

3.India – Canada Relations

India And Canada Held The 7th Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment (Mdti) Recently

Foundational Basis of The Relationship

Shared Democratic Values – Both Countries Are Pluralistic Democracies with Strong Commitments to Rule of Law, Human Rights, And Multiculturalism, Serving as The Core Foundation of Their Engagement.

Cultural Compatibility – Canada Hosts One of The Largest Indian Diasporas Globally (Over 1.8 million), Creating Long-Term Cultural, Educational, And Economic Linkages.

Mutual Strategic Interests – Cooperation Spans Trade Diversification, Energy Transition, Critical Minerals Security, Technology Innovation, And Indo-Pacific Stability.

Recent Developments (2025)

Renewed Diplomatic Engagement – Both Nations Reaffirmed Respect For Each Other's Sovereignty and Committed to Forward-Looking Cooperation.

Strategic Collaboration Priority Areas – These Include Critical Minerals, Clean Energy, Aerospace, And Dual-Use Technologies, Aligning with India's Industrial and Security Modernization Needs.

Supply Chain Resilience – Emphasis on Diversified, Trusted Supply Chains, Especially in Agriculture (Pulses, Fertilizers, Agri-Tech Inputs).

Pro-Investment Commitments – Both Sides Reiterated the Importance of a Transparent Investment Climate to Facilitate Predictable Business Operations.

Future Dialogue – Ministerial-Level Trade and Investment Consultations Scheduled for Early 2026, Aimed at Resetting Economic Momentum.

Institutional Engagement Mechanisms

Ministerial-Level Strategic Dialogue – Regular Political Consultations on Foreign Policy, Regional Issues, And Strategic Coordination.

Trade And Energy Dialogues – These Track Progress in Partnerships on Energy Transition, Hydrocarbons, And Trade Policy.

Foreign Office Consultations (Foc) – Annual Diplomatic Consultations at Secretary Level.

Environment Joint Committee Meeting – Focuses on Climate Adaptation, Biodiversity, Waste Management, And Arctic Research.

Sector-Specific Joint Working Groups (Jwgs) – Cover Education, Agriculture, Science & Technology, Skill Development, And Health.

Economic Relations – Highly Detailed Overview

Bilateral Goods Trade (2024)

Total Goods Trade – Cad 13.32 billion.

India's Exports (Cad 8.02 Bn) – Pharmaceuticals, Textiles, Gems & Jewellery, Engineering Goods. Agri Products Such as Marine Goods, Spices, And Ready-Made Garments.

India's Imports (Cad 5.30 Bn) – Fertilizers (Especially Potash), Pulp & Paper, Machinery, Aircraft Parts, And Agri Commodities Like Lentils.

Bilateral Services Trade (2024)

Total Services Trade – Cad 18.6 billion.

India's Exports (Cad 3.5 Bn) – It & Software Services, Consulting, R&D Services, Back-Office Support.

India's Imports (Cad 15.1 Bn) – Education Services (Tuition & Living Expenditure of Indian Students), Financial and Professional Services.

Investment Linkages

Canadian Pension Funds (Cpp, Cdpq) – Among the Largest Foreign Portfolio Investors in India's Infrastructure and Real Estate Sectors, With Combined Exposure Exceeding Usd 60 billion Over Time.

Indian Companies in Canada – Active in It Services, Banking, And Manufacturing.

Potential For Cepa / Epta

Discussions On Early Progress Trade Agreement (Epta) Were Paused Earlier, But Renewed Engagement Suggests Possible Revival in Coming Years.

Security & Counter-Terrorism Cooperation

Institutional Mechanism

Joint Working Group (1997) – Coordinates Intelligence Sharing, Terror Financing Tracking, And Security Policy Cooperation.

2018 Framework for Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism – Strengthened Collaboration Against Radicalization, Cyber Threats, And Extremist Financing.

Areas Of Cooperation – Monitoring Transnational Terrorist Networks. Collaboration On Cyber-Security Norms, Intelligence Exchange, And Border Security Technologies. Joint Training Programs and Law Enforcement Exchanges.

Civil Nuclear Cooperation

Nuclear Cooperation Agreement (2010, Effective 2013) – Enables Peaceful Nuclear Technology Exchanges and Uranium Supply for India's Nuclear Power Plants. Canada Recognizes India as A Responsible Nuclear Power Under Idea Safeguards.

Science & Technology Cooperation

Mou Of 2018 – Focus on Innovation, R&D Partnerships, Smart Grids, Renewable Energy Technologies, Health Sciences, And Clean-Tech Startups.

Energy Cooperation – Expanded.

Ministerial-Level Energy Dialogue

Initiated In 2016, Expanded In 2018 To Include – Electricity Grid Modernization, Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy (Solar, Wind, Hydro), Clean Hydrogen Collaboration.

Hydrocarbons And Lng Potential – Canada's Abundant Lng Resources Align with India's Energy Security Goals. Potential For Long-Term India-Canada Lng Supply Agreements.

Engagement In Global Forums – India's Participation in The World Petroleum Congress 2023 (Calgary) Deepened Collaboration in Conventional and Transition Fuels.

Space Cooperation

Historical Partnership

Mous Signed In 1996, 2003, 2015 Between ISRO and Canadian Space Agency (CSA). Collaboration In –

1. Satellite Tracking
2. Space Astronomy
3. Technology For Peaceful Space Use
4. Earth Observation Missions

Satellite Launches

ISRO, Via Antrix, Has Launched Multiple Canadian Nanosatellites.

Key Highlight – Canada's First Low-Earth Orbit Satellite Launched Aboard PSLV's 100th Mission (Jan 2018).

People-To-People Ties

Indian Diaspora

Over 1.8 million Persons of Indian Origin in Canada, Forming the Largest Immigrant Community. Strong Influence on Canada's Political, Cultural, And Economic Landscape.

Students – Canada Remains One of The Top Destinations for Indian Students, Contributing Billions Annually to Canada's Education Sector.

Cultural Exchanges – Film Production Collaborations, Cultural Festivals, Academic Partnerships, And Tourism Linkages Contribute to Strong Societal Bonds.

Future Prospects

Strategic Technologies

Joint Development in Ai, Quantum Technologies, Semiconductors, Aerospace Engineering, And Dual-Use Innovations.

Critical Minerals Partnership

Canada's Reserves of Lithium, Cobalt, Nickel, And Rare Earth Elements Are Crucial For – India's Ev Industry, Battery Manufacturing Under the Acc Pli Scheme, Renewable Energy Storage.

Agricultural Security

Canada's Role as A Major Wheat, Lentils, And Pulses Supplier Remains Key to India's Food Security.

Potential For Agri-Tech and Sustainable Farming Collaboration.

Reinvigorated Trade Negotiations (2026)

Ministerial-Level Discussions Expected To Stabilize Diplomatic Relations And Expand The Trade Architecture.

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