

FRANCE

France, in Western Europe, encompasses medieval cities, alpine villages and Mediterranean beaches. Symbols such as Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the Latin Quarter, Montmartre, the Georges Pompidou make Paris one of the most visited places in the world.

Paris, the capital of France, is a major European city and a global center for art, fashion, gastronomy and culture.

The official language is French and the currency is Euro, CFP franc.

Relations between India and France are multi-faceted, close and special. The relationship is based on shared values and real convergence on a whole range of regional and global issues.

India's exports to France:

Textile & textile articles; Mineral fuels & oils; Machinery & mechanical appliances and electrical equipment; Chemical & allied products ; Animal, Vegetable & Food products ; Vehicles & aircraft; Footwear ; Metals & articles thereof; Leather articles; Gems & jewellery.

India's imports from France:

Machinery & mechanical appliances and electrical equipment ; Vehicles & aircraft; Chemical & allied products; Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof ; Metals & articles thereof; Plastics, rubber and articles thereof ; Animal, Vegetable & Food products.

India-France goods trade in the last 10 years (figures in million €)

Year	Indian Exports to France	French Exports to India	Total Trade for India	Balance of Trade	% Change (YoY) in total trade
2006	2,499	2,635	5,134	(-) 136	+30.07%
2007	2,784	3,351	6,135	(-) 567	+19.49%
2008	3,461	3,327	6,787	(+) 131	+10.62%
2009	2,911	2,460	5,371	(+) 447	-20.86%
2010	4,130	2,900	7,030	(+) 1227	+30.83%
2011	4,696	2,769	7,465	(+) 1927	+6.23%
2012	4,656	3,256	7,912	(+) 1400	+5.98%
2013	4,440	2,713	7,153	(+) 1,727	-9.59%
2014	5,216	2,704	7,920	(+) 2,502	+10.7%

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(Source: Le Chiffre du Commerce Extérieur (Foreign Trade Statistics), French Ministry of Economy, Finance & Industry. **Data rounded off to nearest million €.**)

Indian companies

Indian investment in France has come in different sectors such as pharmaceuticals (Ranbaxy & Wockhardt), software and IT (Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys & Wipro), wine (Kingfisher), steel (Tata Steel, Electrosteel), plastics (Sintex Industries), railway wagons (Titagarh Wagons), aerospace (Cades, Axis Aerospace & Technologies), Auto Parts (Jyoti), Two-wheelers (Mahindra& Mahindra), Metal Forging (Bharat Forge). Sintex Industries, Tata Group, Mahindra & Mahindra, Mahajan Group and Motherson

Clusters

Transport

Aeronautics and Aerospace

Biotechnology and health

Agribusiness and bio-resources

Information and communication technologies (ICT), imaging and networks

Energy and Environment

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Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Berlin

Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Frankfurt

Touraine Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Touraine Development Agency

Moselle Department Council

Nord France Invest The Investment Promotion Agency for Northern France