

Official Visits Between India and Estonia

On February 18, 2026, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met with H.E. Mr. Alar Karis, President of the Republic of Estonia, during the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi¹. The two leaders reiterated their commitment to further India-Estonia relations, based on shared values of democracy and rule of law, and shared goals of international peace and stability. They welcomed the significant strategic upswing in India-EU relations with the successful conclusion of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement during the 16th India-EU Summit in January 2026. They also expressed satisfaction at the growing cultural and people-to-people ties between India and Estonia. President Karis expressed appreciation for the contribution of Indian professionals in Estonia, and both sides agreed to work towards facilitating greater talent mobility and tourism. The following is a list of visits between officials of both countries since 2010.

I. VISITS FROM INDIA TO ESTONIA (2010–2026)

YEAR	NAME	DESIGNATION	PURPOSE / SIGNIFICANCE
2011	Ms. Preneet Kaur	Minister of State for External Affairs	Visited Estonia in March 2011 to strengthen bilateral political and diplomatic engagement.
2011	Mr. P. K. Bansal	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs	Visited Estonia in June 2011 with Members of Parliament to enhance parliamentary exchanges.
2011	Mr. Kapil Sibal	Minister of Communications and Information Technology	Visited Estonia on 19 September 2011 focusing on ICT cooperation, digital governance and e-governance collaboration.
2011	Mr. Praful Patel	Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises	Visited Estonia in October 2011 to discuss industrial and economic cooperation.
2013	Mr. Sachin Pilot	Minister of State for Corporate Affairs	Visited Estonia in April 2013 to discuss business and investment cooperation.
2013	Ms. Lakshmi Panabaka	Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas	Visited Estonia in June 2013 with ONGC and HPCL delegations to discuss energy cooperation.
2013	Ms. Jayanthi Natarajan	Minister of State for Environment and Forests	Visited Estonia in September 2013 to discuss environmental cooperation and sustainable development.
2016	Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad	Minister for Law & Justice and Information Technology	Visited Estonia 11–13 September 2016; regarded as one of the most significant visits for India-Estonia digital and e-governance cooperation.

I. VISITS FROM INDIA TO ESTONIA (CONTINUED)

YEAR	NAME	DESIGNATION	PURPOSE / SIGNIFICANCE
2017	Mr. M. J. Akbar	Minister of State for External Affairs	Visited Estonia in May 2017 to strengthen political and diplomatic ties.
2018	Mr. K. J. George	Karnataka Minister for IT, Bio-Tech, Science & Technology and Industries	Visited Estonia in August 2018 to study Estonia's startup ecosystem and digital governance model.
2019	Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu	Vice President of India	Paid an official visit to Estonia on 20–21 August 2019 — the first Vice-Presidential level visit from India to Estonia, marking a significant outreach to the Baltic region.
2021	Ms. Reenat Sandhu	Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs	Led the Indian delegation for the 11th India–Estonia Foreign Office Consultations in Tallinn.
2022	Mr. Ajaneesh Kumar	Ambassador of India to Estonia	Presented credentials as India's first resident Ambassador to Estonia, strengthening India's diplomatic presence in Tallinn.
2024	National Health Authority Delegation	Government Health Delegation	Studied Estonia's advanced digital healthcare and e-governance systems.

II. VISITS FROM ESTONIA TO INDIA (2010–2026)

YEAR	NAME	DESIGNATION	PURPOSE / SIGNIFICANCE
2010	Ms. Ene Ergma	Speaker of the Riigikogu (Parliament of Estonia)	Visited India to strengthen parliamentary and political exchanges between the two countries.
2012	Mr. Jaak Aaviksoo	Minister of Education	Visited India with Deans of Estonian universities to promote educational and academic cooperation.
2013	Mr. Urmas Paet	Foreign Minister of Estonia	Visited India to inaugurate the Embassy of Estonia in New Delhi and deepen diplomatic engagement.
2020	Mr. Urmas Reinsalu	Foreign Minister of Estonia	Visited India on 15–16 January 2020 for discussions on bilateral cooperation and global issues.
2024	Mr. Margus Tsahkna	Foreign Minister of Estonia	Visited India 21–23 February 2024 to strengthen strategic, digital and economic cooperation between the two countries.
2024	Ms. Mariin Ratnik	Under Secretary for Economic and Development Affairs	Led a business delegation to India and discussed digital innovation, trade and economic cooperation.
2024	Estonian Cultural Delegation	Cultural Representatives	Participated in the Surajkund International Crafts Mela to promote Estonian culture and people-to-people exchanges.
2025	Estonian Spiritual & Cultural Group	Cultural Delegation	Visited India during the Mahakumbh Mela, highlighting growing cultural and civilizational links.

III. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND MOUS

YEAR	AGREEMENT / MOU	EXPLANATION
1993	Declaration of Principles of Cooperation	Entered into force in October 1993 and laid the foundation for bilateral cooperation between India and Estonia.
1993 / 2004	Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation	Signed in October 1993 and entered into force in October 2004 to strengthen bilateral trade and commercial relations.
1993 / 2000	Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation	Signed on 14 October 1993 and entered into force in March 2000 to promote economic and technical collaboration.
1995	Protocol on Foreign Office Consultations	Signed in August 1995 to institutionalize regular diplomatic consultations between the two countries.
1993 / 1999	Agreement on Cooperation in Culture, Education, Science, Sports, Arts, Mass Media, Tourism and Youth Affairs	Signed in October 1993 and entered into force in November 1999 to expand people-to-people and cultural cooperation.
1999	Agreement on Cooperation in Science & Technology	Signed in February 1999 and entered into force in August 1999 to encourage scientific research and technological collaboration.
1999	Joint Business Council Agreement between FICCI and Estonian Chamber of Commerce	Signed in February 1999 to facilitate business partnerships and commercial engagement.
2011	Agreement for Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion (DTAA)	Signed in September 2011 to prevent double taxation and improve the investment climate.

III. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND MOUS (CONTINUED)

YEAR	AGREEMENT / MOU	EXPLANATION
2013	MoU on Cooperation in Biotechnology and Higher Education	Signed in October 2013 to promote collaboration in biotechnology research and higher education.
2014	MoU on Cooperation on Capacity Building in e-Governance	Signed in February 2014 to support cooperation in digital governance and public administration.
2016 / 2017	Agreement on Transfer of Sentenced Persons	Signed in November 2016 and became effective in March 2017 to facilitate transfer of convicted prisoners between the two countries.
2018	MoU on Cooperation in ICT, e-Governance and Cyber Security between Telangana and Estonia	Signed in October 2018 to strengthen cooperation in digital governance, ICT and cyber security.
2019	MoU for Cooperation in e-Governance and Emerging Digital Technologies	Signed in August 2019 to enhance cooperation in digital innovation and governance technologies.
2019	MoU for Cooperation in Cyber Security	Signed in August 2019; later extended through a Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) for an additional three years with provision for further extension.
2019	MoU for Waiver of Visas for Diplomatic Passport Holders	Signed in August 2019 to facilitate easier official travel for diplomatic passport holders.
2021	Mutual Recognition of Vaccine Certificates (MRVC)	Established through exchange of Note Verbales in October 2021 for mutual recognition of COVID-19 vaccination certificates.

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