



## TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CENTRE (TECC)– INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**NEWS:** Taiwan opened its third office in India—the Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre (TECC) in Mumbai.

- The first two TECCs were established in New Delhi (1995) and Chennai (2012).

### WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

#### Preliminary Facts on India-Taiwan Representation

- **1993 Agreement:** India and Taiwan mutually agreed to set up unofficial representative offices, with India establishing the India-Taipei Association in Taipei and Taiwan opening the TECC in New Delhi.
- **Function of TECC:** TECC provides visa services and promotes cultural and economic exchanges between India and Taiwan, similar to offices maintained by the US, Australia, and Russia.



#### China's Position on TECC and Taiwan

- **One China Policy:** China views Taiwan as part of its territory and upholds the People's Republic of China (PRC) as the only legitimate government.



- **India's Acknowledgment of PRC:** In 1950, India officially recognized the PRC, making it one of the first countries to do so, and does not formally recognize Taiwan.

## Development of India-Taiwan Relations

- **Initial Non-Recognition:** India did not officially recognize Taiwan or the Republic of China after independence.
- **1995 Unofficial Relations:** Both countries established representative offices to foster informal relations.
- **Strengthening Ties:** India and Taiwan have strengthened their relations significantly since the 2000s, especially as India's economic and international influence has grown.

## Economic Growth and Policy Initiatives

- **Trade Growth:** Bilateral trade increased from USD 2 billion in 2006 to USD 8.9 billion in 2021, as noted by Taiwan's Foreign Ministry in 2023.
- **Taiwan's New Southbound Policy:** Launched in 2016, this policy aims to reduce Taiwan's economic reliance on China by fostering stronger ties with South and Southeast Asia, aligning with India's interest in deeper bilateral engagement.

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