



City Key of Honour Award to Indian President

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The **President of India** received the '**City Key of Honour**' of Lisbon (Portugal), acknowledging the strong ties and goodwill between India and Portugal.

- It is the **highest honour accorded** by the city of Lisbon, given **by the Mayor** to **recognise contributions to society or ties with Portugal**.
- 2025 marks the **50th anniversary of India-Portugal diplomatic relations**.

India-Portugal Relations:

- **Historical Background: India- Portugal** connection began in **1498 with Vasco da Gama's arrival in Calicut**.
 - Full diplomatic normalization was achieved after **Portugal's 1974 Carnation Revolution**, culminating in the **1975 Goa Treaty**.
- **Strategic Cooperation:** Portugal has **consistently backed India's bid for UNSC permanent membership** and **NSG entry**. It also initiated the [India-EU Summits](#), hosting the first in Lisbon in **2000** under PM Vajpayee.
- **Economic and Trade Relations:** As of 2025, India-Portugal **bilateral trade stands at around USD 1.5 billion**, marking a **50% rise since 2020 (USD 951 million)**.
- **Diaspora Linkages:** Around **1.25 lakh Indians**, including **35,000 nationals and 90,000 persons of Indian origin (PIO)** live in Portugal.
- **Cultural and Educational Cooperation:** India-Portugal cultural ties include the [Indian Council for Cultural Relations \(ICCR\)](#) Chair at the University of Lisbon and release of joint stamps marking 500 years of ties.



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