

## **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)**

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (Jan- Mar)
India's Exports (USD Mn)	904	744	825	786	187.87
India's import (USD Mn)	500	384	418	438	153.7
<b>Bilateral Trade (USD Mn)</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>1128</b>	<b>1243</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>341.57</b>

Source : IGA Bahrain

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

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
India's Export	559.09	528.25	899.90	965.25	909.42	797.47	778.98
India's Import	421.50	547.49	753.29	1014.50	829.44	843.44	887.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>980.59</b>	<b>1075.74</b>	<b>1653.19</b>	<b>1979.75</b>	<b>1738.86</b>	<b>1640.91</b>	<b>1666.74</b>

[As of May 2026]

Source: M/o Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India

**Major items export to Bahrain:** Agri products (Rice, Butter, Boneless Meat), Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron, Jewellery of Gold, petroleum coke, Ferro Silico-Maganese, Semi-finished iron and steel, private cars, current, spark ignition, bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel etc.

**Major items imports from Bahrain:** Unwrought Aluminium alloys, methanol , urea , waste and scrap of tinned iron or steel, Flattened Aluminium, copper waste and scrap, Aluminium waste and scrap, Anhydrous Ammonia, Rovings of glass fibers, Old newspapers etc.