



## BUSINESS DELEGATION TO



# MAURITIUS

**Focus Sector: HEALTHCARE**

**DISCOVER GROWTH, FORGE PARTNERSHIPS**

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**“Delegation comprising of Leaders of Indian Healthcare Sector”**







## MESSAGE



**Mr. Hemant Jain**  
President, PHDCCI

India and Mauritius share a robust and enduring relationship, underpinned by historical, demographic, and cultural ties. Mauritius, an island nation in the Western Indian Ocean, holds a special place in India's diplomatic and economic outreach, with people of Indian origin comprising nearly 70% of its population of 1.2 million. This deep-rooted connection is further reinforced by consistent high-level political engagement, which has fostered mutual trust, shared values, and a strong foundation for cooperation across multiple sectors.

This strategic partnership has evolved into a multi-faceted collaboration spanning maritime security, development assistance, capacity building, technical cooperation, and international engagement. Trade and economic ties continue to form a cornerstone of this relationship. In the financial year 2024–2025, bilateral trade stood at USD 975.36 million, reflecting a strong and growing economic engagement between the two nations. Positioned at the crossroads of Asia and Africa, Mauritius remains a key partner in India's SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision, contributing to enhanced strategic and economic cooperation within the Indo-Pacific. As a member of regional groupings such as the African Union, IORA, and the Indian Ocean Commission, Mauritius serves as a vital gateway to diverse geographies and emerging markets.

This delegation visit was not only a reflection of the strength of bilateral relations but also a forward-looking initiative to explore new avenues of collaboration, particularly in high-potential sectors such as healthcare, pharmaceuticals, wellness, education, and digital innovation. Each delegate had the opportunity to gain valuable insights and forge meaningful connections to advance their business interests in Mauritius and the broader region.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to H.E. Anil Kumar Bachoo, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Wellness, Government of Mauritius; the High Commission of India in Port Louis; the Chairperson of the Economic Development Board; the President of the Hindu Business Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Professionals; the Secretary General and the secretariat of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and the Indian Business Chamber, for their invaluable support, guidance, and cooperation in ensuring the success of this visit.

This report encapsulates the deliberations and key takeaways from each of the meetings held during the course of the visit, and we hope it serves as a useful reference for future engagement and follow-up. At PHDCCI, we remain committed to supporting our members by providing platforms to explore emerging opportunities across new geographies and to build partnerships that foster inclusive and sustainable growth.

**New Delhi**



## MESSAGE



**Mr. Kunal Singhal**

Chair, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHDCCI

India and Africa share a longstanding partnership rooted in diplomatic goodwill, economic cooperation, and a shared commitment to addressing global challenges. This dynamic relationship continues to gain momentum, with India-Africa bilateral trade reaching approximately **USD 108 billion in FY 2024–25**, highlighting the depth and growing scale of their economic engagement.

Within the African continent, **Mauritius remains a key strategic partner**. Known for its political stability, transparent governance, and investor-friendly ecosystem, Mauritius continues to rank among the top African nations for ease of doing business. The recent business delegation visit to Port Louis further reinforced the shared vision of both nations to deepen economic ties, especially in light of the **Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA)**—India's first trade agreement with an African nation—which continues to play a pivotal role in facilitating bilateral trade and investment.

In **FY 2024–25**, bilateral trade between India and Mauritius rose to **USD 975.36 million**, reflecting a continued upward trend. India's primary exports to Mauritius include pharmaceuticals, agricultural products, textiles, and seafood, while key imports from Mauritius include niche products like vanilla, medical devices, and specialty goods. India has consistently remained one of Mauritius' top trading partners, with trade volumes showing sustained growth over the years.

While Mauritius continues to be a major source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India—holding a significant share of cumulative FDI inflows—investment trends are gradually shifting in response to evolving global tax norms. Despite these changes, Mauritius remains an attractive destination for Indian investors, with the government offering targeted incentives across sectors such as **healthcare, renewable energy, ICT, education, and financial services**.

The delegation's visit served as a timely initiative to explore new opportunities in Mauritius' evolving business landscape and reaffirm the commitment to sustainable, inclusive growth. It underscored the potential for collaboration not only between India and Mauritius but also in positioning the India-Mauritius partnership as a gateway for deeper engagement across the broader African continent.

As both nations continue to align their goals for regional cooperation and shared prosperity, this enduring relationship is poised to play a transformative role across the **Indo-African corridor**—anchored in mutual respect, economic synergy, and a future-oriented vision.

**New Delhi**



## MESSAGE



**Dr. Ranjeet Mehta**  
CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been undertaking various initiatives to promote cooperation between India and Africa by way of organizing various interactions and meetings. PHDCCI has been mounted a high level business delegation to various countries in Africa such as Rwanda, Uganda, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Tanzania in the past. With the support of Economic Development Board, Mauritius, Indian High Commission in Mauritius, PHDCCI took the initiative and planned a very important and strategic Business Delegation of Indian companies to the Republic of Mauritius.

The Report highlights the trends in the overall business scenario of India and Mauritius and the untapped opportunities that exist for increased bilateral cooperation between the two regions. It is my privilege to present this Report to our esteemed readers.

PHDCCI has always acted as a catalyst in the development of the country and is quite active in promoting international trade and cooperation. Through our International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division, we work in close cooperation with missions and trade development bodies around the world. We have been sponsoring outbound delegations and host visiting delegations from abroad. The Chamber has over 165 MOUs with foreign chambers of commerce and like-minded organizations to facilitate two-way flow of information on business opportunities for promoting trade and economic cooperation.

I hope that this report serves as a useful and an informative guide for the Indian businessmen, policy makers, researchers and other stakeholders, highlighting the trade and investment scenario of India and Iran and the significant economic potential that exists between these two regions.

New Delhi

(Dr. Ranjeet Mehta)



## COUNTRY FACTSHEETS

**Capital** - Port Louis

**Official Languages** - Creole, Bhojpuri, French, English (Official language)

**Area: total:** 2,040 sq  
km **land:** 2,030 sq km **water:** 10 sq km

**Population:** 1,309,448 (2023 est.)

**GDP-Per-Capita (PPP):** \$21,000 (2021 est.)

**GDP- Composition by sector: agriculture:** 4% (2017 est.)

**Industry:** 21.8% (2017 est.)

**Services:** 74.1% (2017 est.)

**Agriculture Products:** sugar cane, poultry, pumpkins, gourds, potatoes, eggs, tomatoes, pineapples, bananas, fruit

**Industries:** food processing (largely sugar milling), textiles, clothing, mining, chemicals, metal products, transport equipment, nonelectrical machinery, tourism

**Exchange rates:** Mauritian rupees (MUR) per US dollar - 41.692

**Export:** \$3.198 billion

**Export Commodities:** clothing and apparel, skipjack and tuna, raw sugar, fertilizers, diamonds

**Export Partners:** France 10%, South Africa 10%, United States 10%, United Kingdom 8%, Zambia 7%, Madagascar 6%

**Imports:** \$6.082 billion

**Import Commodities:** refined petroleum, cars, fish products, aircraft, packaged medicines

**Import Partners:** China 15%, India 13%, France 10%, South Africa 8%, United Arab Emirates 7%



## India- Mauritius Trade Investment

Values in US\$ millions

S.N o.	Year	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
1	<b>EXPORT</b>	662.13	422.91	714.85	462.69	778.03
2	%Growth		-36.13	69.03	-35.27	68.15
3	India's Total Export	313,361.04	291,808.48	422,004.40	451,070.00	437,072.03
4	%Growth		-6.88	44.62	6.89	-3.1
5	%Share	0.21	0.14	0.17	0.1	0.18
6	<b>Import</b>	27.89	42.61	71.87	91.5	73.1
7	%Growth		52.74	68.68	27.31	-20.11
8	India's Total Import	474,709.28	394,435.88	613,052.05	715,968.90	678,214.77
9	%Growth		-16.91	55.43	16.79	-5.27
10	%Share	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
11	<b>Total Trade</b>	690.02	465.51	786.72	554.19	851.13
12	%Growth		-32.54	69	-29.56	53.58
13	India's Total Trade	788,070.32	686,244.36	1,035,056.45	1,167,038.89	1,115,286.81
14	%Growth		-12.92	50.83	12.75	-4.43
15	%Share	0.09	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.08
16	<b>TRADE BALANCE</b>	634.23	380.3	642.98	371.2	704.94
17	India's Trade Balance	-161,348.24	-102,627.40	-191,047.65	-264,898.90	-241,142.74

Note: The country's total imports (S.No.6) since 2000-2001 does not include import of Petroleum Products (27100093) and Crude Oil (27090000)



## INTRODUCTION

The business relations between India and Mauritius have continued to flourish over the years, grounded in mutual trust, shared values, and strategic cooperation. Bilateral agreements and collaborative frameworks have significantly strengthened trade ties, fostering economic synergy between the two nations.

Mauritius has emerged as a preferred destination for Indian investments, particularly in finance, information technology, tourism, and hospitality. The signing of the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) in 2021 marked a pivotal moment in economic collaboration. Since then, trade and commerce between the two countries have seen notable growth across multiple sectors.

In 2024, India's exports to Mauritius were valued at approximately USD 774 million, while Mauritius's exports to India stood at around USD 73 million, resulting in a total trade volume of approximately USD 847 million.

This dynamic partnership has created a conducive environment for investment, technology transfer, and knowledge exchange. The growing economic engagement not only supports the development goals of both countries but also enhances regional connectivity and cooperation.

In March 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a two-day state visit to Mauritius, serving as the Chief Guest at the nation's 57th National Day celebrations. During his visit, PM Modi and Mauritian Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam signed several agreements aimed at strengthening cooperation in maritime security, financial crime prevention, and civil service training. PM Modi also inaugurated over 20 India-funded projects and reaffirmed India's support for Mauritius's sovereignty.

As part of its continuous efforts to strengthen India's economic ties with Africa, the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) **mounted a High-Level Business Delegation to Mauritius from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. The initiative aimed to deepen business linkages and explore new avenues for trade and investment cooperation in the region.

The delegation was led by **Mr. Dalip Chopra Co-Chair, International Affairs Committee Africa, PHDCCI & President Foundation of Healthcare & wellness promotion** and comprised of the following members representing **Healthcare & Wellness, Healthcare Technology, Electric Vehicles, Finance, Taxation, Management, and Law**.

1. Mr. Dalip Chopra, **Co-Chair, International Affairs Committee Africa**, *President*, Foundation of Healthcare and Wellness Promotion
2. Dr. Piyush Ayu Quo, Centrum.
3. Dr Davy Jindal, AVP Growth & Strategy, CK Birla Hospitals
4. Dr. Rasvinder Kaur Anand, General Manager - International Business, KIMS Hospitals
5. Mr. Dheeraj Kumar, Senior Manager – International Business, Shalby Sanar International Hospitals
6. Mr. Vivaan Aggarwal, Director, Shinon Consultancy Pvt Ltd
7. Mr. Abhishek Banwara, Senior *Secretary- International Affairs*, PHDCCI



**Meeting with PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius called on H.E. Mr. Anil Kumar Bachoo, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Government of Mauritius at Ministry of Health**



**The PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius called on H.E. Mr. Anil Kumar Bachoo, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Government of Mauritius at Ministry of Health on 24th March 2025, Port Louis, Mauritius**



**H.E. Mr. Anil Kumar Bachoo, Minister of Health, Government of Mauritius** welcomed the delegates and thanked PHDCCI for organizing the visit. He highlighted the strengthening bilateral cooperation in areas such as maritime security, trade and economic collaboration, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), oceanographic research, financial intelligence, digital health and traditional medicine, space research

and artificial intelligence, and cultural and spiritual connectivity to leverage on the Free Trade Agreements Mauritius has with all the African nations. He emphasized the need for Collaborative initiatives between the two nations to drive overall growth in the healthcare sector, ensuring improved medical expertise, better patient care, and a more resilient healthcare system.



**Mr. Dalip Chopra, Leader of the Delegation, PHDCCI** thanked the Hon'ble Minister for the call on and spoke about the importance of the visit to the country. He said that visit to Mauritius will help the delegation to better understand the business potential in the country and the African region as a whole. He also highlighted the recent advancements made by India in sectors like Traditional medicines, Health and Wellness, Fintech, IT, Manufacturing, etc., which could also be the potential areas for collaboration with the counterparts from Mauritius.

The delegates introduced themselves and informed about their purpose of the visit. The High Commissioner requested him to share the State and Specialty wise list of Indian Hospitals through PHDCCI which will assist the High Commission in replying to specific queries they receive.

The delegates then introduced their respective companies to the High Commissioner and elaborated on the areas of cooperation they would like to explore with their counterparts from Mauritius.



**Mr. Abhishek Banwara Senior Secretary (International Affairs), PHDCCI**, while highlighting the History and the scope of activities of PHDCCI to the delegates spoke about the rise of African continent as a focus continent for the Indian Industry. He further spoke about the various sector of cooperation that existed between India and Mauritius.

The discussion was followed by focused B2B meetings and interactions between PHDCCI delegates and their counterparts in Mauritius. These meetings provided a valuable platform for exploring potential partnerships and joint ventures in key sectors such as healthcare, wellness, pharmaceuticals, fintech, digital technology, and traditional medicine.

Delegates from both sides exchanged insights on regulatory frameworks, investment opportunities, and market entry strategies, leading to the identification of synergies and avenues for future collaboration. Several companies expressed mutual interest in pilot projects and knowledge-sharing initiatives, particularly in digital health and hospital infrastructure.

The interactions reflected the shared vision of strengthening commercial and institutional linkages between India and Mauritius.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to H.E. Mr. Anil Kumar Bachoo, Minister of Health, appreciating their warm hospitality and support in facilitating this fruitful engagement.



## PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius Meeting with Dr. Drishtysingh Ramdenee, Secretary-General, MCCI (Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry),



### The PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius Meeting with Dr. Drishtysingh Ramdenee, Secretary-General, MCCI (Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry)



**Dr. Drishtysingh Ramdenee, Secretary-General, MCCI (Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry)**, welcomed the delegates and gave a comprehensive overview of Mauritius's evolving economic landscape. He highlighted that the timing of the visit was highly opportune, especially in the backdrop of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Mauritius, during which India and Mauritius elevated their bilateral relationship to an Enhanced Strategic Partnership.

He noted that this elevated framework signifies a deeper commitment to mutual growth and collaboration across diverse sectors such as healthcare, education, fintech, blue economy, and infrastructure development.

Dr. Ramdenee emphasized that the historic and natural friendship between India and Mauritius has been a bedrock for consistent cooperation, now further reinforced by the signing of multiple high-impact agreements in areas such as trade, defense, maritime security, and capacity-building initiatives. He also drew attention to the dynamic developments unfolding in Mauritius's health and wellness sector, including policy reforms, investment-friendly incentives, and emerging demand for advanced healthcare services and traditional medicine systems.

He encouraged Indian businesses to explore Mauritius not only as a promising standalone market but also as a strategic gateway to the wider African continent, facilitated by Mauritius's extensive network of Free Trade Agreements and its role as a regional hub for finance, logistics, and innovation. He reiterated MCCI's commitment to supporting Indian enterprises and invited PHDCCI to collaborate on future initiatives, including joint research, business incubators, and health tourism projects.



**Mr. Dalip Chopra, Co-Chair, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHDCCI,** expressed gratitude to Dr. Drishtysingh Ramdenee for the meeting and provided an overview of PHDCCI's key initiatives aimed at fostering global healthcare collaborations. He emphasized the potential for India and Mauritius to jointly develop cutting-edge medical solutions, expand healthcare accessibility, and enhance patient care through technology-driven advancements. He highlighted the importance of oncology-focused training programs and collaborative research in cancer care, ensuring that healthcare professionals from both nations benefit from shared expertise and innovation.

Additionally, he underscored the need for strengthened healthcare policies, capacity- building programs, and the integration of traditional medicine to create a more holistic approach. The delegates then introduced themselves and provided insights into their respective organizations, outlining their interest in exploring business opportunities and potential partnerships in Mauritius, particularly in the domains of healthcare, wellness, pharmaceuticals, and allied sectors. Each delegate shared specific objectives and areas of expertise, including hospital management, health technology, medical equipment, education and training, as well as traditional medicine systems.

The introductions were followed by an engaging Question-and-Answer session, where delegates sought clarity on the regulatory landscape, market dynamics, and investment incentives available for foreign businesses in Mauritius. Dr. Ramdenee and his team addressed these queries in detail, offering guidance on navigating local business procedures, collaboration opportunities with Mauritian enterprises, and entry strategies for the African region via Mauritius. The exchange also highlighted mutual interest in knowledge-sharing programs, joint capacity-building workshops, and initiatives to promote health tourism.

The meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks to the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and industry (MCCI) for their gracious hospitality and the valuable exchange of ideas. Both sides expressed optimism for strengthening institutional linkages and looked forward to translating the discussions into impactful, long-term collaboration.



**The PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius called Mr. Sawan Singh Purmessur, Acting Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Health and Wellness**



**The PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius called Mr. Sawan Singh Purmessur, Acting Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Health and Wellness on 24th March 2025, Port Louis, Mauritius Professionals**



**Mr. Sawan Singh Purmessur, Acting Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Health and Wellness** welcomed the delegates and expressed gratitude to PHDCCI for facilitating the visit. He discussed the expanding opportunities for collaboration between India and Mauritius, particularly in areas such as public health initiatives, pharmaceutical manufacturing, medical tourism, and biotechnology. He emphasized the significance of knowledge-sharing programs, research partnerships, and healthcare infrastructure development to improve medical accessibility and innovation in both nations. He further, highlighted the need for specialized training programs in oncology, ensuring that medical professionals in Mauritius benefit from India's expertise in cancer research and treatment. He also stressed the importance of enhancing healthcare policies, promoting telemedicine solutions, and strengthening disease prevention strategies to build a more advanced and sustainable healthcare ecosystem.



**Mr. Dalip Chopra, Co-Chair, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHDCCI,** expressed gratitude to Mr. Sawan Singh Purmessur for the meeting and provided an overview of PHDCCI's key initiatives aimed at fostering global healthcare collaborations. He emphasized the potential for India and Mauritius to jointly develop cutting-edge medical solutions, expand healthcare accessibility, and enhance patient care through technology-driven advancements. He highlighted the importance of

oncology-focused training programs and collaborative research in cancer care, ensuring that healthcare professionals from both nations benefit from shared expertise and innovation.

The delegates introduced themselves and outlined the objectives of their visit, reaffirming their commitment to exploring strategic partnerships that would contribute to the long-term growth and resilience of the healthcare sector in Mauritius. Representatives from the delegation shared their institutional strengths and areas of focus—ranging from hospital infrastructure development, diagnostics, and pharmaceuticals to digital health platforms, telemedicine, and traditional systems of medicine. They expressed a strong interest in leveraging Mauritius's strategic geographic and economic position to initiate joint ventures and pilot projects that could serve both the local population and the broader African region.

The introduction session provided a platform for a candid exchange of ideas and expectations, where the delegates highlighted their readiness to support skill development, policy alignment, and the establishment of centers of excellence in key specialties such as oncology, preventive care, and holistic wellness. The interaction reaffirmed the mutual desire to transform healthcare delivery through innovative, inclusive, and technology-enabled solutions.

The meeting concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks to Mr. Sawan Singh Purmessur, Acting Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Health and Wellness, for his warm welcome and insightful address. The delegates appreciated the Ministry's proactive approach toward strengthening international partnerships and looked forward to meaningful collaborations that would foster innovation, capacity building, and better health outcomes for both nations.



**The PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius called on Mr. Vimarsh Aryan, Deputy High Commissioner of India to Mauritius**



**The PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius called Mr. Vimarsh Aryan, Deputy High Commissioner of India to Mauritius on 24th March 2025, at the High Commission of India, Mauritius.**



Mr. Vimarsh Aryan, Deputy High Commissioner of India to Mauritius, welcomed the delegates and commended PHDCCI for organizing the visit. He highlighted the expanding scope for collaboration between India and Mauritius, particularly in healthcare advancements, pharmaceutical manufacturing, medical tourism, and biotechnology. He emphasized the importance of joint research initiatives, capacity building, and healthcare infrastructure development to enhance medical accessibility and innovation in both nations.

Discussions also touched upon the recent agreements signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Mauritius in March 2025, which aim to strengthen cooperation in digital health, AI-driven diagnostics, and pharmaceutical trade. These agreements are expected to drive healthcare modernization, improve patient care through telemedicine solutions, and create new investment opportunities in the life sciences sector.



He also noted that Mauritius' strategic location and progressive regulatory framework make it an ideal gateway for Indian companies seeking to expand into the broader African region. The delegates expressed strong interest in exploring public-private partnerships and joint ventures that leverage India's expertise and Mauritius' infrastructure. Emphasis was placed on fostering innovation-driven ecosystems through knowledge exchange, technology transfer, and skill development programs. The visit reaffirmed the shared vision of both countries to build a resilient, inclusive, and future-ready healthcare sector through sustained collaboration and mutual commitment.

**Mr. Ranjan Kumar, First Secretary (Economic), High Commission of India, Port Louis, Mauritius, and other key officials were also present for the call-on.** Their presence underscored the High Commission's active role in strengthening bilateral economic ties and facilitating dialogue between Indian industry and Mauritian stakeholders. Mr. Kumar appreciated the initiatives led by PHDCCI and highlighted the High

Commission's continued support for such collaborative efforts. The interaction provided an opportunity to exchange perspectives on trade facilitation, sectoral investment opportunities, and ways to further enhance institutional linkages between the two nations.



**Mr. Dalip Chopra, Co-Chair, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHDCCI, Leader of the Delegation, PHDCCI** conveyed his appreciation to the Deputy High Commissioner for the warm welcome and highlighted the delegation's visit as a crucial step in fostering stronger economic ties. He emphasized that the visit would enable delegates to gain firsthand insights into Mauritius' business ecosystem, explore collaborative opportunities, and identify potential areas for investment and trade expansion.

Additionally, he acknowledged Mauritius' strategic role as a bridge to the African market, offering Indian businesses a platform to establish and strengthen their regional presence.



**Mr. Abhishek Banwara, Senior Secretary (International Affairs), PHDCCI,** addressed the gathering and provided a comprehensive overview of the various activities and initiatives undertaken by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with Mauritius. He emphasized the Chamber's consistent efforts to strengthen economic and commercial linkages through bilateral trade forums, business delegations, sector-specific conferences, and knowledge exchange programs.

The delegates formally introduced themselves, representing a diverse range of sectors such as healthcare, education, infrastructure, IT, and renewable energy. Each delegate briefly outlined the primary objectives of their visit, which included exploring investment opportunities, establishing strategic partnerships, and gaining insights into Mauritius' evolving business landscape. Their presentations reflected a strong intent to foster collaborative ventures and contribute meaningfully to the island nation's economic growth.

The meeting concluded on a gracious note with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks extended to the High Commission of India in Mauritius. The delegates expressed deep appreciation for the High Commission's unwavering support, facilitation of dialogue, and pivotal role in promoting Indo-Mauritian cooperation. The session ended with a shared sense of optimism for future collaboration and continued engagement between the two nations.



## Networking Lunch with Hindu Business Chamber, Commerce, Industry, and Professionals (HBCCIP)



**The PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius in its continuing Interactions, was hosted for a Luncheon held with the Hindu Business Chamber, Commerce, Industry, and Professionals (HBCCIP) at Mauritius Gymkhana on 24th March 2025**

The delegates exchanged their views on the vast business potential in Mauritius across various sectors, highlighting opportunities for investment, collaboration, and expansion.

They explored key areas of mutual interest, including trade, healthcare, technology, and finance, while discussing strategies to strengthen economic ties.

Additionally, they engaged in informal interactions with members of HBCCIP, sharing insights, networking, and identifying synergies for future partnerships.

The networking lunch ended with a vote of Thanks



## **PHDCCI Business Delegation in Mauritius and had a meeting with representatives from Victoria General Hospital, Port Louis on 25th March 2025**



## **PHDCCI Business Delegation in Mauritius and had a meeting with representatives from Victoria General Hospital, Port Louis on 25th March 2025**

**The Members of Victoria Hospital** provided a comprehensive overview of their services, highlighting their commitment to delivering high-quality healthcare. They showcased their expertise in specialized treatments, advanced medical procedures, and patient-centric care. The representatives elaborated on the hospital's capabilities in various medical services.

Additionally, the hospital's dedication to medical research, training programs for healthcare professionals, and collaborations with global institutions was discussed as a key driver in advancing healthcare stand



**Mr. Dalip Chopra, Leader of the Delegation, Co-Chair, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHDCCI,** conveyed his appreciation to the representatives from Victoria hospital, for the warm welcome and highlighted the delegation's visit as a crucial step in fostering international collaborations in healthcare sector.

He assured his full support in strengthening the hospital's capabilities and promoting advanced healthcare systems, with a particular focus on organ transplants, cardiology, and AI-driven medical advancements. Additionally, the discussions underscored key areas such as medical research, telemedicine, robotic surgeries, personalized medicine, biotechnology, regenerative medicine, and digital health solutions to enhance accessibility, precision, and efficiency in medics

The meeting concluded on a highly positive and forward-looking note, laying a strong foundation for strategic cooperation between PHDCCI and Victoria General Hospital. The exchange of insights underscored a shared commitment to advancing healthcare excellence through innovation, technology integration, and cross-border knowledge sharing. Both parties recognized the importance of fostering sustainable healthcare ecosystems that are inclusive, resilient, and adaptive to the evolving needs of society.

The PHDCCI Business Delegation emphasized the potential for joint initiatives in medical education, skill development, hospital infrastructure enhancement, and research collaborations. Special focus was placed on developing centers of excellence in areas such as organ transplantation, cardiology, oncology, and AI-enabled diagnostics. Furthermore, discussions highlighted mutual interest in leveraging telemedicine, digital health platforms, and next-generation technologies like robotic surgery, personalized medicine, biotechnology, and regenerative therapies to bridge gaps in healthcare access and delivery.

This engagement marks a significant milestone in strengthening Indo-Mauritian relations in the healthcare sector and reflects a shared vision for a healthier future. The delegation expressed its optimism that this collaboration will serve as a catalyst for impactful partnerships, policy advocacy, and business opportunities, ultimately contributing to the global pursuit of universal health coverage and medical innovation.



## **PHDCCI Business Delegation is in Mauritius and had a meeting with representatives from New Cancer Hospital, Port Louis**



### **PHDCCI Business Delegation is in Mauritius and had a meeting with representatives from New Cancer Hospital, Port Louis on 25th March 2025**

The representatives of the New Cancer Hospital delivered a comprehensive overview of their specialized oncology services, outlining their state-of-the-art infrastructure, multidisciplinary treatment approach, and focus on delivering world-class care tailored to the unique needs of each patient. They emphasized their commitment to offering advanced cancer treatments, including precision medicine, immunotherapy, radiation oncology, and minimally invasive surgical procedures. The hospital's approach to early detection and diagnosis through cutting-edge imaging and diagnostic tools was highlighted as a key pillar in improving treatment outcomes and patient survival rates.

In addition, they underlined their dedication to pioneering cancer research and participation in international clinical trials, aimed at discovering new treatment protocols and enhancing the effectiveness of existing therapies. The hospital is also actively engaged in genetic screening programs to identify high-risk individuals and promote preventive care strategies. Furthermore, the representatives spoke about their efforts in capacity building through specialized training programs and fellowships for oncologists, nurses, and allied health professionals. These initiatives underscore the hospital's vision of not only elevating cancer care standards in Mauritius but also contributing to global innovation and collaboration in oncology.



**Mr. Dalip Chopra, Leader of the Delegation, Co-Chair, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHDCCI,** conveyed his appreciation to the representatives from Victoria hospital, while thanking the representatives from New Cancer Hospital for the opportunity to visit the facility, he informed about the purpose of the delegation's visit as a crucial step in fostering international collaborations in healthcare sector. He spoke on the advanced healthcare systems in India with a key

focus on advance surgeries, oncology, cancer medication, early detection and digital health solutions to enhance accessibility, precision, and efficiency in patient care.

The delegates formally introduced themselves at the outset of the session, representing a wide spectrum of sectors including healthcare, education, information technology, trade, and renewable energy. Each delegate shared a brief overview of their organization's expertise and expressed a strong interest in exploring collaborative opportunities with Mauritian counterparts. These introductions laid the groundwork for in-depth and engaging discussions focused on building synergies, exchanging best practices, and identifying sector-specific avenues for partnership. The spirit of openness and cooperation was evident throughout the interactions, as both sides emphasized their commitment to fostering innovation, sustainable development, and long-term economic collaboration.

The session served not only as a platform for business networking but also as a meaningful dialogue between like-minded professionals driven by a common vision for growth and mutual benefit.

The visit to the New Cancer Hospital proved to be an insightful and impactful engagement, reinforcing shared goals in advancing oncology care and research. The interaction opened doors for potential collaboration in specialized treatments, early detection technologies, capacity building, and digital health innovation. The PHDCCI delegation appreciated the hospital's forward-thinking approach and reaffirmed its commitment to fostering partnerships that can contribute to improved cancer outcomes in both Mauritius and India. The meeting exemplified a meaningful step toward strengthening Indo-Mauritian ties in healthcare through shared knowledge, innovation, and mutual respect.



## Networking Reception by the Hindu Business Chamber of Commerce Industry & Professionals (HBCCIP)



The PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius was hosted for an Interactive session & B2B Meetings followed by Networking Reception by the Hindu Business Chamber of Commerce Industry & Professionals (HBCCIP) on 25th March 2025. Hospital with a team of Indian doctors, sourcing of nursing and allied staff from India, etc. They further informed Dr. Merve on other specialized services that can be offered to the Hospital from India.



**Mr. Shardanand Beeharry, President of HBCCIP**, warmly welcomed the visiting delegates and emphasized that this was an opportune moment for the Indian industry to explore mutually beneficial partnerships, particularly in Mauritius' rapidly expanding healthcare and wellness sector. He pointed to the rising demand for advanced medical technologies, specialized healthcare services, and holistic wellness solutions, presenting a promising landscape for Indian investors and service providers. Mr. Beeharry highlighted Mauritius' progressive healthcare reforms and supportive regulatory framework, which together create a conducive environment for international collaborations and long-term investments. He further underscored Mauritius' strategic geographical position as a gateway to the African continent, making it an ideal hub for Indian companies aiming to broaden their regional presence and access emerging markets. The discussion also delved into key areas of potential collaboration, including telemedicine, pharmaceutical manufacturing, medical tourism, and traditional and alternative healing practices such as Ayurveda and naturopathy.

Mr. Beeharry expressed confidence that enhanced cooperation in these areas would not only strengthen bilateral relations but also contribute to improved healthcare outcomes and shared economic growth.



**Mr. Dalip Chopra, Co-Chair, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHDCCI,**

Conveyed his appreciation to Mr. Shardanand Beeharry, President, HBCCIP and the members of HBCCIP for the warm welcome and introduced the delegates.

Highlighting the delegation's visit as a pivotal step in strengthening economic and healthcare ties, he emphasized that it would provide delegates with firsthand insights into Mauritius' business and healthcare ecosystem, facilitate collaboration, and identify key opportunities for investment and trade expansion. Additionally, he recognized Mauritius' strategic role as a gateway to the African market, offering Indian businesses a valuable platform to establish and enhance their regional presence in both economic and healthcare sectors

The delegates engaged in a dynamic exchange of views on the scope of business opportunities in Mauritius across the diverse sectors represented within the delegation. These sectors included healthcare, information technology, education, tourism, and renewable energy, among others. Each delegate shared insights on how their respective industries could contribute to and benefit from the Mauritian economy, while also expressing interest in identifying synergies for long-term collaboration. The interaction extended to over 50 distinguished members of the HBCCIP (Hindu Business Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Port Louis), who were present at the occasion. The discussions were marked by mutual curiosity and enthusiasm, with both sides exploring potential areas for joint ventures, trade facilitation, and knowledge exchange. This interactive session provided a valuable platform for meaningful dialogue, networking, and the strengthening of business ties between the two countries. The Networking Dinner concluded on a warm and gracious note, with a formal Vote of Thanks extended to the President and esteemed Members of HBCCIP. Their generous hospitality, active participation, and continued commitment to fostering Indo-Mauritian business relations were deeply appreciated by the delegation. The event not only reinforced the spirit of partnership but also laid the groundwork for future engagement and cooperation.



## Interactive session by the Indian Business Council (IBC)



**The PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius was hosted for an Interactive session by the Indian Business Council (IBC) on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025**



**Dr Suresh Nanda, President, IBC**, warmly welcomed the delegates and underscored the perfect timing for the Indian industry to forge meaningful partnerships in Mauritius' thriving healthcare and wellness sector. Highlighting the increasing demand for advanced medical technologies, specialized healthcare services, and holistic wellness solutions, he emphasized the vast opportunities for Indian businesses to expand and contribute to this growing market. He further underscored Mauritius' role as a strategic gateway to the African continent, making it an ideal hub for Indian companies looking to expand their regional footprint. The discussion also explored key areas of collaboration, including telemedicine, pharmaceutical manufacturing, medical tourism, and an alternative healing practices. He also encouraged Indian entrepreneurs to leverage Mauritius' investor- friendly policies and robust regulatory framework to establish long-term ventures. He noted the strong cultural and historical ties between India and Mauritius as a foundation for trust and cooperation. The delegates resonated with his vision and expressed enthusiasm about deepening engagement in both commercial and knowledge-sharing capacities. The session set a constructive tone for future joint initiatives aimed at enhancing healthcare access and innovation in the region.



**Mr. Dalip Chopra, Co-Chair, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHDCCI,** Conveyed his appreciation to Dr Suresh Nanda, President, IBC and the members of IBC for the warm welcome and introduced the delegates. Highlighting the delegation's visit as a pivotal step in strengthening economic and healthcare ties, he emphasized that it would provide delegates with firsthand insights into Mauritius' business and healthcare ecosystem, facilitate collaboration, and identify key opportunities for investment and trade expansion. Additionally, he recognized Mauritius' strategic role as a gateway to the African market, offering Indian businesses a valuable platform to establish and enhance their regional presence in both economic and healthcare sector



**Mr. Abhishek Banwara, Senior Secretary (International Affairs), PHDCCI,** delivered an insightful address highlighting the various activities and initiatives undertaken by PHDCCI in partnership with Mauritius. He emphasized the Chamber's ongoing commitment to strengthening economic and commercial ties between the two countries through a range of collaborative programs, trade delegations, business forums, and knowledge-sharing platforms. He also acknowledged the vital role of institutional partnerships and diplomatic engagement in enhancing bilateral cooperation

The interactive session with the Indian Business Council served as a dynamic platform for dialogue, connection, and collaboration between Indian and Mauritian stakeholders. The exchange of ideas reaffirmed the shared commitment to fostering deeper economic, technological, and healthcare partnerships. The PHDCCI delegation acknowledged the strategic importance of Mauritius as a regional hub and expressed keen interest in exploring joint ventures, innovation-driven collaborations, and sustainable business models. The session concluded with a strong sense of optimism and mutual resolve to translate this engagement into tangible initiatives that will not only enhance bilateral relations but also contribute meaningfully to regional development across Africa and the Indian Ocean region.

During the session, the delegates actively explored emerging business opportunities in Mauritius, with a particular focus on the healthcare sector. They noted the sector's rapid growth and expressed keen interest in exploring investment avenues, technological collaboration, and knowledge exchange. The delegates also held in-depth discussions with the members of the India Business Council (IBC) present at the occasion, delving into potential areas for joint ventures and strategic alliances. These interactions provided valuable insights into the Mauritian business landscape and helped identify sectors ripe for development.

The Networking Session concluded on a gracious note with a formal Vote of Thanks extended to the President and esteemed Members of the IBC. Their warm welcome, collaborative spirit, and active participation were deeply appreciated by the delegation, who expressed optimism for continued engagement and fruitful partnerships in the times ahead.



**Interactive session with Economic Development Board Mauritius (EDB) on 26th March 2025.**



PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius attended the Interactive session with Economic Development Board (EDB) on 26th March 2025.

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**Mr. Sanjay Bhunjun, Chairman, Economic Development Board Mauritius (EDB),** warmly welcomed the delegates and emphasized the opportunity for the Indian industry to establish strong partnerships in Mauritius' expanding healthcare and wellness sector. Recognizing the rising demand for advanced medical technologies, specialized healthcare services, and holistic wellness solutions, he highlighted the immense potential for Indian businesses to invest and contribute to the sector's growth. He expressed his willingness to support and collaborate with PHDCCI to foster long-term engagements and mutually beneficial initiatives. The discussion delved into key areas of cooperation, including **telemedicine, pharmaceutical manufacturing, medical tourism, and alternative healing practices**, paving the way for future collaborations.

Mr. Bhunjun also stressed the importance of regulatory facilitation, innovation-driven approaches, and public-private partnerships to build a resilient healthcare framework. He noted that Mauritius, with its business-friendly policies and strategic location, serves as a gateway for Indian companies to access broader African markets in the health and wellness space.



**Mr. Arvind Radhakrishna, Strategic Advisor, Economic Development Board Mauritius (EDB),** warmly welcomed the delegates and highlighted the opportunity for the Indian industry to build strong partnerships in Mauritius' growing healthcare and wellness sector. Emphasizing the rising demand for advanced medical technologies, specialized healthcare services, and holistic wellness solutions, he underscored the vast potential for Indian businesses to invest and expand.

Reaffirming Mauritius' role as a gateway to the African market, he positioned the country as an ideal hub for Indian companies seeking regional growth. He assured full support to PHDCCI for fostering long-term collaborations and meaningful engagements. He also commended PHDCCI for its efforts in organizing such initiatives, which play a vital role in strengthening international business ties. The discussions explored key areas of cooperation, including telemedicine, pharmaceutical manufacturing, medical tourism, and alternative healing practices, paving the way for future partnerships.



**Mr. Dalip Chopra, Co-Chair, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHDCCI,** Conveyed his appreciation to Mr. Sanjay Bhunjun, Chairman, Economic Development Board Mauritius (EDB), for the warm welcome and introduced the delegates. Highlighting the delegation's visit as a pivotal step in strengthening economic and healthcare ties, he emphasized that it would provide delegates with firsthand insights into Mauritius' business and healthcare ecosystem, facilitate collaboration, and identify key opportunities for investment and trade expansion. Additionally, he recognized Mauritius' strategic role as a gateway to the African market, offering Indian businesses a valuable platform to establish and enhance their regional presence in both economic and healthcare sector











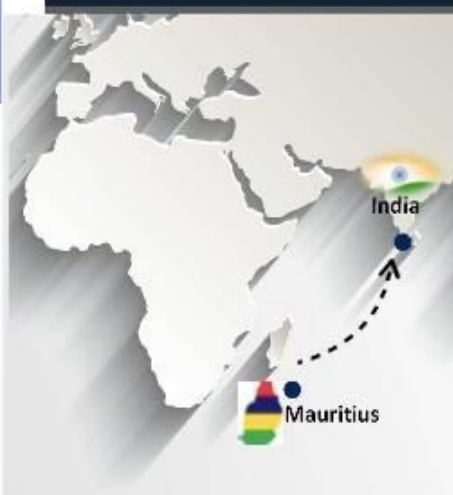
**Mr. Vicky Prayag, Manager – Bio Industry & Project Development, and Ms. Anoushka Raghu Mohabeer, Manager – Bio Industry & Project Development at the Economic Development Board (EDB) Mauritius, delivered a joint presentation on the rapidly expanding bio-industry sector, with a particular focus on emerging healthcare opportunities between India and Mauritius.**

They outlined the nation’s strategic initiatives in advancing pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, clinical research, and life sciences, positioning Mauritius as an emerging hub for healthcare innovation and investment in the African region. Their presentation highlighted key growth areas such as vaccine development, diagnostic biotech- therapeutics and wellness-focused bio Products. They emphasized Mauritius’ investor-friendly policies, regulatory readiness, and research ecosystem that support Sustainable industry development. Opportunities were also discussed for Indian businesses to participate through joint ventures, technology transfer, R&D partnerships, and capacity-building programs.

They encouraged deeper bilateral engagement in building resilient healthcare systems, promoting knowledge exchange, and co-developing solutions for accessible, affordable, and future-ready medical services. The session concluded with a call to action for Indian industry stakeholders to explore Mauritius not only as a market, but as a **regional base for innovation, manufacturing, and distribution** across Africa and the Indian Ocean region.

## Mauritius India - Bilateral Relations

 <b>Exportations</b> <b>USD 55 M</b> <i>Mainly Sugar, Medical Devices, recycling materials</i>	 <b>Importations</b> <b>USD 646 M</b> <i>Mainly petroleum products, pharmaceutical, cotton yarn fabrics, chemicals, food grain and pulses</i>	 <b>Property acquisition</b> <b>USD 58 M</b>	 <b>FDI</b> <b>USD 8.7 M</b> <i>(Jan – Sep 2024)</i>
 <b>Tourists from India</b> <b>58,000</b>	 <b>Students</b> <b>1672</b>	 <b>Work and Live</b> <b>1737</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 123 investors</li> <li>• 25 self employed</li> <li>• 1365 professionals</li> <li>• 224 premium visa</li> </ul>	 <b>Bilateral Agreement</b> <b>DTAA, IPPA &amp; CECPA</b>



**India**

**Mauritius**

- 14 Direct Flights/week (Mumbai , Delhi, Bangalore & Chennai)
- Weekly Sea connectivity

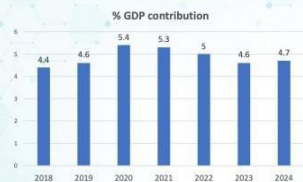
Major Mauritian companies in India: SBM Bank, Ciel Group, Rogers, CIDP, IQ-EQ

## INCENTIVE SCHEMES – INVESTMENT CERTIFICATE



- 8-year income tax holiday for new companies
- 3% Income Tax Rate – *Exclusively for manufacturing company engaged in medical, biotechnology or pharmaceutical sector*
- Exemption from payment of Registration Duty and Land Transfer Tax for the transfer of land
- VAT Exemption on construction of purpose-built building or facility for healthcare, biotechnology and life sciences (or for building used for leasing purposes)
- VAT Exemption on Plant and machinery and equipment (*excluding office equipment, furniture, and vehicles*)
- No land conversion tax for construction of buildings

## MAURITIUS HEALTHCARE STATISTICS



- GDP contribution: 4.7%
- Employment: 17,125
- 1 National Health Laboratory
- 67 private medical laboratories
- 7 major public hospitals, 4 specialized public hospitals
- 26 private clinics



## INCENTIVE SCHEMES – PREMIUM INVESTOR CERTIFICATE



Objective: Promote the emergence of pioneering industries, innovative sectors and first movers for projects as from MUR 500 Million

## WHY MAURITIUS ?



### Ethnic Community percentage

- Hindus (49%)
- Christians (32%)
- Muslims (17%)
- Buddhists (0.4%)

### Examples of key studies conducted

- Sleep Apnea
- Meningitis
- Lupus
- Cardiovascular disease
- Diabetes
- High Blood Pressure
- Cosmetics
- Pre-Eclampsia
- Medical Devices

- Over 100 approved clinical trials
- Around 20,000 volunteers
- Inspection by sponsors
- Pool of patients available for Phase II and III trials



## Interactive session with Economic Development Board Mauritius (EDB)



The delegation called on H.E. Mr. Anil Kumar Bachoo, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Government of Mauritius at Ministry of Health, and Mauritius on 16th May 2025.



**H.E. Mr. Anil Kumar Bachoo, Minister of Health, Government of Mauritius** welcomed the delegation and thanked PHDCCI for organizing the visit. He was pleased to know the interest of CK Birla Hospitals in the National Cancer Centre of Mauritius and invited his senior colleagues from the ministry of Health to have a detailed discussion with the delegation and provide all the necessary support.

He added the collaboration is envisioned to not only improve the quality and accessibility of cancer care in Mauritius but also to foster a long-standing institutional relationship between the two countries in the field of healthcare.



**Mr. Dalip Chopra, Co-Chair, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHDCCI**, Conveyed his appreciation to the Hon'ble minister and his colleagues for the warm welcome and introduced the delegates. He underscored the significance of the visit in deepening economic and healthcare collaborations between India and Mauritius. He highlighted that the engagement would enable delegates to explore Mauritius' evolving business and healthcare ecosystem, fostering strategic partnerships and unlocking new investment opportunities.

Furthermore, he acknowledged Mauritius' pivotal role as a gateway to Africa, offering Indian enterprises a strong foundation to expand their reach and establish a lasting presence in the region.



**Mr. Naveen Seth, DSG, PHDCCI**, Thanked the Hon'ble minister and his colleagues for all the support and guidance provided in each of the delegation that PHDCCI took to Mauritius. He ensured that PHDCCI will coordinate with the office of High Commissioner to encourage the Indian Companies to explore the business opportunities in Mauritius regularly, focusing on healthcare collaborations. Detailed Discussion was Held to Finalize Structured Cooperation between CK Birla Hospitals and the National Cancer Centre of Mauritius

A comprehensive discussion was held to explore and finalize a structured framework for collaboration between CK Birla Hospitals, India, and the National Cancer Centre of Mauritius. The primary objective of the meeting was to establish a long-term partnership focused on enhancing cancer care services in Mauritius through the operational and managerial expertise of CK Birla Hospitals.



The CK Birla Group conveyed its strong interest in undertaking the operations and management of the National Cancer Centre on a long-term basis. As part of this proposal, the Group plans to deploy a full-time team of highly qualified medical professionals, including oncology doctors, bone marrow transplant (BMT) specialists, pathologists, radiologists, and essential support staff. This strategic move is aimed at ensuring high standards of clinical care, timely diagnosis, and effective treatment protocols aligned with international best practice

Furthermore, the discussion included the proposal for the empanelment of Centre's of Excellence across multiple medical specializations in India. These Centre's would be selected from key Indian cities with direct air connectivity to Mauritius, ensuring ease of access for Mauritian patients requiring advanced treatments. The empanelled institutions would serve as referral hubs for specialized cases, facilitate training and knowledge exchange programs, and enable telemedicine consultations and second opinions for complex diagnoses.

This collaboration is envisioned to not only improve the quality and accessibility of cancer care in Mauritius but also to foster a long-standing institutional relationship between the two countries in the field of healthcare. Both parties agreed to further evaluate the operational modalities, legal frameworks, and logistical requirements necessary for the successful implementation of this initiative.

To strengthen the proposed collaboration, the CK Birla Group also expressed its willingness to invest in advanced diagnostic infrastructure and digital health systems at the National Cancer Centre. This would include the integration of electronic medical records (EMR), AI-driven diagnostic tools, and remote monitoring capabilities to ensure continuity of care and streamlined patient management. These enhancements are expected to significantly improve clinical outcomes, reduce patient waiting times, and bring greater efficiency to the Centre's overall operations.

In addition to clinical services, the Group proposed to initiate joint capacity-building programs for Mauritian healthcare professionals. These programs would involve skill development workshops, exchange fellowships, and hands-on training in cutting-edge medical procedures at Indian partner institutions. By focusing on sustainable knowledge transfer and local workforce development, the initiative aims to build long-term healthcare resilience in Mauritius while nurturing a collaborative ecosystem of innovation, expertise, and patient-centric care.



## **Call on meeting with H.E. Mr. Anurag Srivastava, High Commissioner of India to Mauritius**



**The PHDCCI Business Delegation to Mauritius called on H.E. Mr. Anurag Srivastava, High Commissioner of India to Mauritius on 16th May 2025, at the High Commission of India, Mauritius.**

Mr. Ranjan Kumar, First Secretary (Economic), High Commission of India, Mauritius, Mr. Shardhanand Beeharry, President, HBCCIP and other key officials were also present.



**H.E. Mr. Anurag Srivastava, High Commissioner of India to Mauritius** welcomed the delegation and commended PHDCCI for organizing the visit. He highlighted the expanding scope for collaboration between India and Mauritius, particularly in healthcare advancements, pharmaceutical manufacturing, medical tourism, and biotechnology. He emphasized the importance of joint research initiatives, capacity building, and healthcare infrastructure development to enhance medical accessibility and innovation in both nations.

Mr. Srivastava further noted that India's robust pharmaceutical industry and Mauritius's strategic location offer a unique platform for mutually beneficial partnerships. He encouraged greater private sector engagement, underlining that consistent dialogue, knowledge exchange, and policy alignment would be instrumental in fostering sustainable growth in the healthcare ecosystem.

He also emphasized the potential for **academic collaborations and skill development programs** to train the next generation of healthcare professionals. By leveraging each country's strengths, he said, India and Mauritius can work towards creating affordable and inclusive healthcare models that can be replicated across the African and Indian Ocean regions. The High Commissioner reaffirmed the Indian government's commitment to strengthening bilateral ties and expressed optimism that the visit would open new avenues for trade, investment, and technological cooperation in the healthcare sector.



**Mr. Dalip Chopra, Co-Chair, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHDCCI,** conveyed his appreciation to the High Commissioner for the warm welcome and highlighted that it is the 3rd visit of the members of PHDCCI to Mauritius which itself is a testimony of the opportunities for the industry of both the nations especially related to the Healthcare and Wellness sector. He acknowledged Mauritius' strategic role as a bridge to the African market, offering Indian businesses a platform to establish and strengthen their regional presence.



**Dr. Davy Jindal, AVP, Growth & Strategy, CK Birla Hospitals** informed His Excellency that his visit to Mauritius is for the possible cooperation with National Cancer Centre of Mauritius. He acknowledged the support of PHDCCI and HBCCIP in coordinating with the Ministry of Health, Government of Mauritius for a detailed discussion in having the Operations and Management of National Cancer Centre on a long term basis.



**Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI** thanked His Excellency and his colleagues for all the support and guidance provided in each of the delegation that PHDCCI took to Mauritius. He ensured that PHDCCI will coordinate with the office of High Commissioner to encourage the Indian Companies to explore the business opportunities in Mauritius regularly.

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks extended to the High Commission of India in Mauritius for its unwavering support and facilitation of the visit. The delegation expressed deep gratitude for the High Commission's active role in strengthening bilateral healthcare cooperation and enabling meaningful engagements between Indian healthcare institutions and their Mauritian counterparts. Their efforts were acknowledged as instrumental in creating a conducive environment for collaborative initiatives such as this, which hold immense potential for advancing medical infrastructure and patient care in Mauritius.



## Key Takeaways

- Mauritius is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in terms of Doing Business in Africa
- Mauritius offers exclusive Economic Zone spread over an area of 2.3 million km<sup>2</sup>
- Mauritius-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement is the First Agreement signed by India with an African Nation
- Under CECPA, Mauritius will provide preferential access to India on 310 products, with Tariff Rate
- Quotas on 88 products such as spices, tea, plastic articles, wooden furniture, parts of motor vehicles, amongst others. Both Parties also agreed to pursue negotiations after the coming into force of the Agreement to extend preferential market access on a list of products of interest to each Party. Mauritius will benefit from preferential market access into India for its 615 products, including frozen fish, specialty sugar, biscuits, fresh fruits, juices, mineral water, beer, alcoholic drinks, soaps, bags, medical and surgical equipment, and apparel.
- Under CECPA, Indian service providers will have access to around 115 sub-sectors from the 11
- broad service sectors such as professional services, computer-related services, research & development, other business services, telecommunication, construction, distribution, education, environmental, financial, tourism & travel-related, recreational, yoga, audio-visual services, and transport services. India has offered to Mauritius around 95 sub-sectors from 11 broad services sectors, including professional services, R&D, other business services, telecommunication, financial, distribution, higher education, environmental, health, tourism and travel-related services, recreational services and transport services.
- Both the governments are negotiating on attainment of a Mauritian document that can allow Indian
- SEZ investors visa-free travel to African countries to ease movement of Indian businessmen between India, Mauritius and Africa.
- Mauritius acting a gateway to Africa and other parts of the world's enjoys a variety of benefits which
- can be derived by it being a part of the various regional trading blocs like Common Market for Southern and Eastern Africa (COMESA), Southern African Development Community (SADC), The Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) groups, African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), European Union under the Interim Economic Partnership Agreement (iEPA), Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the United Kingdom (UK) FTA with Turkey, China and India and a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Pakistan. This paves a duty free or preferential access to major tariff lines across the globe. The Indian Industry can leverage on investing in Mauritius and trading with the world.
- Eleven Indian PSUs are present in Mauritius: Bank of Baroda, Life Insurance Corporation, New
- India Assurance Corporation, Telecommunications Consultant India Ltd, Indian Oil (Mauritius) Limited, Mahanagar Telephone (Mauritius) Ltd., State Bank of India (Mauritius),
- National Building and Construction Company Ltd (NBCC), Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES), Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation Ltd. (HSCC) and EdCIL (India) Ltd. The PSUs have contributed to various activities in Mauritius under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) schemes.



- Nearly 100 Indian Companies firmly established in Mauritius across several key economic sectors
- Incorporation of a company within 2 hours with no minimum capital requirement
- Investment Opportunities in sectors like Textile & Apparel; Light Engineering; Agro Processing; Automotive; Jewellery; Green Technologies and Electronics
- There is a lot of scope for capacity building and skill enhancement between the Indian
- Healthcare service providers and their counterparts in Mauritius.
- Several Indian Hospitals are enlisted as approved healthcare centers with the medical insurance companies in Mauritius. More Indian Hospitals can be included in the list
- Opportunities of Investment exists in Multi-Specialty Clinics; Precision Medicine; Luxury
- Wellness
- Resorts and Ayurveda Treatment and Clinical Trial
- There is a scarcity of Neurosurgery; Pediatric Surgery; Vascular surgery; Pediatric oncology; Spine/Hip surgery; Urology and Retinal Surgery
- Incentives to Pharma & Medical Devices
- Robust Financial Services Sector: Mauritius is recognized as a well-regulated International Financial Centre (IFC) with a strong legal framework, investor-friendly tax regime, and bilateral agreements including Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) with several countries, including India.
- Low Tax Jurisdiction: Mauritius offers an attractive tax regime — corporate tax rate capped at 15% (can be effectively reduced to 3% under partial exemption), no capital gains tax, and no withholding tax on dividends — providing a competitive edge for Indian investors.
- Special Economic Zones in Africa: Mauritius has partnered with countries like Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire to develop and manage Special Economic Zones (SEZs), offering Indian investors an opportunity to expand into West Africa using Mauritian platforms.
- Startup and Innovation Focus: Mauritius is promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, and digital transformation through various schemes and grants, opening up opportunities for Indian startups in fintech, healthtech, agritech, and edtech sectors.
- Growing Demand for Indian Education Services: There is a high demand for Indian educational institutions to establish campuses or offer twinning programmes in Mauritius. Mauritius also attracts African students, making it a hub for regional education.
- Collaboration in Blue Economy: India and Mauritius are deepening cooperation in areas like marine fisheries, port infrastructure, shipbuilding, and ocean-based renewable energy — offering investment and joint venture opportunities.
- India's Line of Credit (LoC) to Mauritius: The Government of India has extended multiple LoCs to Mauritius for infrastructure development, including metro express, social housing, and water management projects — enabling Indian companies to participate in large-scale projects.
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building: Indian technical institutions, under ITEC and other frameworks, have been actively providing training and capacity building to Mauritian professionals in fields like agriculture, healthcare, education, and governance.



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PHDCCI, acting as the “Voice of Industry & Trade” reaching out to more than 1,50,000 large, medium and small industries, has forged ahead leveraging its legacy with the industry knowledge across multiple sectors to take Indian Economy to the next level.

At the global level, we have been working with the Embassies and High Commissions in India and overseas to bring in the International Best Practices and Business Opportunities.

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