



## India-Italy Migration and Mobility Agreement

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### Why in News?

Recently, the **Union Cabinet** granted **ex-post facto approval** to the **Migration and Mobility Agreement between [India and Italy](#)**.

### What is Migration and Mobility Agreement between India and Italy?

- **About:**
  - The agreement is set to strengthen cooperation **on issues related to [irregular migration](#)** while bolstering people-to-people ties between India and Italy.
  - It facilitates mobility for various segments, including **students, skilled workers, businesspersons, and young professionals**, fostering exchange and collaboration.
- **Key Provisions:**
  - **Temporary Residence for Indian Students:** Graduates seeking professional exposure in Italy post-academic or vocational training can secure temporary residency for **up to 12 months**.
  - **Reserved Quotas for Workers:** The agreement **outlines quotas for non-seasonal and seasonal Indian workers**, with a reserved quota range over the years **2023-2025** under the existing Flows Decree.
    - The Italian government's annual "**Flow Decree**" (**Decreto Flussi**) sets the maximum number of non-EU citizens who can enter Italy for work and self-employment
- **Implementation:**
  - The agreement will remain in force for **5 years**, with automatic renewal unless terminated.
  - A **Joint Working Group (JWG)** will oversee its implementation, convening periodically to evaluate progress and propose supportive measures for effective execution.

### Key Facts About Italy

- **About:**
  - Italy is a boot-shaped peninsula that juts out of southern Europe into the **Adriatic Sea, Tyrrhenian Sea, Mediterranean Sea**, and other waters.
- **Bordering Countries:**
  - Italy has international borders with **Austria, France, the Holy See (Vatican City), San Marino, Slovenia, and Switzerland**.
  - Italy also shares maritime borders with **Albania, Algeria, Croatia, Greece, Libya**,

### Malta, Montenegro, Spain, and Tunisia.

- **Form of Government:** Republic
- **Capital:** Rome
- **Money:** Euro
- **Major Mountains:** Alps, Apennines
- **Major Rivers:** Po, Adige, Arno, Tiber



### What are the Other Areas of Cooperation Between India and Italy?

- **Historical Ties:**
  - India and Italy are ancient civilizations but young states. Italian port cities were important trading posts on the **spice route**.
  - The **Venetian merchant Marco Polo**, during his travels to the east, also traveled to India in the 13<sup>th</sup> century and wrote about his experiences.
- **Political:**
  - Political relations between India and Italy were established in **1947**.
  - In **March 2023**, India and Italy elevated their relationship to a **Strategic Partnership**.
- **Economic:**
  - The bilateral trade between the two countries was valued at **USD 14.25 billion in 2022-23**.
    - Italy is among India's top **5 trading partners in the [European Union](#)**.
  - Main items of Indian exports to Italy are **ready-made garments, leather, iron ore, motor vehicles, textiles, chemicals, gems & jewelry**.

- The main items of import from Italy are general and **special purpose machinery, machine tools, metallurgical products, and engineering items.**

- **Security:**

- The **India-Italy Military Cooperation Group (MCG)** is a forum established to boost defense cooperation between the both countries.

- **Other Initiatives Involving India and Italy:**

- [India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor](#)
- [Global Biofuel Alliance](#)
- **Blue-Raman project**

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