements

INDIA VISITS		
S.No	Name	Year of Visit
1.	Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru	1953 & 1955
2.	Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi	November 1981
3.	President Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma	October 1996
4.	Prime Minister Shri H.D. Deve Gowda	November 1996
5.	Prime Minister Shri I.K. Gujral	September 1997
6.	Prime Minister Shri A.B. Vajpayee	June 2000
7.	Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh	July 2009
8.	EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar	December 2019

ITALY VISITS		
S.No	Name	Year of Visit
1.	Prime Minister Mr. Giovanni Goria	1988
2.	President Dr.Oscar Luigi Scalfaro	February 1995
3.	Prime Minister Prof. Romano Prodi	January 1998
4.	President Mr. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi	February 2005
5.	Prime Minister Mr. Romano Prodi	February 2007

An **Italy-India Parliamentary Friendship Association** was established in the IPU Italy Chapter in 2004. Year 2011 was marked by visit of then EAM Shri SM Krishna to Italy to participate in the 150th anniversary celebrations of Italy's unification.

The same year **MOS (External Affairs)** also visited Italy to meet Indian **Business community and had Bilateral Talks with Italian counterpart**. In 2012, Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Terzi visited India and held bilateral discussions with EAM and CIM.

Trade and Investment

Due to Covid pandemic the trade declined last year. India ranks 19th as country of origin of Italian imports, accounting for 1.2% of Italian imports.

- **Main items of Indian exports to Italy**

Ready-made garments, leather, iron ore, motor vehicles, textiles, chemicals, gems & jewelry.

- **Main items of import from Italy**

General and special-purpose machinery, machine tools, metallurgical products, and engineering items.

Italian Companies in India

- **Total Number of large Italian companies** - 140
- **Total Number of Italian Banks** – 6
- **Example:** FIAT Auto, Heinz Italia, FIOIA, Italcementi, Necchi Compressori, Perfetti, Lavazza, Fata Hunter Engineering, ENI, SAI India, Isagro (Asia) Agrochemicals, Piaggio, and Impreglio, SEA Deutzfahr Group, Finmeccanica SpA, Ferrero, Salini etc.

Indian Companies in Italy

- **Major sectors** - IT, electronics, pharmaceuticals, automobile, textile and engineering.
- **Example:** Tata, TCS, Wipro, Engineers India Limited, L&T, Mahindra & Mahindra, Ranbaxy, Raymonds etc. SBI has a representative office in Milan.
- **Top sectors for FDI** - Automobile Industry/Transportation, Food Processing, Metallurgical Industry, Textiles, Electrical Equipment and Others.

Other Important Association between India and Italy

Italy-India Strategic Partnership in Energy Transition

- **Date** – 30th October 2022, Rome
- **Signed** - H.E. Mr. Mario Draghi, President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic and H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India
- **Objective** - Strengthen cooperation in strategic sectors including the cross-cutting issue of accelerating the clean energy transition to fight climate change

Joint Economic Commission

Institutional mechanism chaired by the respective Commerce Ministers of both countries.

- **Major Sectors** - Infrastructure, Tourism, Railways, Food Processing, Renewable Energy, Information Technology and Agriculture
- **Last Virtual Meet** – 9th July 2021
- **Issues in focus** - Promotion of Small and Medium Enterprises, Infrastructure with focus on High-Speed Railways, Review on Cooperation under the India-Italy Fast Track Mechanism, Cooperation in promotion of

start-up industries

Indo-Italian High-Level Dialogue on Economic relations

Initiative promoted by AIICP (India-Italy Association for Cooperation and Partnership), in collaboration with Confindustria and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and with the support of the Embassy of Italy in India and the Embassy of India in Italy.

Participants - 60 CEOs from India and Italy across different sectors

Boosting Air Travel through Air India

- **Start Date** - June 2014
- **Sector** - Rome and Milan with New Delhi

Cultural Exchange

Agreement for cultural cooperation - 1976

Replaced - July 2004

Executive Programme for Cultural Cooperation/Cultural Exchange Programme (EPCC/CEP)

- Signed periodically under the bilateral cultural agreement.
- Renewed for 3 years (2017-20) during the visit of the Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni to India in October 2017
- **Purpose** - Exchange of students in language programmes & academic courses

Education

Universities

- 10 Universities/higher education institutions in Italy with highly qualified faculties
 - **Subjects** - Indian art, history and languages like Hindi and Sanskrit

ICCR Chair in La Sapienza' University

- **Date** - September 2011
- **Subject** - Modern Indian History

Indological Conference

- Organized by Mission in collaboration with the academic institutions in the prestigious Museum of Oriental Art (MNAO) in March 2014
- **Events celebrated**
 - **21st June 2015** - 1st International Day of Yoga

- 70 Years of India-Italy relations
- **5th June in Rome and 7th June 2018** - Sponsored kathak dance performance VIVARTA by Kadamb dance group
- **18th Jan 2021 - SRIJAN**
 - Connect Italians to experience the richness of India's architecture, history, literature and languages.
- Memorandum of Understanding - Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi & University of Naples L'Orientale - Apr 22, 2021.

Scientific Co-operation

S&T Co-operation agreement

- **Signed** - 2003
- Three-yearly action plans under which a maximum of thirty joint research projects can be undertaken.
- **Prime areas of joint research** - Electronics, Biotechnology, Design Engineering Automotive Technologies, Energy, etc.

Executive Programme of Cooperation (EPOC)

- **Signed** - 18 April 2017.
- 13 projects for exchange of researchers and 10 significant joint research projects
- **Areas** - ICT, renewable energy and health

India-Trento Programme for Advanced Research (ITPAR)

Joint activities in the areas - Microsystems, Telecommunication, Cognitive Neurosciences, Renewable Energy and Quantum Physics for 3 years

14th July 2021 - India-Italy Innovation Day

17th March 2021 - Italy joined India led International Solar Alliance

Defence

- November 1994 - MOU on Defence Cooperation
- Indian Army has a historical connection with Italy
 - The 4th, 8th and 10th Indian Divisions, with more than **50,000 troops, played a significant role in one of the bitterest advances of the allied forces for the liberation of Italy in World War - II**
 - The Indian contingent was the **third-largest after the American and English contingents.**

- Out of the **20 Victoria Crosses awarded in the Italian Campaign, 6 were awarded to Indians.**
- Indian Army memorial in the famous town of Cassino
 - **Inaugurated** - 07- 08th July 2021 by General MM Naravane, Chief of Army Staff
 - Pay homage to Indian soldiers who lost their lives during World War I

Indian Community

- **Total** – 0.24 million and 25,000 PIOs (3rd largest community of Indians in Europe after UK and Netherlands) approx.
- **Major Occupation** - Agriculture, dairy farming, leather industry, construction works and the service industry
- **Region for Residing**
 - Northern Italy - Lombardia, Piemonte, Veneto and Emilia Romagna regions
 - Central Italy - Florence, Rome
 - Southern Italy - Campania, Puglia and Calabria