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India and Ghana and Cote D'Ivoire Relations

After reading the chapter, the reader will be able to develop an analytical understanding on the following:

- Historical Background
- Analysis of Indian President visit

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

India and Ghana's relations go back to the time of Nehru. A string relationship was built by cooperation of Nehru and Kurume Nkrumah of Ghana. India has been supporting the development in Ghana over a period of time.

VISIT OF INDIAN PRESIDENT—2016

In June 2016, as per India's outreach to Africa programme, Indian President paid a visit to Ghana. During the visit, the two sides concluded an MoU on visa waiver for officials. A decision has been taken to establish a joint committee to enhance bilateral relations. India and Ghana have agreed to cooperate on exports of gold and cocoa to India and imports of pharmacy products, electronic equipment and telecom products from India. India has been providing lines of credit to Ghana and accessional financial assistance for its socio-economic development projects, like Komenda sugar plant and its fishing sector. Ghana has also expressed interest in exploring clean energy cooperation with India. It has expressed interest in nuclear cooperation as well.

India and Ivory Coast established diplomatic relations in 1979. For Ivory Coast, India is the core country on which it depends on for the development of agriculture, ICT, mining and infrastructure. India also supported Ivory Coast through the Pan Africa e-Network project and under ITEC scholarships. Ivory Coast exports cashews to India and imports pharmacy products and cereals. In June 2016, the Indian President visited Ivory Coast. He was accorded the National Order, the highest honour to a civilian, by Ivory Coast's President, Alassane Quattara.



Vice President of India's Visit to Tunisia and Morocco, May, 2016

The Vice President of India visited Tunisia and concluded pacts on cooperation on terrorism, ICT, and reforms in UNSC. The bilateral trade between India and Tunisia amounts to one billion dollars. Tunisia is a leading exporter of phosphate to India. The two nations have decided to envisage handicraft promotion and student exchange programmes.

The Vice President of India also paid a visit to Morocco. Rising India–Morocco tourism and business interactions are the driving force in our relations. The two nations have concluded an MoU on training of diplomats. Moroccan diplomats would participate in diplomatic training in India. India's CDAT will also be establishing a centre of excellence of IT in Morocco and India will assist in curriculum designing and skill training. Morocco has also expressed interest in India's Aadhaar Project.