

India-Bahrain bilateral trade and commercial relations

India-Bahrain bilateral trade and commercial exchanges go back to about 5,000 years ago tracing their origins to the period of Dilmun Civilization in Bahrain to the era of Indus valley civilization in India. These relations received fresh impetus from the oil boom of the early seventies. Ancient Bahraini traders are believed to have carried out flourishing trade of Bahraini pearls with spices from India. Relative prosperity and higher standard of living in Bahrain boosted global imports of goods and services, including from India. Bahrain Government's policy of industrial diversification also played an important role in enhancing economic cooperation between India and Bahrain. India is among the top 10 trading partners of Bahrain. Bilateral trade figures are as under:

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Trade between India and Bahrain (Non-oil Classified) (In US\$ million)

Bilateral Trade (USD Mn)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (Jan-Mar)
	1130	1404	1128	1243	292.84
India's Exports (USD Mn)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	735	904	744	825	214.35
India's import (USD Mn)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	395	500	384	418	78.49

Source: IGA Bahrain

India's total trade with Bahrain (values in US\$ millions)

Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
India's Export	742.14	559.09	528.25	899.90	965.25	909.42	797.47
India's Import	539.63	421.50	547.49	753.29	1014.50	829.44	845.41
Total	1281.77	980.59	1075.74	1653.19	1979.75	1738.86	1642.88

[As of June 2025] Source: *M/o Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India*

Major items export to Bahrain: Agri products (Rice, Butter, Boneless Meat), private cars, jewellery of Gold, private cars, current, spark ignition, petroleum coke, Tubes, Pipes and Hollow Profiles of cast iron, bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, Ferro Silico-Maganese etc. **Major items for imports from Bahrain are:** Unwrought Aluminium alloys, Flattened Aluminium alloys coils and strips, Aluminium waste, waste and scrap of tinned iron or steel, urea, copper waste and scrap, methanol, Rovings of glass fibers, Old newspapers etc.