

## India Denmark Relations

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to Denmark in 1957 laid the foundation for a friendly relationship between India and Denmark that has endured ever since. The bilateral relations between India and Denmark are cordial and friendly, based on synergies in political, economic, academic and research fields. There have been periodic high level visits between the two countries.

**Visit of Prime Minister of Denmark (4-8 February 2008):** Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, former Prime Minister of Denmark, accompanied by a large business delegation, paid a State visit to India from February 4-8, 2008. He visited Infosys, Biocon and IIM in Bangalore and Agra. During his visit, Mr. Rasmussen called on the President, met PM, Chairperson UPA and EAM. He launched an 'India Action Plan', which called for strengthening of the political dialogue, strengthening of cooperation in trade and investments, research in science and technology, energy, climate and environment, culture, education, student exchanges and attracting skilled manpower and IT experts to Denmark for short periods.

**Visit of Prime Minister of Denmark (11 September 2009):** Danish Prime Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen paid a one day Working Visit to India on 11 September 2009 as Host of the COP15. He met Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and discussed climate change, regional and bilateral issues.

**Inaugural Meeting of India-Denmark Joint Commission:** Danish Foreign Minister Ms. Lene Espersen visited India on 14-15 December 2010 to Co-Chair with Minister of External Affairs Mr. S.M. Krishna the Inaugural Meeting of the India-Denmark Joint commission which was set up under the Agreement signed between the two countries in February 2008. The two sides discussed key areas of bilateral cooperation as well as regional and global issues of importance to both countries. The two Ministers signed the Agreed Minutes of the Joint Commission meeting encompassing bilateral cooperation in wide range of areas including political, economic and commercial, science and technology, biotechnology, information and communication technology, renewable energy, environment, shipping, agriculture and fisheries, education and culture, UNSC reforms, terrorism, reforms of the international financial institutions, disarmament, piracy, etc. It was agreed to set up three new Joint Working Groups on (i) Shipping; (ii) Food, Agriculture and Fisheries; and (iii) Environment. The two sides also agreed to convert the three joint committees established earlier into Joint Working Groups, viz. (i) Biotechnology; (ii) New and Renewable Energy; and (iii) Labour Mobility. During the visit Ms. Espersen also met Minister of Commerce and Industry Mr. Anand Sharma and National Security Adviser Mr. Shiv Shankar Menon.

Between July 2010-2016, India's relations with Denmark were affected by the extradition of Kim Davy issue and there was minimal official contact between the two sides which adversely affected trade and economic relations and cooperation in multilateral forums. After it was decided to review our relations and allow Ministerial visits and official contacts between India and Denmark in end-2016, the following important Danish Ministers have since visited India;

- Minister for Higher Education, Mr. Soren Pind visited India in 6-9 Dec 2016.
- Minister for Energy, Utilities and Housing, Mr. Ole Birk Olesen visited India on 20 Feb 2017.
- Minister for Energy, Utilities and Climate Mr. Lars Christian Lilleholt visited India with a delegation during 10-13 Jan 2017 for the 'Vibrant Gujarat Summit'. He had a meeting with Hon'ble PM on the sidelines of the 'Vibrant Gujarat Summit'.
- A Danish delegation led by Minister of Food and Environment Mr. Esben Lund Larsen participated in the World Food India 2017 held during 3-5 Nov in Delhi. During his visit the Danish Minister met Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare on 3 Nov and signed a LoI on increased cooperation in the agricultural sector. The Minister also met Minister of Food Processing Industries, as well as Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Minister for Science & Technology & Earth Sciences. Hon'ble PM also visited the Danish Pavilion on 3 Nov.
- A 6-member Danish delegation led by Ms Sophie Lohde, Minister for Public Sector Innovation participated in the Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCCS 2017) from 23-26 Nov 2017 in New Delhi. She discussed bilateral cooperation with Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Communications & IT and also met Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.

- Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen visited India during 27-30 Nov 2017, the first visit by a Danish FM since 2010. He met EAM in New Delhi on 27 Nov and *held discussions on various aspects of bilateral ties as well as regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest*. He attended the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Hyderabad during 28-30 Nov. He also called on PM in Hyderabad on 28 Nov and discussed strengthening of bilateral relations.
- Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen again visited India from 17-18 Dec 2018 during which he co-chaired the 2nd JCM and met EAM. Apart from inaugurating the new Danish Chancery building in New Delhi and interacting with members of the Indo-Danish Business Association, he also met the Commerce & Industry Minister during his visit.
- Jakob Ellemann-Jensen, Danish Minister for Environment & Food, visited India from 17-19 Jan 2019. On 17 Jan 2019, he met Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Minister for Food Processing Industry, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare as well as Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation in New Delhi. On 18 Jan 2019, he joined PM Rasmussen at the Vibrant Gujarat Summit in Gandhinagar.
- Foreign Minister Mr. Jeppe Kofod visited India from 14-16 Jan 2020 to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Raisina Dialogue. Apart from meeting Hon'ble PM on the sidelines of the Raisina Dialogue, he met EAM for bilateral talks where they discussed strengthening bilateral ties in all spheres and the prospects of a Green Strategic Partnership. Kofod also met Shri Gajendra Singh Sekhawat, Minister of Jal Shakti, and discussed further collaboration on Jal Jeevan Mission especially in water treatment technology. Kofod also visited the Barapullah site of DESMI, a Danish company that is currently cleaning the Barapullah drain from floating debris and collecting mixed waste, on 15 Jan.

**Visit of Minister for Food Processing Industries:** Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Minister for Food Processing Industries, visited Denmark from 24 - 25 August, 2017 to attend the World Food Summit. This was the first Ministerial level visit from India to Denmark since 2011. A business delegation from Rasna, Rabo Equity Bank, E&Y India, FSSAI and representatives from the Confederation of Indian Industry accompanied the Minister and engaged with the Danish food processing industry on the achievements/investment opportunities in India and to promote a flag ship event in India "World Food India", being organized by the Ministry of Food Processing in New Delhi from 3-5 November 2017. About 50 Danish food processing companies participated in both the events. Denmark agreed to be a Partner country in World Food India and a Business Delegation of 19 Food processing companies and two organizations participated in the World Food India held from 3rd to 5th November 2017 in New Delhi. The Danish business delegation was headed by Danish Minister for the Environment and Food, H.E. Mr. Esben Lunde Larsen.

Minister of Food Processing Industries, Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, again visited Denmark from 30th August-01 September, 2018 to attend the World Food Summit. The Minister had bilateral meetings with the Danish Minister of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs, Mr. Rasmus Jarlov, and the Minister of Environment and Food, Mr. Jakob Ellemann-Jensen.

**Visit of Secretary (MNRE):** A delegation, led by Shri Anand Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable (MNRE), visited Denmark from 26-28 Feb 2018. Secretary MNRE led the Indian delegation in the 1st Joint Working Group on Renewable Energy between India and Denmark. He also called on Danish Minister for Energy, Utilities and Climate, Mr. Lars Christian Lilleholt and had detailed discussions on strengthening bilateral cooperation.

**Prime Ministers of India and Denmark meet:** Danish PM Lars Løkke Rasmussen and Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi met for the first time in nine years at the India-Nordic Summit in Stockholm on 17 April 2018 and discussed ways to improve relations. Four MoUs were exchanged during the meeting which included (a) MOU on Cooperation in the fields of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, (b) MoU in the field of Sustainable and Smart Urban Development, (c) MoU on cooperation in agricultural research and education and (d) MOU on Food Safety Cooperation. The MoUs will enable Government-to-Government cooperation to be revived.

**Danish PM visits India:** Danish PM Lars Løkke Rasmussen visited India from 18-19 Jan 2019 for "Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit-2019" where Denmark participated as a Partner Country. He was accompanied by a business delegation including CEOs of major Danish companies. On 18 Jan, he held a bilateral meeting with PM Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the Vibrant Gujarat Summit in Gandhinagar where the two leaders deliberated upon various areas of bilateral cooperation and also exchanged views on multilateral issues of mutual interest. Two MoUs were exchanged during the meeting - MoU on Maritime Issues between the Ministry of Shipping of India and the Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs of Denmark and MoU between Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited and the Danish Embassy in New Delhi to establish an Urban Living Lab in Panaji, Goa.

**Visit of Minister for Science & Technology:** Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan visited Denmark during 21-24 May 2018 to attend the 9th Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM9) and 3rd Mission Innovation Ministerial (MI3) held in Copenhagen and Malmo (Sweden) which was co-hosted by the European Commission together with Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and the Nordic Council of Ministers. The Hon'ble Minister had a bilateral meeting with the Danish Minister for Higher Education & Science, Mr. Tommy Ahlers and signed the Agreement on Cooperation in the Fields of Science, Technology and Innovation. He also visited the Technical University of Denmark and a state-of-the-art Waste to Energy Plant in Copenhagen.

**Visit Of Secretary(Shipping):** Shri Gopal Krishna, Secretary(Shipping) visited Denmark from 28-31 May 2018, accompanied by a high level delegation consisting of Shri Rinkesh Roy, Chairmain of Paradip Port Trust; Shri Neeraj Bansal, Chairman of Jawaharlal Nehru Port trust; Shri Vikram Kumar, CEO of Maharashtra Maritime Board. On 29th May, he led the Indian delegation at the 1st JWG on Shipping and attended a Seminar on Indian Shipping, Port and Infrastructure opportunities 'Sagarmala' at the Danish Maritime Authority in Copenhagen before departing for Odense where the delegation visited Lindo Port as well as Odense Maritime Technology(OMT). The delegation also visited Aarhus and Aalborg on 29-30th May where they also met with the top management of Alfa Laval Test & Training centre and DESMI Pumps.

**Visit of delegation from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI):** Ms Madhavi Das (CMSO) from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) led a delegation from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India which included Ms Kriti Chugh (Assistant Director, FSSAI) and Ms Hiya Pandey (Technical Officer, FSSAI) to Denmark from 19-21 September 2018. This visit was of significance to learn and exchange the experience of Denmark in monitoring the food market of unhealthy foods and beverages to children. Also to learn about the nutritional labelling of the food stuffs available in market.

**Visit of delegation from State of Gujarat from 26-28 September 2018:** Visit of delegation from India to Denmark headed by Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Secretary to CMO Gujarat from 26 -28 Sept 2018, in preparation of Vibrant Gujarat 2019. This delegation from State of Gujarat also comprised of representatives from Invest India & the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII); the representatives from the Gujarat Maritime Board, representatives from various sectors like education, business, IT sector, textiles etc; Danish Head of Trade Council, Mr. Jesper Vibe-Hansen. MOU was signed between Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) and Danish Industry on Water Management on 26th September 2018.

**Visit of Secretary, M/o Road Transport and Highways to Denmark:** A 5-member delegation, including senior officials from NHAI and NHIDCL, led by Shri Yudhvir Singh Malik, Secretary, Road Transport and Highways visited Denmark from 1-2 Nov 2018.

**Delegation from J&K visits Denmark:** A delegation from J&K led by Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, Principal Secretary, visited Denmark during 1-7 Dec 2018 to explore ways to collaborate with Denmark in fisheries, aquaculture and procure eyed ova of rainbow trout for strengthening of trout fisheries in J&K.

**Delegations from Ministry of Power visit Denmark:** Two delegations from Ministry of Power – one from the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and the other from Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) - visited Denmark during 11-15 March 2019. The CEA and CERC delegations came for discussions and site visits to learn from Danish expertise in ‘Flexibility of Power Plants’ and ‘Power Market Design’ respectively.

**Visit of MNRE/SECI Delegation:** A 3-member delegation from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and the Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) visited Denmark during 25-29 March 2019. The delegation had extensive discussions with the Danish Energy Association on Danish tender model/procedures for offshore wind.

**Visit of Secretary(Fisheries):** A 3-member delegation headed by Smt Rajni Sekhri Sibal, *Secretary (Fisheries)* visited Denmark from 10-11 May 2019 to explore the possibilities for cooperation between Denmark and India in the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector.

**Visit by National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF):** Ms Saloni Jhaveri, Head, Investor Relations & Partnerships, NIIF visited Denmark from 20-21 May 2019 to hold meeting with various Danish Pension Funds.

**Indian delegation on Sustainable Urban Development visit Denmark:** A 15-member Indian delegation visited Denmark during 15-21 June 2019 as part of the ‘Nordic Master Class in Sustainable Urban Development’ sponsored by Nordic Innovation (Nordic Council). The delegation consisted of senior officials/CEOs from West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Shimla, Panaji, Bhopal, Panipat, Sonapat, Mumbai.

**Visit of Secretary(AHD):** Shri Atul Chaturvedi, Secretary, Dept of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, accompanied by Shri Mihir Kumar Singh, JS, Dr RG Bambal, Director and Dr. Sulekha, US, visited Denmark during 14-16 Jan 2020 to explore possibilities for cooperation between India and Denmark in the field of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

All the JWG's envisaged by the Joint Commission in Dec 2010 have been convened and a total of 15 JWG meetings have been held, as follows:

1. JWG on Renewable Energy (Feb 2018 in Copenhagen),
2. JWG on Agriculture & Animal Husbandry (May 2018 in Delhi),
3. JWG on Food Processing (May 2018 in Delhi),
4. JWG on Science & Technology (May 2018 in Copenhagen),
5. JWG on Shipping (May 2018 in Copenhagen),
6. JWG on Labour Mobility (Aug 2018 in Copenhagen)
7. 2<sup>nd</sup> JWG on Renewable Energy (Oct 2018 in Delhi)
8. JWG on Environment (Oct 2018 in Copenhagen)
9. JWG on Urban Development (Nov 2018 in Copenhagen)
10. 2<sup>nd</sup> JWG on Food Processing & Food Safety (June 2019 in Copenhagen)
11. 2<sup>nd</sup> JWG on Labour Mobility (4-5 Nov 2019 in New Delhi)
12. 2<sup>nd</sup> JWG on Science & Technology (22 Nov 2019 in New Delhi)
13. 3<sup>rd</sup> JWG on Renewable Energy (11 Dec 2019 via video conference)
14. 2<sup>nd</sup> JWG on Animal Husbandry & Dairying (17 Jan 2020 in Copenhagen)
15. 2<sup>nd</sup> JWG on Shipping (4 Feb 2020 in New Delhi)

#### **Important Bilateral Treaties and Agreements:**

- Technical Cooperation Agreement – 1970
- Bilateral Agreement on an Integrated Fisheries Project at Tadri, Karnataka - 1981
- Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (BIPA) 1995
- Protocol on Avoidance of Double Taxation (DTAA) - 1995
- MOU for cooperation between CII and Confederation of Danish Industries – 1995
- Protocol on Foreign Office Consultation - 1995

- Joint Business Council Agreement between FICCI and the Danish Industry (DI) - 2002
- MOU on Biotechnology for Bilateral Cooperation – 2004
- Agreement for establishment of a Bilateral Joint Commission for Cooperation – Feb 2008
- MOU for Cooperation in New and Renewable Energy – Feb 2008
- Arrangement on Gainful Employment for Family Members of the Diplomatic Mission or Consular Posts – Feb 2008
- MOU on Clean Development Mechanism – Oct 2008
- MOU on Cooperation in the area of Environment – September 2009
- MOU on Labour Mobility Partnership – September 2009
- Social Security Agreement – February 2010
- MOU on Cooperation in the fields of Animal husbandry and Dairying in April 2010
- MOU in the field of Sustainable and Smart Urban Development in April 2018
- MOU on Cooperation in agricultural research and education in April 2018
- MOU on Food Safety Cooperation in April 2018
- Agreement on Cooperation in the fields of Science, Technology and Innovation in May 2018 Minister of Science & Technology & Earth Sciences.
- MoU between National Institute of Wind Energy and Denmark Technical University on Collaboration in the field of Wind Energy and Wind-Solar Hybrid System in Dec 2018.
- Protocol on Foreign Office Consultations in Dec 2018
- MoU on Maritime Issues between the Ministry of Shipping of India and the Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs of Denmark on 18 Jan 2019.
- MoU between Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited and the Danish Embassy in New Delhi to establish an Urban Living Lab in Panaji, Goa on 18 Jan 2019.
- The letter of Intent on Centre of Excellence activities on 6 March 2019
- Cooperation Agreement for the Strategic Sector Cooperation on Offshore Wind on 06th March 2019.

#### **Bilateral Visits: India to Denmark (2008 onwards)**

1.	MOS for New & Renewable Energy, Mr. Vilas Muttemwar	7-9 April 2008
2.	Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs Mr. Vayalar Ravi	28-29 Sept 2009
3.	MOS for Environment & Forests, Mr. Jairam Ramesh	9-11 Oct 2009
4.	MOS for Environment & Forests, Mr. Jairam Ramesh	15-17 Nov 2009
5.	Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh (for COP15)	17-18 Dec 2009
6.	Minister of Water Resources, Mr. Salman Khurshid	8-9 Jun 2011
7.	Parliamentary delegation led by Speaker of Lok Sabha, Mrs. Meira Kumar	16-19 Jun 2011
8.	Minister for Food Processing Industries, Mrs. Harsimrat Kaur Badal	24-25 Aug 2017
9.	Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science & Technology Smt.	21-24 May 2018
10.	Minister Of Food Processing Industries, Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal,	30-31 Aug 2018

#### **Denmark to India (2008 onwards)**

1.	Prime Minister Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen	4-8 Feb 2008
2.	Minister of Climate & Energy Ms. Connie Hedegaard	4-6 Feb 2009
3.	Minister of Environment Mr. Troels Lund Poulsen	18-21 Feb 2009
4.	Prime Minister Mr. Lars Lokke Rasmussen	11 Sept 2009
5.	Minister of Climate & Energy Ms. Connie Hedegaard	22-23 Oct 2009
6.	Minister of Climate & Energy Ms. Lykke Friis	5-7 Feb 2010
7.	Minister of Employment Ms. Inger Stojberg	15-17 Feb 2010
8.	Minister of Transport Mr. Hans Christian Schmidt	18-22 Jun 2010
9.	Minister of Foreign Affairs Ms. Lene Espersen	14-15 Dec 2010
10.	Minister of Economy & Business Affairs Mr. Biran Mikkelsen	3-7 Jan 2011
10.	Minister for Higher Education, Mr. Soren Pind	6-9 Dec 2016
11.	Minister for Energy, Utilities & Climate Mr. Lars Christian Lilleholt	10-13 Jan 2017
12.	Minister for Transport and Housing Mr. Ole Brik Olesen	20 Feb 2017
13.	Minister for the Environment & Food Mr. Esben Lunde Larsen	3-5 Nov 2017
14.	Minister for Public Sector Innovation Ms. Sophie Lohde	23-26 Nov 2017
15	Foreign Minister Mr. Anders Samuelsen	27-30 Nov 2017
16	Foreign Minister Mr. Anders Samuelsen	16- 18 Dec 2018
17	Minister for Environment & Food Mr. Jakob Ellemann-Jensen	17-19 Jan 2019
18	Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen	18-19 Jan 2019
19	Foreign Minister Jeppe Kofod	14-16 Jan 2020

**Important streets and public places named after Indian leaders:** Gandhi Plaene (Gandhi Park), located at the junction of BorupsAlle and Hvidkildevej in Copenhagen. Has a bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi in sitting posture. City of Aarhus has a Nehru Road near Aarhus University.

**Visa requirements for officials:** Holders of diplomatic and official passports do not require visa to

enter Denmark. Others require a visa. Visa may be required to transit through other EU countries while travelling to Denmark. The details and types of visas issued to tourists, businessmen and students are available on the Danish Embassy's website.

**Air links with India:** Air India has a direct flight between New Delhi to Copenhagen and vice versa commenced from 16th September 2017 on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the week. Finnair operates direct flight to India via Helsinki and Jet Airways through Amsterdam. Convenient links to get an Air India flight to India are from London, Paris and Frankfurt. Other connections are via Vienna, Moscow and Istanbul.

**Estimated NRI/PIO:** The size of the Indian community in Denmark, inclusive of both NRIs (12,090) and PIOs, (3,100) is 15,190 (as on 30 June 2019).

**Commercial and Economic Relations:** Though small in size, Denmark is a rich country with an open economy which relies heavily on foreign trade and investment to generate high level of income. It has a GDP of about US\$ 350 billion (2018 estimate).

## **Bilateral Trade**

### **Commodities**

Bilateral trade of commodities between India and Denmark has increased from US\$1077.8 million in 2009 to US\$ 1412 million in 2018. Bilateral commodities trade figures for the year 2009 to 2018 is given below.

## **INDIA-DENMARK TRADE**

**(Commodities)**  
(in US\$ million)

<b>Year</b>	<b>India's Ex-ports</b>	<b>India's Im-ports</b>	<b>Total Trade</b>	<b>Growth Rate</b>	<b>India's BoT surplus</b>
2009	689.0	388.8	1077.8	(-)13.7%	300.2
2010	728.0	483.3	1211.3	12.7%	244.2
2011	992.0	597.0	1589.0	31%	395.0
2012	767.2	453.9	1221.1	(-)23%	313.3
2013	811.4	393.3	1204.7	(-)1.3%	418.1
2014	904	437	1341	11.5%	467
2015	667	384	1051	(-)21.7%	283
2016	701	428	1129	7.4%	273
2017	783	477	1260	11.6%	306

2018	846	566	1412	12.0%	280
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**[Source: *Statistics Denmark*]**

Indian export of **commodities** in 2018 (US\$ 846 mn) increased by 18.6% as compared to 2017 (US \$ 782 mn). Major Indian Exports to Denmark are articles of apparel and clothing accessories, Textile yarns and made up fabrics, travel goods and handbags, Organic Chemicals, General Industrial Machinery and Equipment, iron and steel, Miscellaneous manufactures articles, footwear and Furniture and parts thereof, bedding, mattresses etc.

Danish exports to India increased by 8% from US\$ 477 million in 2017 to US\$ 566 million during 2018. Major Danish Exports to India are medicinal and pharmaceutical products, general industrial machinery and equipment, electrical machinery, Machinery specialized for particular industries, metalliferous ores and metal scraps, chemical materials, Professional, scientific and controlling instruments, organic chemicals, power generating machinery and iron and steel etc.

**Services**

India's Services exports to Denmark were valued at US\$ 937 million in 2018, which was 4% higher than 2017 figure of US\$ 901 million (Source: *Statistics Denmark*).

The combined commodities and services bilateral trade between India and Denmark was US\$ 3.58 billion in 2018 as compared to US\$ 3.32 billion in 2017 which is an increase of 7.8%. India's combined commodities and services trade to Denmark was US\$1.783 billion in 2018 compared to US\$1.683 billion in 2017, while Danish combined trade was US\$1.799 billion in 2018 compared to US\$ 1.683 billion during the year 2017. Balance of trade in 2018 was slightly in favour of India- India's imports being US \$ 1,799 mn and exports US \$ 1,783 mn. (Source: *Statistics Denmark*).

**Investments:**

As per the latest *Denmark Statistics*, the value of total direct investment inflows from Denmark to India during 2000-2017 was US \$ 757 mn. According to DIPP, the total Danish investment was reported at US\$ 525.97 mn for the period April 2000 - June 2018. Major investing companies from Denmark include the Danish Shipping giant, the AP Moller – Maersk Group who has made significant investments in the port infrastructure in India, acquiring a major equity stake in the Gujarat Pipavav Port, development of a bulk terminal at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port to a container terminal, Cheminova Agro, F. L. Smidth & Co., Danfoss, CHR Hansen, Danisco, LM Glasfiber, Lundbeck, Egmont International Holding, Novozymes, Novo Nordisk, Carlsberg, Ramboll, ISS and others.

The presence of Indian companies in Denmark is rather small. Among IT companies, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and L&T Infotech have their offices in Denmark since 1990 and 2000 respectively. In the last few years, other Indian IT majors, viz., Infosys Technologies (invested in Aarhus based start-up UNSILO), ITC Infotech, Tech Mahindra, HCL and Wipro have also started their operations in Denmark. Reliance Industries Ltd. acquired 'TreviraNeckelmann', a textile factory producing specialised yarns located in the Danish town of Silkeborg, as part of its take over of the European 'Trevira Group' from Deutsche Bank in June 2004. Thermax India acquired Danstoker A/S, Denmark, a leading European boiler manufacturer and its German subsidiary, Omnical Kessel for Euro 29.5 million in November 2010. Suzlon Energy Ltd., the Pune-based wind turbine producer, opened its overseas marketing office in Aarhus in Denmark in 2005. Dr. Reddy' Laboratories Ltd. (DRL) has entered into a co-development and commercialization agreement with Denmark-based firm Rheoscience A/S for joint development of balaglitazone for treatment of Type 2 Diabetes. Novozymes and Praj Industries have entered into an agreement whereby Novozymes would provide enzymes that will enable the Indian company to refine



the process for making bio-ethanol – an organic and carbon-free alternative to petrol. Indian IT company Wipro acquired Danish owned global strategic design firm Designit in June 2015. Indian Susin Group acquired majority share in Danish LBH International A/S in the Expansion Joints business.

On 27 Jan 2020, Cactus Communications, the Indian global scientific communications company, announced that it had acquired UNSILO, a Denmark-based Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) company that specializes in text analytics, linguistics and data science. UNSILO provides AI tools and solutions for publishers to grow their business and improve customer experience which will help CACTUS which has evolved into a full-spectrum solutions provider for creators, publishers, and consumers of scientific content.

On 30 Jan 2020, Danish company Brødrene Hartmann A/S, a manufacturer of moulded fibre packaging for eggs and fruits acquired the Indian company Mohan Fibre Products Pvt. Ltd for DKK 119mn (₹ 125.41 crore), marking its entry into India. Hartmann said that the acquisition is in line with its strategy, which entails significant investments in existing markets including India where it sees significant growth potentials.

### **Recent visits of Commercial delegations to Denmark:**

**CII delegation:** A 15 member business delegation mounted by Confederation of Indian Industries visited Copenhagen on 4 May 2016. From the CII side it was led by Ms. Kavita Choudhry, Regional Director- Europe and Mr. Mohsin Khan, Deputy Director (Europe). Ambassador Rajeev Shahare briefed the delegation on India Denmark Relations and potential business opportunities. A B2B meeting was organized in which around 25 to 30 Danish Companies signed up to meet the Indian Delegation. The delegation also had an interactive session with The State of Green followed by presentation from Cluster and Association representatives from CLEAN, Danish Agricultural Council and Medicon Valley Alliance. The Delegation also visited the Danish Trade Council, Innovation Fund Denmark, Invest in Denmark and Investment Fund for Developing Countries (IFU).

**CEUCCI delegation:** A 13 member The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India organised a visit of a Business Delegation to Copenhagen, Denmark from 31 May to 1 June 2017. An MOU to further cooperation in trade between The Council of EU Chamber of Commerce and Confederation of Danish Industries was signed facilitated by the Embassy. Cluster/Associations like State of Green, Copenhagen Capacity, Copenhagen Electric, Danish Ship-owners Association, the Manufacturing Association of Denmark, Investment fund for Developing Countries (IFU) and Indian Danish Chamber of Commerce (IDCC) were introduced to the visiting delegation.

**NASSCOM delegation:** A 10 member delegation led by Shivendra Singh, Vice President Global Trade Development, NASSCOM accompanied by 8 Indian technical companies representatives from India visited Copenhagen on 15 April 2018. The purpose of their Nordic visit was to assess the potential for partnership and collaboration between Danish startups and tie up with established Indian tech companies. The delegation also visited Copenhagen Fintech lab which hosts 50 fintech startup residents and 150 startups in their network. Indian embassy organized program with the Agency for Digitalization under Danish Ministry for Public Innovation. NASSCOM ended their program with a networking session arranged by the Mission along with Copenhagen Business School.

**ONGC Delegation:** A 22-member delegation comprising senior officials from ONGC along with two professors of IIM, Kolkata visited Copenhagen from 30-31 May 2018 as part of the AMP course conducted by IIM, Kolkata for senior executives. They visited the Confederation of Danish Industries (State of Green) and were also introduced to activities of House of Energy, Indian Danish Chamber of Commerce, Copenhagen Infrastructure partners and Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency.

### **Goa Tourism Roadshow held in Copenhagen**

A Roadshow by Goa Tourism was organised on 29 May 2018 at Imperial Hotel in Copenhagen by Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC) and Mission. Mr. Nikhil Desai, Managing director, was present for the event along with HOC and MO from Mission. 35 Danish tour operators attended the event

where GTDC gave a presentation on various facilities available as well as tourist attractions in Goa which receives close to 1 million tourists a year.

### **BSM by EPCH in Copenhagen**

The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), in collaboration with Mission, held the *Indian Home Decor & Fashion Exhibition Buyer-Seller Meet (BSM)* in Copenhagen during 22-23 Aug 2019. 25 Indian companies from various states dealing in handicraft products participated in the Exhibition. More than 100 buyers from different sourcing companies in Denmark visited the Exhibition and interacted with the Indian companies.

### **Delegation from National Fisheries Development Board visit Denmark**

A 15-member delegation led by Smt Ismal Rani Kumudini, CEO of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) visited Denmark to participate in the *DanFish International 2019* held during 9-11 Oct 2019 at Aalborg. The delegation included officials of Fisheries Departments from various states including Jammu & Kashmir, Gujarat, Sikkim, National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Andaman, and Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA), Chennai. Apart from participating in the Exhibition, the delegation visited various model fish farms, producers of machinery for fish processing, producers of food for fish and AquaSearch in Billund who have been supplying rainbow trout ova to Jammu & Kashmir.

### **Kerala Tourism Roadshow held in Copenhagen**

On 30 Oct 2019, a delegation of 10 travel-related companies from Kerala, led by Shri P. Bala Kiran, Director, Kerala Tourism, held a Tourism Roadshow in Copenhagen. The event was held at Radisson Royal in central Copenhagen and was attended by around 50 Danish tour operators and stakeholders from the travel industry. Currently, Kerala is the main destination of about one-third of Danish tourists visiting India.

### **Indian delegation attends Wind Europe Offshore 2019**

A 15-member delegation from Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, M/o Environment, Forest & Climate Change, National Institute of Wind Energy, Gujarat Maritime Board, Gujarat Electricity Board, Solar Energy Corporation of India and Tamil Nadu Energy Development Agency attended the Wind Europe Offshore 2019 Conference in Copenhagen from 25-28 Nov 2019.

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