



## India - Mongolia Relations

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Recently, the Mongolian President visited India. During the visit both the countries emphasized not **only the expansion of strategic partnerships** but also the conversion of a strategic relationship into the **spiritual brotherhood**.

- The two countries have also signed **Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) on Space Cooperation and Disaster Management** that will provide a new dimension to

the India-Mongolia strategic partnership.



- **A joint statement on space cooperation** would allow **“peaceful exploration” of outer space** and include remote sensing and weather forecasting services for both the countries.
- Both sides took stock of the project to build a **Cyber Security Training Centre to be established in Mongolia with Indian support**.
- The scope of India and Mongolia regular military exercises named **“Nomadic Elephant”** and **“Khaan Quest”** is expected to be broadened.
- The year **2020** will mark the **65<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the establishment of **diplomatic relations between India and Mongolia**.

## Timeline of India-Mongolia Relations

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- The common Buddhist heritage and civilizations link two countries and peoples.

- India established **diplomatic relations** with Mongolia in **1955** as Mongolia declared India as a **“spiritual neighbour”** and strategic partner
- Mongolia along with India and Bhutan co-sponsored the famous **UN Resolution for the recognition of Bangladesh** as an independent country in **1972**.
- The **first-ever visit by PM** to Mongolia was in **2015** marked the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Mongolia.
- Mongolia has been **traditionally supporting India in the United Nations and various other international forums**.
- Mongolia voted in favour of India’s proposal to **Yoga’s inscription into the list of UNESCO’s Intangible Cultural Heritage**.
- Mongolia has **publicly reiterated its support for India’s membership to the permanent seat of expanded UNSC**.
- India has been helping Mongolia to develop infrastructure, health sector and to expand education and employment opportunities in the country.

### **SAMVAAD dialogue**

- SAMVAAD dialogue brings Buddhist religious leaders, experts and scholars from different countries together to **deliberate on contemporary issues related to Buddhism**.
- "Samvaad", is a derivative of the Sanskrit word "Samvadam" [meaning "Dialogue"]
- The conference urged **open and truthful global dialogue on conflicts and the environment**.

### **General Assembly of Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP)**

- It was initiated at **Ulaanbaatar, (Mongolia) in 1969-70 as a voluntary movement of followers of Lord Buddha**, both monks and lay, striving to disseminate and implement the teachings of the Enlightened One on peace and harmony, compassion and loving-kindness for all sentient beings on Earth.
- It aims to bring together the efforts of Buddhists in support of consolidating universal peace, harmony, and cooperation among peoples of Asia.
- The year 2019 marks the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the Assembly of Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (ABCP).

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