



GEORGIA - INDIA COUNTRY CONNECTION

Government and Commerce

The Consulate General of the Republic of India, which opened in January 2012, is the official representation of the Indian Government to the Southeastern United States. Mr. Shri Ramesh Babu Lakshmanan has served as Consul General since October 2023.

Atlanta has been home to the Georgia Indo-American Chamber of Commerce since 2001.

Georgia has hosted the U.S. India Business Summit (UIBS) annually since 2010. Indian officials partner with the state of Georgia to organize this event focusing on key sectors such as life sciences, information technology, logistics, real estate and investment.

Academics

In the Fall semester of 2024, 6,925 Indian students will be enrolled in USG schools.

The University System of Georgia (USG) offers 10 study abroad programs to India in business, biotechnology, anthropology and veterinary medicine.

The University of Georgia and SRM University in Chennai, India have developed joint research in the areas of biorefining, bioenergy, natural resource management and applied genetic technologies.

Emory University offers a Tibetan Studies program that is based out of Dharamsala, India.

Arts, Culture and Tourism

In 2023, 53,900 Indian visitors spent \$69 million in the state of Georgia.

Lilburn, Georgia is home to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, the largest Hindu temple of its kind outside of India.

The Indian American Cultural Association of Atlanta celebrated India's 70th Independence Day at the 20th Annual Festival of India in August 2016.

2017-2018 was the Year of India at Kennesaw State University. Featuring a full calendar of academic and cultural events exploring India's rich political, economic and artistic history, the Year of India offered Kennesaw State students and members of the Atlanta community a variety of ways to engage with Indian culture.

Academy of Kuchipudi Dance Atlanta presents solo, workshops and works by experts in the field under the leadership of Sasikala Penumarthi.

In 2017, the Hindu Temple of Atlanta and the Academy group performances, dance dramas (ballets), of Kuchipudi Dance presented the classical dance drama Sri Rama Pattabhishekam. The Academy's mission is to promote and propagate the Art of Kuchipudi Dance to the community at large in Georgia and other parts of the United States.

The Aabaha Art and Theater Festival took place in August 2023 and featured a variety of performances created and performed by immigrants from the Indian Subcontinent.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra is performing “Folk Tales, Ragas, and Lost Love” in October 2023, which includes Indian musician Amjad Ali Khan’s collection *Samagaam*.

The Tourism Division of GDEcD participates in Brand USA’s annual tourism mission to India promoting the state to tour operators.

International Trade

EXPORTS: In 2023, Georgia exports to India totaled \$1.1 billion. India is the 12th largest export market for Georgia.

Top exports from Georgia to India include civilian aircrafts, chemical wood pulp, polymers of vinyl chloride, scrap aluminum, and ferrous scrap.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to India: Chemical wood pulp, insecticides, Kaolin clay, and kraft paper.

IMPORTS: In 2023, Georgia imports from India totaled \$4.3 billion. India ranks 11th among Georgia’s importer nations.

Top imports from India to Georgia include bed linen, tractors, fork-lift trucks, and electrical transformers.

Capital Investment

There are at least **50** Georgia companies with operations in India, including but not limited to:

- American Megatrends
- Equifax
- Gray Ghost Ventures
- Kawneer Company
- PRGX Global
- Scovill Fasteners
- Total System Services

There are at least **80 Indian facilities operating in Georgia**. These Indian-affiliated companies employ more than 3,900 Georgians.

Transportation

Delta Air Lines provides daily one-stop flights from Atlanta to Bangalore, New Delhi, and Mumbai via connections in Paris, Amsterdam, and Seoul.

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) has an established relationship with India. The Port of Savannah offers direct weekly container ship service to the ports of Mumbai/Nhava Sheva, Mundra and Pipavav.

About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) plans, manages and mobilizes state resources to attract new business investment to Georgia, drive the expansion of existing industry and small business, locate new markets for Georgia products, inspire tourists to visit Georgia and promote the state as a top destination for arts events and film, music and digital entertainment projects. For more information, visit www.georgia.org.

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