

**Embassy of India
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INDIA-INDONESIA BILATERAL RELATIONS

India and Indonesia have shared two millennia of close cultural and commercial contacts. The Hindu, Buddhist and later Muslim faith travelled to Indonesia from the shores of India. The stories from great epics of Ramayana and Mahabharata form source of Indonesian folk art and dramas. The shared culture, colonial history and post-independence goals of political sovereignty, economic self-sufficiency and independent foreign policy have unifying effect on the bilateral relations.

POLITICAL RELATIONS

Owing to struggle against colonial powers, democratic traditions, pluralist culture, and progressive leadership which both countries shared, India and Indonesia developed friendly relations. President Sukarno of Indonesia was the Guest of Honour during the first Republic Day of India in 1950. Independent India and Indonesia became chief votaries of independence of Asian and African countries, the spirit which led to historic Bandung Conference of 1955 and later formation of Non-Aligned Movement in 1961. Since the adoption of India's 'Look East Policy' in 1991, there has been a rapid development of bilateral relations in political, security, defence, commercial and cultural fields. The current Government expressed its intent to further deepen the engagement with East Asia and by renaming the policy as "Act East".

IMPORTANT VISITS AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

Visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in May 2018: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Jakarta on 29-30 May 2018 at the invitation of the President of Indonesia Mr. Joko Widodo. During this visit, both Leaders agreed to strengthen cooperation in all areas by establishing a New **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** to take Indonesia and India's bilateral relationship into a new era. During the visit, 15 agreements/MoUs were signed between the two countries including 9 G2G MoUs in the areas defence cooperation, cooperation in the exploration and uses of outer space for peaceful purposes, Scientific and Technological Cooperation, Technical Cooperation in Railways sector, Health Cooperation, on Pharmaceutical, Biological and Cosmetics Regulatory Functions, on Policy dialogue between Governments and Interaction between Think Tanks. Both sides also agreed on a Shared Vision of India-Indonesia Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. The Prime Minister and the President also jointly inaugurated the Kite Exhibition which was based on the theme of Ramayana and Mahabharata. Both Leaders acknowledged the Recommendations and Outcome Document submitted by the members of India Indonesia CEOs' Forum. The Leaders further instructed the regular convening of the forum and expansion of business sectors as it could function as constructive measure to tap more opportunities and potentials in developing bilateral cooperation in trade and investment.

Visit of President Joko Widodo to India for ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit: President of Indonesia Joko Widodo visited New Delhi from 25-26 January, 2018 to be Chief Guest at the 69th Republic day celebrations of India along with other Heads of States of ASEAN countries and to participate in the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit. President Jokowi held a bilateral meeting with PM Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the ASEAN-India Summit on 25 January 2018. The two leaders discussed issues of bilateral interest, including efforts for increasing economic cooperation as the bilateral trade between the two countries had enormous potential. President Jokowi also invited PM Narendra Modi to visit Indonesia in 2018.

Visit of President Joko Widodo to India in December 2016: Mr. Joko Widodo, President of Indonesia paid a State visit to India from 12-13 December, 2016 at the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. President Joko Widodo and Prime Minister Modi held talks and reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations. Three agreements were signed during the visit: MoU on Youth Affairs and Sports Cooperation; MoU on Standardization Cooperation; and Joint Communiqué on Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Fishing and To Promote Sustainable Fisheries Governance. The two sides also issued a Joint Statement; A Statement on Maritime Cooperation which mandates both sides to draw up a MoU for cooperation in this area; and agreed to annual meetings of the leaders. The two sides agreed to commence Strategic Dialogue, Security Dialogue and to negotiate a new Comprehensive Defence Cooperation Agreement. The India-Indonesia Eminent Persons Group submitted its report to Mrs. Retno Marsudi, Foreign Minister of Indonesia and H.E. Shri M.J. Akbar, Minister of State for External Affairs on 12 December 2016.

Meeting between PM Narendra Modi & President Joko Widodo in November 2014: Prime Minister Narendra Modi met President Joko Widodo of Indonesia in Nay Pyi Taw on 13 November 2014 on the sidelines of 25th ASEAN Summit. In the meeting, Prime Minister invited President Jokowi to India and President Jokowi invited Indian companies to invest in Indonesia, especially in energy, infrastructure and manufacturing industries. Both leaders underscored the importance of effective implementation of the five-point initiative for strengthening India-Indonesia Strategic Cooperation; on early convening of the JWG's on Energy and Coal; to task the Foreign Ministers to ensure early constitution of the India-Indonesia Eminent Persons Group (EPG) and early convening of its meeting to review existing cooperation and recommend a practicable roadmap for future cooperation; and regular meeting of the bilateral Joint Commission headed by Foreign Ministers, as also holding other Ministerial Meetings with increased frequency.

Visit of Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh in October 2013: Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh visited Indonesia on 10-12 October 2013. During the visit, MOUs on the issues such as combating illicit trafficking in Narcotic drugs; cooperation in disaster management; and cooperation in combating corruption were signed. Both leaders agreed to adopt a five-pronged initiative for strengthening the Strategic Partnership in the areas of Strategic Engagement, Defence and Security Cooperation, Comprehensive Economic Partnership, Cultural and People-to-People Links and Cooperation in Responding to Common Challenges.

Visit of President Yudhoyono in January 2011: During the State Visit of President Mr S. B. Yudhoyono to India in 2005, the two countries signed a Joint Declaration on Establishing a Strategic Partnership. In January 2011, President Yudhoyono visited India as the Chief Guest on the occasion of India's Republic Day. During the visit, 16 Inter-Governmental Agreements were signed which included an Extradition Treaty, Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty, and MoUs on Establishing a Biennial Trade Ministers' Forum, Cooperation in Oil and Gas and Cooperation in Science and Technology. It was agreed to organize regular meetings of Defense, Home, Oil and Gas, Coal, Power, Renewable Energy, Science and Technology, Tourism, Health and Education Ministers. India and Indonesia agreed to launch negotiations for a Bilateral Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement and to organize a Trade and Investment Forum, an Energy Forum and a CEO's Forum alternately in either country.

Visit of Vice President Mr. Mohammad Hamid Ansari at IORA Leaders' summit: Mr. Mohammad Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India, represented India in Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Leaders' Summit held in Jakarta from on 7 March 2017. Gen. (Retd.) V. K. Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs represented India in IORA Council of Ministers Meeting held on 6 March 2017.

Visit of Vice President of India in November 2015: Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India visited Indonesia from 1-4 November 2015. Three MOUs were signed during the visit of Vice President viz. MOU on cooperation in the field of Culture; MOU on cooperation in new and renewal energy; and MOU for establishment of an Ayurveda Chair in Faculty of Medicine at Sudirman Campus, Denpasar, Bali. Vice President unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Udayana University, Bali.

OTHER IMPORTANT MINISTERIAL VISITS

Visit of Raksha Mantri Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman: Raksha Mantri Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman visited Indonesia from 21-24 October 2018 for bilateral talks on defence. In line with the elevation of relationship between the two countries to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, the two sides discussed areas of enhancing cooperation, including strengthening maritime and coastal security, through improved information sharing and conduct of specialised training courses. She held discussions with her Indonesian counterpart Gen (Retd) Ryamizard Rycudu, Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs Gen (Retd) Luhut Panjaitan and Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs Gen (Retd) Wiranto during her stay. She also went to Yogyakarta and met with the Governor of Yogyakarta Sri Sultan Hamengkubuwana X.

Visit of MoS of Planning (IC) and Chemical and Fertilizers, Mr. Rao Inderjit Singh: 3rd Para Asian Games were held in Jakarta from 6 October 2018 to 14 October 2018. Hon'ble Minister of Planning (IC) and Chemical and Fertilizers, Mr. Rao Inderjit Singh visited Jakarta from 5-14 October 2018.

Visit of MoS of External Affairs Mr. M.J. Akbar: As a follow up to the visit of Prime Minister of India to Indonesia in May 2018, India and Indonesia held the first Interfaith Dialogue in Yogyakarta from 3-5 October 2018. Minister of State of External Affairs Mr. M.J. Akbar led a 7-member delegation and held discussion with Indonesian delegation which was led by Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia Mr. A.M. Fachir. Previously, the Minister of State also visited Indonesia from 28-31 July 2018 to discuss the next steps on convening the 1st India Indonesia Interfaith Dialogue (IIID) in October 2018. During the visit, MOS(MJA) met with H.E. Retno Marsudi, Foreign Minister of Indonesia, General (Retd). Wiranto, Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal, and Security Affairs, Dr. Haider Nashir, Chairman of Muhammadiyah, and Prof. Dr. KH. Said Aqil Siradj, Chairman of Nahdlatul Ulama,

Visit of MoS of Sports and Youth Affairs, Col Rajyawardan Rathore (Retd): 18th Asian Games were held in Jakarta and Palembang from 18 August 2018 to 2 September 2018. Hon'ble Minister of State of Sports and Youth Affairs, Col Rajyawardan Rathore (Retd) visited Jakarta from 25 -29 August 2018.

Visit of EAM to Jakarta for the 5th JCM and the AINTT: External Affairs Minister (EAM) Smt. Sushma Swaraj visited Jakarta for the 5th Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) between India and Indonesia and for the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT) meeting on 5-6 January 2018. EAM and FM of Indonesia jointly Co-Chaired the 5th Meeting of the JCM. The two leaders discussed whole gamut of issues – political, defence, trade and investment, culture, tourism, skill development and people to people contact. EAM and FM also jointly inaugurated the 5th ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks. EAM also held talks with Secretary General of ASEAN and discussed strengthening of India's engagement with ASEAN countries under its "Act East Policy".

The Minister of State for Food Processing Industries of India H.E. Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti, visited Jakarta on 21-23 August 2017. She met with the Trade Minister of Indonesia Mr. Enggartiasto Lukita and discussed ways of enhancing the trade especially in food processing sector and related issues.

MoS for External Affairs Shri. M.J. Akbar led a high-level delegation to the '2nd IORA Ministerial Blue Economy Conference: Financing Blue Economy' held in Jakarta from 8-10 May 2017. On the sidelines of the visit, MOS (MJA) held meetings with the Foreign Minister of Indonesia H.E. Ms. Retno L.P. Marsudi and the Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs of Indonesia H.E. Mr. Luhut Pandjaitan. He also met with the Chairman of Nahdlatul Ulama, Dr. Aqil Sirodj.

Shri Piyush Goyal, MoS (I/C) for Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines, visited Jakarta on 20-22 April 2017 for the 1st India-Indonesia Ministerial-level Energy Forum. During the visit, he met with the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources H.E. Mr. Ignasius Jonan; Minister of Transportation H.E. Mr. Budi Karya Sumadi; Chairman of Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board H.E. Mr. Thomas Lembong; and Deputy Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources H.E. Mr. Arcandra Tahar.

Mr Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, participated in the International Meeting on Counter Terrorism held in Bali on 10 August 2016. During his bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr Wiranto, Coordinating Minister of Political, Legal and Security Affairs of Republic of Indonesia, both sides reviewed all aspects of bilateral cooperation including defence and security cooperation.

RECENT MINISTERIAL VISITS FROM INDONESIA:

Vice Foreign Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia Mr. A.M. Fachir visited India on 19-20 July to attend 10th edition of Delhi Dialogue (DDX) and delivered a speech at the event.

Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs Mr. Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan visited India on 17-18 May 2018 and had meetings with External Affairs Minister, Commerce and Industry Minister, Minister of State of Civil Aviation and also interacted with members of CII.

Minister of Tourism of Indonesia Mr. Arief Yahya visited India in the inaugural flight between Mumbai and Bali on 23 April along with the President Director of Garuda Indonesia and officials from Angkasa Pura I.

Minister of Trade of Indonesia Mr. Enggartisto Lukita participated at the Informal WTO Ministerial Gathering in New Delhi on 20 March 2018.

Director General for Legal Affairs and International Treaties Dr Ir. Damos Dumoli Agusman, Indonesia (DGLA) visited India on 07-08 March 2018. During the visit, DGLA initiated the talk of India-Indonesia maritime delimitation.

Defence Minister of Indonesia General (Retd) Ryamizard Ryacudu, visited New Delhi from 17-19 January 2018 to participate in India-Indonesia Biennial Defence Ministers' Dialogue on 19 January 2018.

Minister of Trade of Indonesia Mr. Enggartisto Lukita visited New Delhi on 25 September 2017 to participate in 2nd Bilateral Trade Minister's Forum. He held talks with Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Commerce and Industry Minister and discussed ways and means of enhancing trade and investment.

Minister of National Development Planning of Indonesia Mr. Sofyan Djalil visited New Delhi from 17-19 February 2016 to participate in Delhi Dialogue VIII. Mr. Wiranto, Coordinating Minister for Political,

Legal and Security Affairs visited India on 14-15 March 2017 to participate in the Counter Terrorism Conference (CTC) 2017 held in New Delhi.

Minister of Transportation Mr. Jonan Ignasius led a delegation to India from 12-16 February 2016 at the invitation of Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister for Commerce & Industry for exploring opportunities for economic cooperation between the two countries. He led the delegation to 'Make in India' event in Mumbai and met CIM, Minister of Civil Aviation and MoS (Ministry of Railways).

BILATERAL INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS

Joint Commission Meeting: A Joint Commission Mechanism (JCM) was set up at the level of the Foreign Ministers following the signing of an MoU to this effect in January 2001. Led by Smt. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister and Ms. Retno Marsudi, Indonesian Foreign Minister, the 5th JCM was held on 5 January 2018 in Jakarta.

Foreign Office Consultations: As a follow up to the decision taken at the 4th JCM, the first round of Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs) was held in Bali, Indonesia on 17 June 2013. The 4th Indonesia-India Foreign Office Consultation meeting took place in New Delhi, on 15 December 2017.

India Indonesia Security Dialogue: During the State visit of Indonesian President Joko Widodo to India on 12-13 December 2016, the two leaders agreed to establish Security Dialogue in order to develop a comprehensive action plan on security cooperation. Accordingly, Gen. (Retd) H. Wiranto, Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs, of Indonesia visited India and met Shri Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor on 9 January 2018 for the first meeting of India-Indonesia Security Dialogue.

Defence Ministers' Dialogue: Shri AK Antony, Defence Minister visited Indonesia on 15-17 October 2012 for the bilateral Defence Ministers' Dialogue. Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman visited Indonesia on 21-24 October 2018 and held meetings with her counterpart as well as Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs.

Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism: Pursuant to the MoU for cooperation in Counter Terrorism signed in 2004, the first meeting of India-Indonesia JWG on Counter-Terrorism was held in New Delhi in February 2005. 5th meeting of Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism took place in New Delhi on 10-11 September 2018.

Joint Working Group on Narcotics: 3rd DG level Joint Working Group meeting between Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) of India and Indonesian National Anti-Narcotics Agency (BNN) was held on 28 - 29 June 2018 in New Delhi.

Biennial Trade Ministers' Forum (BTMF): The 1st meeting of the BTMF took place in Jakarta in October 2011. The 2nd meeting of the BTMF was held in New Delhi on 25 September 2017. Trade Minister H.E. Mr. Enggartiasto Lukita led a 12-member delegation to the meeting while Indian delegation was led by Commerce and Industry Minister of India, Shri Suresh Prabhu.

Energy Forum: The Energy Forum co-chaired by the Minister of Coal from India and Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources from Indonesia was launched in January 2011 to help promote mutually beneficial G2G and B2B cooperation. The 1st Energy Forum was held in Jakarta on 20 April 2017. MOS (I/C) for Coal, Power, New & Renewable Energy and Mines Shri Piyush Goyal and his Indonesian counterpart H.E. Mr. Ignasius Jonan, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources jointly led the Energy Forum.

CEOs Forum: The 1st meeting of the CEOs Forum was held in Jakarta in October 2013. Both sides reconstituted their list of CEOs and the 1st meeting of the reconstituted CEOs Forum was held on 12 December 2016 on the sidelines of the VVIP visit in New Delhi. The 2nd CEOs Forum was held on 29-30 May 2018 in Jakarta, coinciding with the visit of Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi to Jakarta.

JWG on Oil and Gas: The 1st meeting of the JWG on Oil and Gas was held in June 2012 at Bali. The 2nd JWG was held on the sidelines of Energy Forum on 20 April 2017 in Jakarta. The MOU on cooperation in Oil and Gas, which expired in January 2016, was signed during the JWG meeting on 20 April 2017.

JWG on New and Renewable Energy: An MOU on new and renewable energy cooperation was signed in November 2015. The 1st JWG under this MOU was held through digital video conference on 20 April 2017 on the sidelines of Energy Forum.

JWG on Coal: The JWG on Coal was established in 2010. India hosted the 3rd meeting of JWG in November 2015 in New Delhi. The 4th JWG meeting took place in Jakarta on 20 April 2017 along with Energy Forum.

JWG on Agriculture: Both sides signed an MoU for Cooperation in Agriculture in 2008. The 4th JWG on Agriculture was held in Jakarta on 17-18 April 2017. Both sides agreed to act on the Matrix of Work Plan.

India Indonesia Infrastructure Forum: The Embassy hosted the 1st India Indonesia Infrastructure Forum Jakarta jointly with the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Ministry of Transportation on 19 March 2018 in Jakarta. The event was jointly inaugurated by H.E. Mr. Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and H.E. Mr. Budi Karya Sumadi, Minister of Transportation along with Ambassador. A high-level delegation of nearly 30 plus Indian CEO's from infrastructure sector focusing on Port, Power, Airport, Water Resource Management, Hospital Management Systems and Health Service, Industry 4.0 and IT solutions for Infrastructure Projects, with leading Indian companies was present.

Civil Aviation Consultation: In order to enhance direct flight connectivity between India and Indonesia, both countries held Civil Aviation Consultation in New Delhi on 19-20 September 2018.

TRILATERAL INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS

Australia-India-Indonesia Trilateral Dialogue on Indian Ocean: The 3rd Australia-India-Indonesia Trilateral Dialogue on Indian Ocean (TDIO) was hosted by Indian Council for World Affairs in New Delhi on 21 November 2017. The three sides discussed issues such as 'building norms for Indian Ocean Regional Cooperation' and 'fisheries management in Indian ocean' which were based on the IORA concord.

Indonesia-Australia-India (IAI) Senior Officials' Strategic Dialogue: The 1st Indonesia-Australia-India (IAI) Senior Officials' Strategic Dialogue was held in Bogor, Indonesia on 27 November 2017. 2nd Indonesia-Australia-India (IAI) Senior Officials' Strategic Dialogue took place in Perth in September 2018 in which Indian delegation was led by Joint Secretary (South) Shri Manish.

PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGES

There are regular Parliamentary exchanges between two countries. A 13-member Indian Parliamentary Goodwill Delegation led by Hon'ble Mr. Ravi Prakash Verma, Member of Parliament, visited Indonesia

from 14-18 April 2016. An Indian Parliamentary delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker Mrs. Sumitra Mahajan visited Bali to participate in World Parliamentary Forum on Sustainable Development on 5-7 September 2017. A delegation of Indonesia India Parliamentary Friendship group led by Hon'ble Mr. Satya Widya Yudha visited India on 24-27 September 2017. Another delegation from DPR Parliamentary Commission I visited India from 27-31 October 2018.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS

Indonesia has emerged as the largest trading partner of India in the ASEAN region. Bilateral trade has increased from US\$ 4.3 billion in 2005-06 to US\$ 20.4 billion in 2017-18. India is the second largest buyer of coal and crude palm oil from Indonesia and imports minerals, rubber, pulp and paper and hydrocarbons reserves. India exports refined petroleum products, commercial vehicles, telecommunication equipment, agriculture commodities, bovine meat, steel products and plastics to Indonesia.

The overall investment scenario in Indonesia is encouraging. It is an attractive destination for Indian investment in the region. There are about 30 Indian investments / Joint Ventures in Indonesia. As per Indonesian authorities, Indian investment in Indonesia is 995.18 million in 2215 projects during 2000-2018 (Sept). But as most investments come through Singapore and other gateways, the quantum of investment could be much more.

Indian companies have made significant investments in infrastructure, power, textiles, steel, automotive, mining, banking and consumer goods sectors. Prominent Indian groups/companies such as Tata Power, Reliance, Adani, L&T, GMR, GVK, Trimex, Videocon, Punj Lloyd, CG Power, Madhucon, Spice, Indo Rama, Aditya Birla, JK Industries, Jindal Stainless Steel, ESSAR, Ispat, Tata Motors, Mahindra, TVS, Bajaj, Royal Enfield, Minda, Godrej, Wipro, Balmer & Lawrie, SBI and Bank of India have established fully-owned subsidiaries/joint ventures in Indonesia. Several medium and small Indian companies are operating coal mines in Indonesia. IT companies - TCS, Tech Mahindra, HCL and Altruist - have set up business units in Indonesia. Recently, Thermax International inaugurated (27 July 2017) its new manufacturing unit in Jakarta; Asian Paints inaugurated its factory (05 September 2017) in Jakarta; Lulu Group opened (06 September 2017) a new hypermarket in Jakarta and Crompton Greaves Ltd inaugurated Indonesia's first High Voltage Switchgear (TT) and Extra Voltage (TET) plant on 20 August 2018.

In comparison, Indonesia's investment in India is limited to about US\$ 629.10 million (April 2000-June 2018). PT. Sumber Mitra Jaya has undertaken four projects for the National Highways Authority of India. Bukaka company is supplying aerobridges to the Airports Authority of India. Salim group from Indonesia invested in petroleum refinery, real estate and industrial township project in West Bengal, but later withdrew due to land acquisition issues. Garuda Foods has set up a joint venture with Polyflex Foods in Bangalore. Bank International Indonesia (BII) has opened a Branch in Mumbai with a capital base of US\$ 28 million. CP Prima has invested US\$ 2 million in Shrimp hatchery production in Andhra Pradesh and has plans to invest in Feedmill plants as well.

DEFENCE COOPERATION

India and Indonesia have robust cooperation in the area of defence and security. In May 2018, during the visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, a new defence Cooperation Agreement was signed to reflect the elevation of relationship between the two countries to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Activities relating to cooperation in the area of Defence and Security are regularly monitored and new areas discussed during the Biennial Defence Ministers Dialogue, the annual Joint Defence Cooperation Meetings and the service level Staff Talks.

In 2018 the Defence Ministers of the two countries have met two times at a bilateral level and also meet at multilateral forums such as the ADMM+. Most recently, the Hon'ble Defence Minister of India, Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, visited Indonesia from 21-24 Oct 2018 and in addition to the meeting with her counterpart, Gen (Retd) Ryamizard Raycudu, Defence Minister of Republic of Indonesia, had meeting with Gen (Retd) Luhut Panjaitan, Coordinating Minister for Maritime, Gen (Retd) Wiranto, Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal, and Security Affairs.

Presently the cooperation between the two countries is deep and robust covering a wide range of areas. There are regular engagements at the operational level between the three services, and discussions on matters of mutual interest relating to regional security and information sharing. Engagements in capacity building through training and cooperation in the area of defence industry are also pursued based on mutual interest.

Following the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami in Palu and Donggala of Western Sulawesi province of Indonesia on 28th September 2018, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had telephonic conversation with President Joko Widodo on 1st October 2018. Subsequently Operation Samudra Maitri, the operation for humanitarian assistance for the victims of earthquake and tsunami was launched on 3rd October after Indonesia's acceptance for international aid. India sent 2 IAF aircrafts carrying onboard medical personnel and relief material to the affected area. 3 Indian ships also arrived at Jakarta with more medical supplies for the affected people.

CULTURAL RELATIONS

There is an active cultural exchange between the two countries. The Mission operates Jawaharlal Nehru Indian Cultural Centre (JNICC) which conducts regular classes of Indian classical music, Indian classical dances (Kathak and Bharatnatyam), Yoga, and also teaches Hindi and Tamil languages. In association with Indonesian art institutions, Embassy/JNICC invites folk artists, authors and scholars from India. Indonesian scholars and journalists are extended hospitality for visiting India under various schemes like Distinguished Visitors Program and Ministry of External Affairs' Media Exchange Program. Quality Indian movies are screened in Embassy auditorium from time to time for avid Indian movie fans.

Jawaharlal Nehru Indian Cultural Centre (JNICC): Sponsored by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), JNICC was established in 1989. Since its inception JNICC is actively involved in promoting Indian art and culture in Indonesia and also cultural fusions: be it fine arts or performing arts. Bringing together the best of Indonesian and Indian talents to create an innovative fusion is an area of JNICC's core interests. JNICC's well-stocked library of 10,000 books is frequently utilized by all interested. Many University and High school students and researchers as well as scholars seek the support of JNICC to gather information about socio-cultural scenario of India. JNICC also organizes all major festivals of India like Holi, Ganesh Mahotsav, Navratri, Durga Pooja, Diwali and more in order to constantly engage with the Indian Community of Indonesia. JNICC continues to be a very active and a major Indian Cultural Center of South East Asia. For past 4 years, JNICC has been coordinating the celebration of International Day of Yoga in Indonesia and Timor Leste.

International Day of Yoga-2018: The Mission is successfully organizing International Day of Yoga (IDY) since 2015. The IDY events organized by Mission and Consulates attract large participation. The Fourth International Day of Yoga (IDY) was organized by the Embassy in association with Ministry of Tourism, Indonesia on 23 June 2018 at Taman Menteng, Jakarta. Around 1500 persons of different age and professions participated in the event. The International Day of Yoga events were also organized in Bali at Lapangan Niti Mandala, Denpasar, on 17 June 2018; in Surabaya at Singapore National Academy on June 21, 2018; in Medan on 24th June 2018 at the Consulate premises; in Dili, Timor Leste on 30 June 2018; in Bandung on 1st July 2018 in collaboration with Bharat Club Bandung.

India Cultural Week: Embassy of India in association with the City Governments and the Universities, organise Indian Culture Week in different cities of Indonesia. The programmes during the Indian Cultural Weeks showcase different facets of Indian tourism, art, culture, music, food, Yoga and films spread over the week. Three India Cultural Weeks have been organised in Indonesia.

- a) India Culture Week in Bandung: 30 December 2017 to 5 January 2018
- b) India Culture Week in Malang: 21-28 April 2018
- c) India Culture Week in Surabaya: 7-14 September 2018
- d) India Culture Week in Yogyakarta: 17-23 December 2018

Education: Indonesia is a major recipient of ITEC and TCS of Colombo Plan scholarships. In financial year 2016-17, 125 slots has been allocated to Indonesia out of which 104 were utilized. For financial year 2017-18, 130 slots have been allotted to Indonesia. Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) offers 20 scholarships every year to Indonesian students and 5 slots each year to Students from Timor Leste for pursuing higher studies in India. Since 1994-95, nearly 200 Indonesian students have availed the ICCR scholarship.

Indian Community in Indonesia

There are around 120,000 Indonesians of Indian origin in Indonesia mostly concentrated in Greater Jakarta, Medan, Surabaya and Bandung. They are mainly engaged in trade dealing in textiles and sports goods. There are more than 8500 Indian nationals living in Indonesia including engineers, consultants, chartered accountants, bankers and other professionals. The Indian community is very well regarded in Indonesia, is generally prosperous and includes individuals holding senior positions in local and multinational companies. Embassy also organizes Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas to engage with the Indian Diaspora in Indonesia.
