Embassy of India
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India-Honduras Bilateral Brief

Political:

India and Honduras enjoy cordial and friendly relations. Honduras has been consistently supporting India at the multilateral stage over the years. Honduras has given written support to India's candidature for the non-permanent seat at the UNSC. Considering the India´s growing bilateral political, commercial, cultural and developmental relations, India´s Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi visited Honduras from 1-3 May 2022. During her visit to Honduras, Hon´ble MOS called on the President of Honduras, H.E. Ms. Iris Xiomara Castro Sarmiento. She also met Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Honduras, H.E. Mr. Antonio Garcia. MOS (ML) along with Minister of Agriculture H.E. Ms. Laura Suazo, laid the foundation stone for the US $ 26.5 million Jamastran Valley Irrigation project, funded by Government of India through a Line of Credit.

FM Enrique Reina visited India and met EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar on 4 August 2023 and also participated in the 9th CII India – LAC Conclave. In the 10th CII India – LAC Conclave held in New Delhi in March 2025, Vice Minister for Consular and Migratory Affairs (in charge of trade and commerce) Mr. Tony Garcia participated.

Indian Embassy in Guatemala is concurrently accredited to Honduras. Honduras has opened its diplomatic mission in India on 15 May 2025. The inauguration was jointly presided over by EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar; and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Honduras Mr. Eduardo Enrique Reina García, representing a historic milestone in our bilateral relations.

On 21 October 2025, Ambassador Raj Kumar Singh presented his Letter of Credentials to the Hon'ble President of the Republic of Honduras, H.E. Ms. Xiomara Castro, thereby formally assuming charge as the concurrent Ambassador of India to Honduras. During the visit, the Ambassador also paid courtesy calls on the Hon'ble Vice President of Honduras, H.E. Ms. Doris Gutiérrez, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Honduras, H.E. Mr. Javier Bu Soto, and held productive discussions on strengthening bilateral relations. Ambassador Singh and Foreign Minister Javier Bu Soto signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the donation of a US$1 million Fruit Processing Plant to the Government of Honduras. The facility, to be installed at the National Agricultural University (UNAG), will enable commercial-scale production of fruit juices with a capacity of 500 kg per hour for revenue generation. It will also serve as an educational and training centre for UNAG students, fostering employment and supporting Honduras's economic growth.

The recent political transition in Honduras, marked by the swearing-in of President Mr Nasry Juan Asfura Zablah in January 2026, reflects a shift toward a more conservative and pro-business governance model. Early

signals from the government indicate a focus on economic revival, strengthening institutional control, and recalibrating foreign policy priorities in line with its domestic agenda.

High-Level Visits from India:

February 2005: Shri Rao Inderjit Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs visited Honduras.

April 2015: Shri R. Swaminathan, Special Secretary (AMS & CPV), led the Indian delegation to Honduras for the first Foreign Office Consultations.

May 2018: Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, visited Honduras on 10-13 May.

May 2022: Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture visited Honduras from 1-3 May 2022.

Bilateral Agreements:

- Agreement for extending a Line of Credit worth US$ 30 million for purchase of communication equipment, medical equipment, transportation equipment and aircraft ground support equipment between the Government of Honduras and the EXIM Bank of India signed in August 2006.
- MoU for setting up an IT Center in Tegucigalpa signed in January 2008.
- Agreement on waiver of visas for diplomatic and official passports in June 2008.
- MoU on Foreign Office Consultations was signed during the second India-SICA Foreign Ministers' meeting in Delhi in June 2008.
- MoU for execution of QIPs was signed in November 2024.
- MoU for Supply & Installation of Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) Manufacturing Projects was signed in October 2025.

Commercial relations:

Over the years India's exports are gradually increasing to Honduras. Pharmaceuticals, textiles (especially cotton yarn and fibres), Chemicals, engineering products, automobiles- two and three wheelers, motor vehicles/cars, auto components and parts, iron and steel, industrial machinery and parts, electrical machinery and equipment are the top products exported to Honduras. In October 2025, Mission organized a Business Seminar on Viksit Bharat–Invest India in Tegucigalpa. Ambassador Singh met Mr. Enrique Jaar, Vice President of the Cámara de Comercio e Industria de Tegucigalpa, to discuss ways to strengthen India–Honduras trade and investment cooperation.

India-Honduras Trade (in million US$)

Year (April - March)	Imports from Honduras	Exports to Honduras	Total trade
2020-2021	12.56	163.38	175.94
2021-2022	21.12	317.90	339.02
2022-2023	15.42	273.35	288.77
2023-2024	30.61	265.93	296.54

2024-2025	35.31	274.47	309.78
April 2025- Feb 2026	79.15	212.98	292.13

Developmental Assistance:
India´s development cooperation has been robust with Honduras. As Honduras was facing COVID-19 crisis, Government of India donated essential medicines and PPEs. Similarly, earlier, on many challenging times, Government of India has come forward with monetary and material support like India donated medicines and medical supplies to Honduras in 1998 and gave monetary support in the times of natural disasters like in October 2005. In 2024, through India-UNDP Fund, India has approved US$ 800,000/- to Honduras for implementation of the project "Access to climate resilient and safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene services (WASH) in the Gracias a Dios Department of Honduras". India has donated 26 tonnes of HADR material to Honduras for the damage caused by Tropical Storm Sara in November 2024.

Honduras had submitted the proposal for US$ 1 million SME machinery donation, titled "Transformation and Agro-industrial Value of Fruits and Vegetables". A delegation comprising 2 member NABCONS Team and US (DPA-III) had visited the proposed machinery installation sites in Comayagua and Catacamas in Honduras from 21-22 March 2025. After the site visit and detailed meetings with the Foreign Ministry and SENPRENDE, Ministry had finalized a Fruits Processing Plant for the site located at Comayagua in Honduras. After the concurrence of Government of Honduras to the text of MoU and on technical report prepared by the NABCONS team, the MoU was signed on 22 October 2025 in Tegucigalpa. Mission had requested Ministry to initiate the process of procurement and transportation for the fruits processing plant on 23 October 2025. The receiving of Machinery from India under the MOU is expected by June/July 2026.

Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC):
Government of India has offered 25 ITEC slots to Honduras in the current year. So far more than 150 Hondurans have received ITEC scholarship.

Line of Credit:
- In 2014, India approved a US$ 26.5 million Line of Credit (LOC) for Jamastran River Valley Irrigation Project. Due to several issues between M/s Apollo, the project implementing agency and the Honduras Ministry of Agriculture, the unutilized amount of US$ 17.7 Million under LOC has been formally cancelled by both EXIM Bank and Honduras with the approval of Ministry of External Affairs.
- Another LOC for purchase of communication equipment, medical equipment, transportation equipment and aircraft ground support equipment for US$ 30 million was signed in August 2006 of which US$ 26.63 million was used for the project.

IT Centre:
As part of India's offer to set up Centre of Excellence in Education in Information Technology (CEEIT) in SICA countries, the centre was set up and handed over to the Honduran National Autonomous University in Tegucigalpa and training was provided by NIIT during 2008-2011. So far, more than

20,000 students have been trained in the Centre. Ministry of External Affairs donated US$ 83,905 for upgradation of the Centre of Information Technology at the National University of Honduras, in 2016, under the Grant-in-Aid of the LAC Division, for upgradation of the Centre. Currently, IT Centre is running in full capacity.

Cultural Relations:

India and Honduras are witnessing rapid growth in cultural relations and growing popularity of Indian culture in Honduras. In June 2023, ICCR sponsored Odissi dance troupe 'Sankalp' led by Ms. Kasturi Patnaik performed at Manuel Bonila National theatre in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, in May 2022, the ICCR sponsored Kathak troupe led by Ms. Soniya Parchure performed in the National Theatre in Tegucigalpa and in San Pedro Sula, commercial capital of Honduras. Recently, during visit in October 2025, Ambassador Singh joined members of the Indian community and Friends of India to celebrate the Diwali Festival in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The celebration reflected the spirit of light, friendship, cultural unity and strengthening ties between India and Honduras. The Ambassador also attended the screening of the Hindi film "Queen" (dubbed in Spanish) with members of the local Honduran community and Friends of India in Tegucigalpa.

The MOU between Government of India and Honduras on Cultural Exchange Programme is at the final stage of execution. This initiative will promote the exchange of art, traditions, education, and people-to-people interactions between the two countries. It will facilitate visits by artists, students, and cultural groups, thereby fostering goodwill, enhancing mutual appreciation of each other's heritage, and strengthening bilateral relations. Such cooperation is expected to contribute to long-term engagement, promote soft power, and build enduring cultural and social linkages between the two nations.

International Day of Yoga:

The Embassy has been successfully organizing International Day of Yoga festivals in Honduras since 2015. Yoga is followed by many Hondurans and there are many yoga schools in Honduras.

Indian Community:

There is hardly any Indian community; the number of Indians is about 25 including a few Mother Teresa missionary nuns.

Useful Resources:

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