

## MoUs/Agreements signed during the State Visit of President of France to India

### India – France relations

France and India enjoy an exceptionally warm relationship based on reinforced trust between the two countries. In the economic field, trade relations have developed over the years and bilateral trade has increased significantly over the past decade; it has almost doubled from USD 6.2 billion in 2006-07 to USD 11 billion in 2016-17. Further, the trade imbalance is gradually reducing in favour of India from a trade deficit of USD 2.2 billion in 2006-07 to USD 0.4 billion in 2016-17.

More than the volume of bilateral trade, the dynamism of Indo-French economic relations springs from the establishment of French companies in India. Presently, more than 1000 French subsidiaries from a wide spectrum of sectors are present in India and employ a workforce of around 3,00,000 persons. France is the 9<sup>th</sup> biggest investor in India, wherein it has invested around USD 6.2 billion during 2000-17.

### List of MoUs/Agreements

At the invitation of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the President of the French Republic, Mr. Emmanuel Macron paid a State Visit to India from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The leaders held wide ranging and constructive discussions and underlined the growing convergence between the two countries on regional and international issues.

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| S. No. | MoU/Agreement  | Indian side                                   | French side   | Purpose  |
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| 1.     | Agreement between India and France on the Prevention of Illicit Consumption and Reduction of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Chemical Precursors and Related Offences | Shri Rajnath Singh, Home Minister             | Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs | The Agreement shall facilitate the two countries in combating illicit traffic and consumption of drugs and will also impact on financing of terrorism. |
| 2.     | India-France Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement  | Smt. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister | Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs | This agreement will facilitate temporary circular migration based on mobility and the encouragement for a return of skills to the                      |

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|    |   |   |   | home country.  |
| 3. | Agreement between India and France to facilitate Mutual Recognition of Academic Qualifications  | Shri Prakash Javadekar,<br>Minister of Human Resource Development | Mrs. Frederique Vidal,<br>Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation | The purpose of this Arrangement is to facilitate the mutual recognition of educational qualifications.   |
| 4. | Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Railways and SNCF Motilities, France on technical cooperation in the field of Railways. | Shri Piyush Goyal,<br>Minister for Railways                       | Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian,<br>Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs              | The purpose of this MoU is to build upon and deepen the mutual cooperation and focus on priority areas of high speed and semi-high speed rail; station renovation modernisation of current operations and infrastructure; and suburban trains. |
| 5. | Letter of Intent between India and France for creation of a permanent Indo-French Railways Forum.                                       | Shri Piyush Goyal,<br>Minister for Railways                       | Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian,<br>Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs              | The purpose of this Letter of Intent is to enhance the already existing cooperation by creating an Indo-French Permanent Railway Forum.  |
| 6. | Agreement between India and France regarding the provision of reciprocal logistics support between their Armed Forces                   | Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman,<br>Defence Minister                       | Mrs. Florence Parly,<br>Minister for the Armed Forces                           | This Agreement shall facilitate the reciprocal provision of Logistic Support, Supplies and   |

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|    |  |   |  | Services between the Armed Forces of the two countries during authorised port visits, joint exercises, joint training, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts etc.  |
| 7. | Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and France on cooperation in the field of Environment                      | Dr. Mahesh Sharma<br>Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change               | Mrs. Brune Poirson,<br>Minister of State, attached to the Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition | The MoU aims to establish a basis for exchange of information between the Governments and technical experts of the two countries in the field of environment and climate change. |
| 8. | Agreement between India and France on cooperation in the field of Sustainable Urban Development                            | Shri Hardeep Singh Puri,<br>Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs | Mrs. Brune Poirson,<br>Minister of State, attached to the Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition | The Agreement will allow exchange of information on smart city development, development of urban mass transportation systems, urban settlements and utilities etc                |
| 9. | Agreement between India and France regarding the exchange and reciprocal protection of classified or protected information | Shri Ajit Doval,<br>NSA   | Mr. Philippe Etienne, Diplomatic Adviser to the French President   | This Agreement defines the common security regulations applicable to any exchange  |

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|     |   |   |   | of classified and protected information  |
| 10. | Implementing Arrangement between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Central National D'Etudes Spatiales (CNES) for pre-formulation studies of a Maritime Awareness Mission | Shri K. Sivan, Secretary, Department of Space & Chairman ISRO | Mr Jean-Yves Le Gall, President CNES        | The Agreement would provide end-to-end solution for detection, identification and monitoring of vessels in the regions of interest for France and India.   |
| 11. | Industrial Way Forward Agreement between Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd, and EDF, France  | Shri Sekhar Basu, Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy      | Mr. Jean Bernard Levy, CEO, EDF             | This agreement prescribes a way forward for the implementation of the Jaitapur nuclear power project.  |
| 12. | Bilateral Arrangement between India and France on cooperation in the matter of Hydrography and Maritime Cartography   | Mr. Vinay Kwatra, Ambassador of India                         | Mr. Alexander Ziegler, Ambassador of France | This Arrangement will encourage cooperation between the two countries in the field of hydrography, nautical documentation and maritime safety information. |
| 13. | Credit Facility Agreement between India and France of Euros 100 million for funding of the Smart City Projects through a Challenge Process  | Mr. Vinay Kwatra, Ambassador of India                         | Mr. Alexander Ziegler, Ambassador of France | This agreement will help fill the funding gap under the Smart City Mission and the funds provided by the Central and State                                 |

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|     |  |                                       |   | Governments for the purpose.   |
| 14. | Memorandum of Understanding between National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Ministry of New & Renewable Energy and the National Solar Energy Institute (INES), France | Mr. Vinay Kwatra, Ambassador of India | Mr. Daniel Verwaerde, Administrator, The Commission for Atomic and Alternate Energy (CEA) | With this agreement both countries shall work on projects in ISA member countries in the areas of solar energy (solar photovoltaic, storage technologies, etc.) through transfer of technology and collaborative activities. |

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