



## 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. Consul General Swati Kulkarni has served as Consul General since September 2018. The Consulate serves Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

Atlanta has been home to the 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.

In 2013, at the Bangalore India BIO convention, the Georgia Department of Economic Development signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Indian state of Karnataka committing to collaboration in the betterment of the life sciences and information technology industries and the communities they serve.

In 2016, Former Governor Nathan Deal met with the former Ambassador of India to the U.S., Arun K. Singh, to discuss Georgia's relationship with India. Ambassador Singh also visited Lockheed Martin's Georgia facilities. The Indian Air Force recently awarded Lockheed Martin a long-term sustainment contract to supply C-130 aircraft for its fleet.

### Academics

The University System of Georgia (USG) offers seven study abroad programs to India in business, biotechnology, anthropology and veterinary medicine. As of Fall 2018, 4,211 Indian students were enrolled in USG schools.

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.

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.

### Arts, Culture and Tourism

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

In 2016, the Rialto Center for the Arts in Atlanta featured musical performances by world-renowned Indian tabla musician Zakir Hussain.

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

In 2017, the Hindu Temple of Atlanta and the Academy of Kuchipudi Dance presented the classical dance drama Sri Rama Pattabhishekam. The performance was choreographed and directed by the Academy's accomplished teacher Sasikala Penumarthi.

In March 2018, the RiverCenter theatre in Columbus, Georgia presented its first main-stage Indian production called Taj Express: The Bollywood Musical.

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

India is a top market for Georgia tourism. In 2018, more than 52,300 Indian tourists traveled to Georgia spending \$90.6 million. Travel from India to Georgia is expected to grow by 25% between 2017-2020, making it a key growth market for the state.

#### International Trade

**EXPORTS:** In 2019, Georgia exports to India totaled **\$863.3 million**, a 21% increase over the previous year. India is the **11<sup>th</sup>** largest export market for Georgia.

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**IMPORTS:** In 2019, Georgia imports from India totaled **\$2.4 billion**. India ranks **11<sup>th</sup>** among Georgia's importer nations.

Top imports to Georgia from India include linens, motor vehicle parts and accessories, tractors, carpets and shrimps and prawns.

#### 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 **25 Indian facilities operating in Georgia**. These Indian-affiliated companies employ more than 2000 Georgians.

#### Transportation

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

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) in Savannah has an established relationship with India. GPA offers three regular shipping services to the ports of Mumbai/Nhava Sheva, Mundra and Pipavav. GPA's Brunswick Port also offers shipping services to Mumbai and Chennai.

#### 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](http://www.georgia.org).

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