



INDIA-MAURITIUS RELATIONS – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

News: *India-Mauritius are building bilateral cooperation in the field of Personnel Management and Governance.*

What's in the news?

- A bilateral meeting was held between the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) and the Ministry of Public Service of the Republic of Mauritius on the visit of the External Affairs Minister (EAM) of India.
- During the meeting, the issues of collaboration in personnel administration, governance, and capacity-building programs for Mauritius Civil Service officers at NCGG were discussed.

The areas of collaboration India-Mauritius

- Sharing good governance practices
- Exchanging information in personnel management and governance
- Organizing capacity-building programs for Mauritius Civil Service officers.

National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) to Conduct Capacity Building Programs for Civil Servants of Mauritius.

- A senior-level delegation from Mauritius is expected to visit India in September 2024 to further the collaboration.

The National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG)

- It was set up in 2014 by the Government of India as an apex-level autonomous institution under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- NCGG deals with a gamut of governance issues from local, state to national levels, across all sectors.

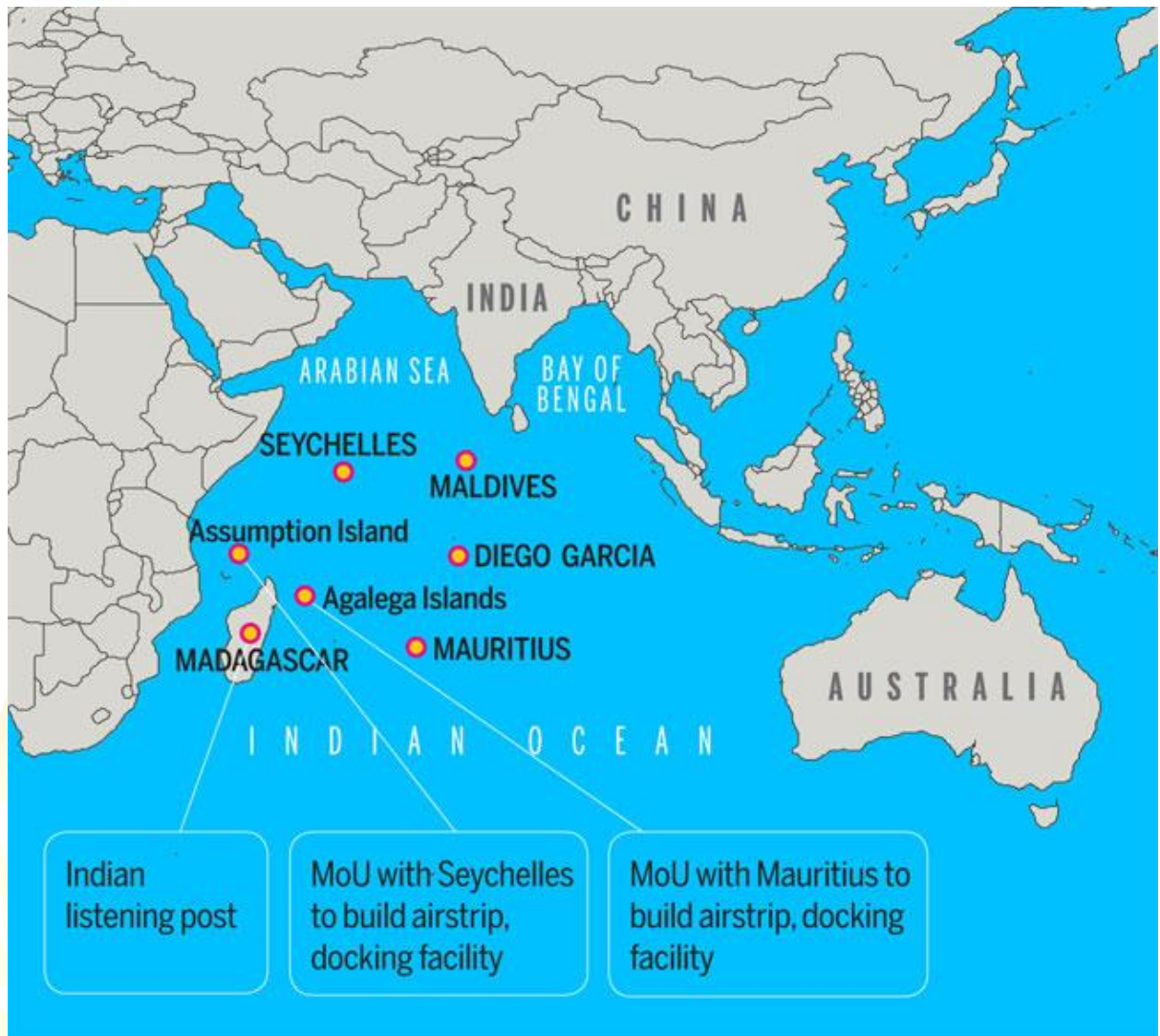
India-Mauritius bilateral relation

- India established diplomatic relations in 1948 with Mauritius, even before its independence in 1968.
- India was represented by an Indian Commissioner in British-ruled Mauritius between 1948 and 1968 and thereafter, by a High Commissioner after Mauritius became independent in 1968.



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- In 1987, India established the Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture (IGCIC), which is India's largest cultural center abroad.
- Since 2005, India has been among the largest trading partners of Mauritius.
- Mauritius and India signed the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) in 2021.

India-Mauritius Commercial Relations:

- India has been one of the largest trading partners of Mauritius since 2005.
- Indian exports to Mauritius for FY 2022-2023 were USD 462.69 mn, while Mauritian exports to India were USD 91.50 mn, with total trade amounting to USD 554.19 mn.
- Trade between India and Mauritius has grown by 132% in the last 17 years.
- Petroleum products were the largest export item for India to Mauritius until mid-2019. Other Indian exports to Mauritius include pharmaceuticals, cereals, cotton, shrimps, prawns, and bovine meat.



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- Main Mauritian exports to India include vanilla, medical devices, needles, aluminum alloys, scrap paper, refined copper, and men's cotton shirts.
- Cumulative FDI worth USD 161 billion came from Mauritius to India between 2000 - 2022, largely due to the DTAA.
- Mauritius and India signed the **Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA)** in 2021.
- CECPA is the first trade agreement signed by India with an African country.
- In 2024, the **Unified Payment Interface (UPI)** and also **RuPay card services** were launched in Mauritius.
- Users in Mauritius and India will experience convenience in making transactions, both domestically and internationally, through the adoption of RuPay and UPI.

