

**EMBASSY OF INDIA  
RABAT**

**INDIA-MOROCCO BILATERAL RELATIONS**

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**1. POLITICAL**

**1.1 Introduction**

Contacts between India and Morocco go back to the 14th century when the famous traveller and writer from Tangier, Ibn Batuta, travelled to India. In modern history, India was active in the United Nations in supporting the Moroccan freedom movement and recognized Morocco on 20 June 1956 immediately after its independence. Diplomatic relations were established in 1957. Over the years, India and Morocco have developed strong friendly relations and active mutually beneficial cooperation based on shared values and mutual respect.

Desire to build an intensive interaction culminated in the first landmark visit of Indian Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee to Morocco in February 1999 followed by the visit of Moroccan PM Mr. Abderrehman Youssoufi to India in February 2000. After ascending to the throne, HM King Mohammed VI chose India for his first visit to an Asian country in 2001. HM King Mohammed VI visited India in October 2015 for participating in the third India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-III) held in New Delhi. He met with Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi on 29 October 2015 and both leaders agreed to work towards taking the bilateral relations between India and Morocco to strategic level. Since then, the relations between the two countries have intensified further. This is reflected in more than 30 Ministerial visits and meetings since October 2015 and signing of more than 40 MoUs/Agreements in the areas including defence, counter-terrorism, cyber security, space, agriculture, vocational training etc.

**1.2 High level visits from India to Morocco**

**Some of the notable high-level visits from India to Morocco are:**

- Visit of Hon'ble Vice President of India, Dr. Zakir Hussain in 1967,
- Visit of Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri K R Narayanan in 1993,
- Visit of Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Mohammad Hamid Ansari in 2016,
- Visit of Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee to Morocco in February 1999, which was the first ever Prime Ministerial visit to Morocco
- External Affairs Ministers Shri Salman Khurshid visited Morocco in 2014.
- External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj visited Morocco in February 2019.

- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar had virtual meeting with Foreign Minister of Morocco Mr. Nasser Bourita on 22 October 2020 during which they discussed a range of bilateral and multilateral issues.
- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of Morocco Mr. Nasser Bourita met on the sidelines of the 77th session of United Nations General Assembly in New York on 24 September, 2022.

**Some of the recent visits include:**

- Secretary (CPV & OIA) Dr. Ausaf Sayeed paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Morocco from 22-25 November, 2022 to represent India at the 9th Global Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) held in Fez (22-23 Nov). He also co-chaired the 5th round of India-Morocco Foreign Office Consultations held in Rabat during which a wide range of bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest were discussed. He also called on H.E. Ms. Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of the Kingdom of Morocco and discussed bilateral cooperation in the sectors of fertilizers, renewable energy, climate change etc.
- Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers, Health & Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya visited Morocco from 20-22 January, 2023 and met with Morocco's Minister of Health and Social Protection Mr. Khalid Ait Taleb and the Chairman & CEO of OCP Dr. Mostafa Terrab. Three MoUs were signed between OCP and Indian Fertilizer companies for augmenting the supply of phosphate fertilizers to India.
- Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs H.E. Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman visited Morocco to participate in the IMF-World Bank meetings held in Marrakech from 9-16 October, 2023. She also co-chaired the fourth Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting under G20 India presidency, in Marrakech and met with the Minister of Economy and Finance of Morocco on the sidelines.
- Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Shri Ajay Tamta visited Morocco to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety held in Marrakech from 17-21 February 2025. On the sidelines of the meeting, he held discussions with the Moroccan Minister of Transport and Logistics Mr. Abdessamad Kayouh on possible areas of collaboration between India and Morocco in the field of road infrastructure.
- Minister of State (IC) for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, and Minister of State for Education Shri Jayant Chaudhary participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> GITEX Africa held in Marrakech from 14-16 April 2025. On the sidelines, he held bilateral meetings with the Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research & Innovation Prof. Azzedine El Midaoui; Minister of Economic Inclusion, Small Business, Employment & Skills Mr. Younes Sekkouri; and Minister of National Education, Preschool & Sports Mr. Mohamed Saad Berrada.
- Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Morocco on 22-23 September 2025 on an invitation of his counterpart, the Minister delegate in-charge of the National Defence Administration Mr. Abdeltif Loudiyi. He was accompanied by the Vice-Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh,

Indian Army and Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command. The two Ministers signed an MoU on Defence Cooperation establishing an institutional framework for collaboration in defence industry, capacity building and counter-terrorism. The two Ministers jointly inaugurated a new production plant set up by M/s Tata Advanced System Maroc in Berrechid near Casablanca for production of WhAP 8X8 armoured vehicles for the Moroccan defence forces.

- Dr. Neena Malhotra, Secretary (South), Ministry of External Affairs, visited the Kingdom of Morocco from 18–21 November 2025. During the visit, she held bilateral political consultations with H.E. Ambassador Fouad Yazourh, Director General for International Political Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She also met with H.E. Mr. Mohammed Mehdi Bensaid, Minister of Youth, Culture and Communication; Mr. Omar Hjira, Secretary of State for Foreign Trade; H.E. Ms. Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development; and Mr. Mostafa Terrab, Chairman and CEO of OCP Group. Discussions in these meetings focused on various aspects of bilateral cooperation.
- CBI director Mr. Praveen Sood attended the 93rd INTERPOL Assembly Meeting held at Marrakech and on the sidelines of the Conference from November 24 to 27, 2025, he met with Mr. Abdellatif Hammouchi, General Director for national Security.

### **1.3 High level visits from Moroccan Side**

- HM King Mohammed VI paid official visits to India in 2001 and again in 2015 to participate in the India Africa Forum Summit-III. King Mohammed VI as Crown Prince in 1983 visited India for NAM Conference.
- Moroccan Prime Minister Mr. Abderrehman Yousseoufi visited India in 2000
- Moroccan Prime Minister Mr. Driss Jettou visited India in 2004.

Other important Ministerial visits from Moroccan Side include:

- Dr. Abdelkader Amara, Minister of Energy, Mining, Water & Environment (January 2016);
- Mr. Mohamed Najib Boulif, Minister Delegate in charge of Transport (April 2016);
- Mr. Noureddine Boutayeb, Minister delegate to Ministry of Interior (Oct - Nov 2017);
- Dr. Abdelkader Amara, Minister of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water and Acting Minister of Health from 15-21 December 2017 (signed an MoU on Health cooperation with Mr. J. P. Nadda, the then Health Minister of India);
- Dr. Jamila El Mossalli, Secretary of State to Minister for Tourism, Air Transport, Handicraft and Social Economy from 02-18 February 2018;
- Ms. Rakiya Eddarhem, Secretary of State in charge of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy from 24-26 February 2018;

- Mr. Aziz Rabbah, Minister of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development from 10-12 April 2018;
- Mr. Mohammed Sajid, Minister of Tourism, Air Transport, Handicrafts and Social Economy, from 16-19 September 2018;
- Mr. Abdeltif Loudyi, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of the National Defence Administration from 24-26 September 2018;
- Mr. Mohamed Auajjar, Minister of Justice from 11-18 November 2018;
- Prof. Anass Doukkali, Minister of Health from 10-13 December 2018;
- Mrs. Rakiya Eddarhem, Secretary of State in charge of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy from 14-20 January 2019;
- Mr. Khalid Samadi, Secretary of State for Higher Education and Scientific Research from 18-22 January 2019;
- Mr. Moulay Hafid Elalamy, Minister of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy from 17-19 March 2019;
- Mr. Mohamed Rehrass, Secretary of State for Vocational Training from 20-25 May 2019;
- Mr. Mehdi Abdelkrim, MP and Chairman of India-Morocco Parliamentary Friendship Group in Moroccan Upper House and Dr. Abdellatif Assarajm, MP from 14-16 January 2020 visited India.
- Dr. Ghita Mezzour, Minister Delegate for Digital Transformation, along with a high-level delegation, visited India from 27th May till 4th June 2022.
- A high-level delegation led by Mr. El Abed ALAOUI BOUHAMID, General of the Air Force Division participated in the DefExpo held in Gandhinagar from 18-22 October, 2022.
- A high-level delegation led by Mr. MAHOUAR HASSANE, General in the Royal Armed Forces of Kingdom of Morocco participated in Aero India 2023 held in Bengaluru from 11-19 February, 2023.
- Mr. Mohcine Jazouli, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government for Investment, Convergence, and Evaluation of Public Policies visited India from 4-10 March, 2023 during which he met Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizer, Health and Family Welfare and Shri Piyush Goyal, Commerce and Industry Minister.

- A delegation led by Ms. Zineb El Adaoui, First President, Court of Accounts of Morocco visited India to attend the SAI 20 Summit held in Goa from 12-14 June, 2023 upon invitation of Shri Girish Chandra Murmu, Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
- Mr. Ryad Mezzour, Minister of Industry and Trade of Morocco visited India to participate in the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024 from 10-12 January, 2024. He also met Minister of Commerce and Industry Mr. Piyush Goyal on the sidelines.
- A delegation of 3 member headed by Dr. Nada Biaz, the Directrice Générale of École Nationale Supérieure de l' Administration (ENSA) in Morocco has participated in the IIAS-DARPG India Conference 2025 held in New Delhi from 10-14 February 2025.
- H.E Mr. Omar Hejira, Secretary of State in charge of Foreign Trade of Kingdom of Morocco accompanied by a large business delegation participated in the 4th edition of World Food India, New Delhi organized by Ministry of Food Processing Industries from 25-28 September 2025
- Brigadier General Abdelkrim Najjar and Colonel Major Abdelati Madani of Royal Armed Forces of Morocco participated in United Nations Troops Contributor Chief's Conclave organised by Indian Army in New Delhi from 13-16 October 2025.
- Head of the Royal Moroccan Navy, Rear Admiral Mohamed Tahin, Inspector visited India from 24 to 27 November 2025 on an invitation of Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff of the Indian Navy. He met with Admiral Tripathi and they discussed enhancing naval cooperation, structured training exchanges, and maritime security.

#### 1.4 Institutional Mechanisms

- (i) **Joint Commission Meetings:** The VI India Morocco Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) was held in New Delhi on 20 March 2019, under the co-chairmanship of Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce. The next meeting of JCM (VII meeting) will be held in Rabat in 2026.
- (ii) **Foreign Office Consultations:** The V India-Morocco Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs) were held in Rabat on 24-25 November 2022 co-chaired by Secretary (CPV & OIA), Ministry of External Affairs during which a wide range of bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest were discussed.
- (iii) **Joint Working Groups:** India and Morocco have established Joint Working Groups for bilateral cooperation in various subjects of mutual interest – **Health, Water resources, Mining and Geology, Counter-Terrorism, Renewable Energy, Peaceful use of Outer Space, and Fertilizers** – which meet regularly. The **2nd India–Morocco Joint Working Group (JWG) on Counter Terrorism** was held in **New Delhi**, on **22 June 2026**, co-chaired by **Dr. Vinod Bahade** (Joint Secretary, Counter Terrorism, MEA, India) and **Hicham Baali** (Head, National Judicial Police Brigade, Directorate General of the National Police, Morocco).

The 3rd JWG meeting under MoU on "Cooperation in Health" between India and Morocco was held virtually on 15 September 2025. The meeting was headed by Ms. V. Hekali Zhimomi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and Mr. BELMADANI Abdelaouahab, Director of Planning and Financial Resources, Kingdom of Morocco. The 5th meeting of India-Morocco Joint Working Group (JWG) under the MoU on Water Resources Cooperation was held in Morocco from 1-6 June 2025. An Indian delegation from the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India led by Mr. Anuj Kanwal, Commissioner, Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) participated in the Meeting held in Morocco with key officials from Morocco's Ministry of Equipment & Water.

**(iv) Cooperation Between Think Tanks**

Indian and Moroccan think tanks have developed close engagement over the years. ICWA has an MoU with Royal Institute of Strategic Studies (IRES). The Policy Centre for the New South (PCNS) has signed a letter of association with RIS Global South Centre of Excellence in November 2024. It has become a member of the DAKSHIN. PCNS has regular cooperation with Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and participates regularly in the Raisina dialogues. PCNS also publishes policy papers on India related subject and has good linkages with the Gateway House and the ICRIER.

**(v) Voice of Global South Summit:** Prof. Khalid Ait Taleb, Minister of Health and Social Protection of Morocco participated in the Health Ministers' Session as part of the Voice of Global South Summit 2.0 hosted by India on 17 November, 2023 and shared his thoughts on the theme "Solutions from the Global South for one Health." Dr Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of the Kingdom of Morocco participated in the 3rd Voice of the Global South Summit contributing to the Energy Ministers' Session.

## **2. ECONOMIC & COMMERCIAL**

### **Bilateral Trade**

**2.1** The bilateral trade between India and Morocco in FY 2024-25 was around USD 2.55 billion compared to USD 2.4 billion in 2023-24. Exports from India are around USD 1 billion and mainly consist of petroleum products, electronic items including mobile phones, automotive parts, textiles and yarns, engineering goods, chemicals and specialty chemicals, plastics, and spices. India is a major importer of phosphatic fertilizers from Morocco. Main items of Moroccan exports to India are phosphate fertilizers (DAP, SSP), phosphoric acid, metallic ores and metal scrap and some inorganic chemicals.

**Bilateral trade between India and Morocco (in million US\$):**

|                       | <b>2020-21</b> | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2022-23</b> | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>2026-2027(Apr-May 2026)</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>India's Export</b> | 507.62         | 962.28         | 1,047.15       | 1,032.58       | 1067.53        | 186.33                         |
| <b>India's Import</b> | 1436.82        | 2244.19        | 2,549.44       | 1,404.28       | 2896.87        | 246.29                         |
| <b>Total</b>          | 1944.44        | 3206.47        | 3596.59        | 2,436.86       | 2,557.40       | 432.62                         |

(Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India)

### **Indian Companies in Morocco**

2.2 A number of Indian companies have strong presence in Morocco. IMACID is a Birla-Tata joint Venture with OCP-Office Cherifien de Phosphates, Morocco for producing phosphoric acid. Sunpharma, CIPLA, Varun Beverages (PEPSI), Sumilon, Furnace Fabrica, Indore (Optic Fibre), Tejas Network. Varroc Lighting Systems India Pvt. Ltd., Motherson Sumi, Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd. (GFL) have manufacturing facilities or operations in Morocco. Tata Advanced Systems Ltd has set up a production plant for producing ground combat vehicle in Morocco. Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra, Ashok Leyland, Shakti Pump, Fieldking, Kirloskar, etc are present through their local representatives in Morocco. Several heavy equipment companies like Bharat Forge, KEC also have presence in the local market. Indian EPCs such as Sterling and Wilson, Larsen and Toubro (L&T) and KEC are doing or have done infrastructure projects in Morocco such as electricity transmission lines. Satguru Travels, and the Oberoi Hotel Group have properties and operations in Morocco. Samta Group is present in the mining sector. HCL has set up their full-fledged KPO centre in Technopolis Rabat. TVS Motor Company (TVSM) leading Indian global automaker, is introducing TVS flagship models to the Moroccan market with the aim of expanding its presence in North Africa.

### **Cooperation in Digital Public Infrastructure and Information Technology:**

2.3. A **Centre of Excellence in Information Technology (CEIT)** was set up in Technopark, Casablanca under IAFS-II development programme in 2018. It was handed over to the Moroccan side in January 2020. CEIT has imparted training to around 700 Moroccan students/professionals till date.

2.4. The IIIT- Bengaluru has helped in developing **Morocco's National Population Register** based on its Modular Open-source Identity platform (MOSIP), which is similar to India's Aadhar UID system based on biometrics. Based on MOSIP, Morocco has also

developed a National Social Family Register that is used for better targeting of beneficiaries of government social support programmes. Indian IT company HCL Software and Atlas Cloud Services, a subsidiary of Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P) signed an MoU in February 2024 to provide a platform to enable development of Digital Public Infrastructure applications to Moroccan government services and welfare schemes online.

### **Agriculture**

2.6 India and Morocco signed a MoU on Cooperation in the field of Agricultural Research and Education on Agricultural Cooperation on 04 May 2018. Under this MoU, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Marine Fisheries, Rural Development and Water and Forests of the Government of Morocco have developed a Work Plan for exchange of visits by the Scientists from India and Morocco to each other's countries.

### **Renewable Energy**

2.7 National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) of India which is a leader in renewable energy in India and Moroccan Renewable Energy Agency MASEN signed an MoU on 20 July, 2022, at the CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Growth Partnership, to work together in the renewable energy sector. India and Morocco have a JWG on Renewable Energy which have had its Second meeting on 24 January 2023. India organized a special ITEC Course on Cross Border Energy Trading and Green Hydrogen for Moroccan officials from Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Development (MASEN), Office National d'Electricité (ONEE), Autorité Nationale de Régulation de l'Electricité (ANRE) and Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development in 2024-25 at NTPC School of Business.

### **Cooperation in Peaceful use of Space**

2.8 India and Morocco signed an MOU on cooperation in Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on 25 September 2018. Under this MoU, a Joint Committee on Space Cooperation was setup to facilitate collaboration in outer space. Indian Space Research organization (ISRO) has organized several workshops for Moroccan officials in collaboration with CRTS in the area of remote sensing.

## **3. DEFENCE COOPERATION**

3.1 Morocco has shown keen interest to expand defence procurement from India with a view to diversify their supplier base. M/s Tata Advance Systems Limited has set up a production plant in Morocco for production of ground combat vehicles for use by the Moroccan Defence Forces. Morocco and India have good cooperation in capacity building. Moroccan military officers especially from Royal Morocco Navy have been regularly participating in the training programmes conducted in India.

3.2 **India- Morocco MoU on Defence:** The defence cooperation between India and Morocco received a big impetus by the visit of Defence Minister of India Sri Rajnath Singh to

the Kingdom of Morocco in September 2025. He along with Moroccan Minister in charge of the National Defence Administration Mr Abdeltif Loudiyi signed an MoU on Defence cooperation which has provided an institutional framework for collaboration in defence industry, capacity building and counter terrorism.

**3.3 VISIT OF NAVAL SHIPS:** Indian Naval Ships have been visiting Morocco regularly for goodwill visits. From **15 to 18 April 2026**, the Indian Navy's sail training ship **INS Sudarshini** visited **Casablanca, Morocco**, as part of its **Lokayan 26** transoceanic deployment, strengthening maritime cooperation and professional exchanges between India and Morocco. Newly commissioned 'Talwar' class frigate of Indian Navy, "INS TAMAL" made a port call at Casablanca Military Port (6-9 August 2025) on its maiden journey from Kalingrad to India. INS Tamal conducted PASSEX with Moroccan Navy while departing from Casablanca port.

**3.4 VISIT OF NDC DELEGATION:** High-level delegations from the National Defence College (NDC) have started visiting Morocco since 2024 on study tours. A NDC delegation led by Maj Gen Ajay Kumar Singh and comprising 16 high-ranking Defence officers (including 5 from Indonesia, Bangladesh, Maldives, Oman and UAE), visited Morocco on a study tour from 1–7 June 2025. The visiting NDC delegation interacted with senior military leadership in Morocco to explore areas of defense cooperation and identify opportunities for bilateral collaboration. Earlier a 17-member delegation from India's National Defence College visited Morocco for their Foreign Country Study Tour from 2-8 June, 2024.

#### **4. CULTURAL RELATIONS**

**4.1** There is an abiding interest in Morocco for Indian art and culture. Hindi films are very popular in Morocco and Moroccan TV regularly telecasts Indian feature film every week. India and Morocco have signed an agreement for cultural cooperation under which Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP) are signed regularly providing for exchange of cultural artistes representing the diverse facets of Indian classical music and dance. ICCR sponsored cultural troupes specializing in India dance and music regularly visit Morocco for participation in major cultural festivals such as Fez Festival of Sufi Culture held every year in October. In May 2025, the Embassy organised Indian Classical Dance performances by renowned Odissi artists Ms. Sharmila Mukerjee and Ms. Katya Tosheva in the cities of Rabat and Casablanca. An 8-member ICCR sponsored Qawwali Group "Anwar Sabri Brothers" led by Anwar Sabri performed in the Fez Festival of Sufi Culture and World Wisdom in Morocco from 18-25 October 2025. Anwar Sabri Group had five concerts in Fez, Ifrane, Casablanca, and Rabat during their visit to the Kingdom of Morocco. Indian Film Festivals were organised in Casablanca in October 2025 and December 2025.

**4.2** The Embassy also partners with some of the local India- Moroccan associations, namely, India Association of Morocco, India – Morocco Friendship Association (IMFA), and

the Association Nationale d'Amitie Maroc-Asiatique (ANAMA) for organizing celebration of Indian festivals such as Holi, Diwali and Indian cultural performances and events such as Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas, Hindi diwas, India Day, Festival of India, Namaste India (in association with local cultural institutions) National Unity Day etc. Mission organized various activities to celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

**4.3 International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2026:** The **Embassy of India, Rabat** celebrated the **12th International Day of Yoga** across **Rabat, Casablanca, Marrakech, Tangier, and Salé** under the theme "**Yoga for Healthy Ageing.**" Activities included free yoga sessions, workshops, a curtain raiser, youth and women's wellness programmes, and the flagship event at **Parc Hassan II, Rabat** on **21 June 2026**. Yoga is gaining popularity in Morocco in collaboration with local yoga originations and yoga teachers.

**4.4** The Embassy organized a cultural celebration at the UNESCO-listed Chellah Archaeological Site to mark the inscription of Deepavali – the Festival of Lights on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity and promotion of Indian states. The event brought together participants from across Morocco, including senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, government representatives, members of the diplomatic corps, and prominent Moroccan cultural figures.

**5. TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING:** Training courses for international professionals organized under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme are extremely popular in Morocco. Till date, over 900 Moroccan nationals have attended ITEC courses. Representatives from the Government of Morocco also actively participate in various capacity building programmes under ITEC. Special ITEC courses have also been organised for Moroccan participants on subjects covering cross border energy trading, deep learning, cyber security, water resource management etc. A Special training of two weeks at SSIFS for 16 Moroccan diplomats was organized from 15-27 April 2019. Further, diplomats from Morocco regularly attend PCFD courses at SSIFS, New Delhi. Under the ICCR Africa Scholarship Scheme, Moroccan student are provided 4 scholarship slots for pursuing undergraduate or post graduate courses in the top Indian universities. Moroccan students also take benefit of scholarship offered by India to study Hindi at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan Agra.

**6. CO-OPERATION TO COMBAT COVID-19:** Morocco was one of the first countries to procure Covishield from Serum Institute of India (SII), with SII supplying a total of 7 million doses of Covishield to Morocco. India also supplied large quantities of medicines to Morocco to combat COVID-19 pandemic.

**7. INDIAN COMMUNITY:** Indian community in Morocco numbers around 1350. The core of the Indian diaspora consists of Indian merchants who came here 4 to 5 decades ago and set up their businesses in textiles, garments, jewellery, etc. and settled in and around the cities of Casablanca, the commercial and trade hub of Morocco and the port city of Tangiers.

In the last decade, many Indian entrepreneurs have set up their businesses in the free zones near Casablanca and Tangiers. Around four hundred Indian engineers and technicians are working in the engineering fields related to phosphate mining and infrastructure projects.

#### **8. India in Morocco on Social Media:**

Please see the following social media handles of the Embassy of India in Morocco for more information on current developments on bilateral relations.

- (i) Website: [www.indianembassy rabat.gov.in](http://www.indianembassy rabat.gov.in)
- (ii) X- (Twitter): @indembrabat
- (iii) Facebook: IndiaInMorocco (Embassy of India, Rabat)
- (iv) Instagram: indianembassymorocco
- (v) Whatsapp: IndiainMorocco.
- (vi) YouTube: @IndiainMorocco (India in Morocco)

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