

## BELARUS

Belarus, a landlocked country in Eastern Europe, is known for its Stalinist architecture, grand fortifications and primeval forests.

The capital is Minsk. It is a modern city dominated by monumental Stalinist architecture. There are many museums, theaters and other cultural attractions are also found in this city.

The currency is Belarusian ruble and the official language spoken is Belarusian and Russian.

India's relations with Belarus have been traditionally warm and cordial. India has been one of the first countries to recognize Belarus as independent country in 1991.

There is a promised market for India's pharmaceutical and chemical products, automobile and knowledge based enterprises. Possibilities of investments and joint ventures particularly in view of the Belarusian industrial and technological strength in manufacturing giant tyres, agro-industrial machinery, mining equipment, and heavy-duty road construction machinery and also the disinvestment process in Belarus.

### India's exports to Belarus

India's exports to Belarus presently include medicines, raw tobacco and tobacco wastes, cotton yarn, electric transformers, antibiotics, extracts of coffee/tea, rice, compounds of carbonic acid, ferrous metal goods, etc.

### Imports from Belarus

Potash fertilizers, Nitrogen fertilizers, nylon cord materials for tyres, artificial threads, hot rolled rods, rubber wastes/off-cuts and scrap, raw iron or alloy-free steel, pneumatic rubber tyres and tubes, polyamides in primary forms, polycarboxylic acids and their anhydrides, etc.

### Chamber of Commerce

Belarusian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

### Trade statistics

The bilateral trade figures (in US\$ million) :

Year	Belarusian import	Belarusian export	Total
2011	374.712	173.094	547.806
2012	262.217	232.214	494.431
2013	169.871	181.441	351.312
2014	215.086	187.623	402.709

(source:Indian Embassy)

### Indian companies

Dr Reddy's Laboratories

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries

Microlabs

IPCA

Himalaya Herbals

Indian Lotus