

**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**Policy Planning and Research Division**

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**Overview of Major Achievements during the month of June 2021**

**I. Diplomatic Engagements and other Interactions:**

1. During the month, Ministry continued to add momentum to its various diplomatic activities. The Prime Minister (PM) participated virtually in the Outreach Sessions of the G7 Summit on June 12 and 13. PM also addressed the UN High-Level Dialogue on Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought on June 14 2021.
2. PM delivered keynote address at the 5th edition of VivaTech on June 16 and the inaugural address at the opening ceremony of the Japanese Zen Garden and Kaizen Academy on June 27 2021.
3. Pm had a telephone conversation with the US Vice-President, Kamala Harris On June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021. They discussed on issues of mutual interest.
4. EAM visited Kuwait, Kenya, Qatar, Greece and Italy during the month. In Kuwait from 9-11 June 2021, EAM called on the Kuwaiti Prime Minister; met the Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs; and addressed the Indian community. EAM also chaired a Regional HoMs Conference in which Ambassadors in Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain participated.
5. EAM visited Kenya from 12-14 June 2021. He called on the Kenyan President; co-chaired the 3<sup>rd</sup> India-Kenya Joint Commission; met other Ministers of the Kenyan Government; and inaugurated the renovated Mahatma Gandhi Library at the University of Nairobi.
6. EAM met the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defence of Qatar in Doha on June 15. Both sides exchanged perspectives on matters pertaining to bilateral relationship.
7. During his visit to Greece on 25-27 June 2021, EAM called on the Greek Prime Minister and held bilateral talks with his counterpart. He unveiled a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Athens on June 26 2021.
8. EAM participated in the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Italy on June 29 2021. He addressed the G20 sessions on Multilateralism and Governance, Africa, Food Security and Humanitarian Logistics. On the sidelines of the G20 meeting, EAM held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from South Africa, Indonesia, UK, Italy, Mexico, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Canada, USA, Singapore, France, Spain, Algeria and Argentina. He also met with the EU High Representative; OECD Secretary-General; EU Commissioner for International Partnerships; Executive Director, UN World Food Programme; and President, International

Fund for Agricultural Development.

9. EAM held a virtual discussion with the Foreign Minister of Norway on June 21. He had telephonic calls with his counterparts from Sri Lanka, Denmark, Lithuania, and Federal Councilor of Switzerland during the month.

10. EAM delivered welcome remarks at the BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting on June 1. On June 22, EAM addressed the UNSC Debate on United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. On June 24, EAM delivered the keynote address on the occasion of Passport Seva Divas. Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs, Shri V. Muraleedharan joined EAM in speaking on this occasion.

11. MoS for External Affairs, Shri V. Muraleedharan had virtual interactions with the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia on June 10; Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Singapore and Minister for International Affairs and Cooperation of Botswana on June 17; Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Trade of Zimbabwe and Vice President & Minister of State of Palau on June 28.

12. MoS (VM) delivered a Statement at the 20th Session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on June 1. On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, he addressed a special event to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of German-Indian Parliamentary Friendship Group. MoS (VM) and New Zealand Foreign Minister virtually addressed the Inaugural Ministerial Session of India-New Zealand Business Summit on June 23 2021.

13. MoS (VM) virtually interacted with Indian community in Nigeria, Benin and Chad on June 4 and Ghana on June 9. He reassured them of the Government's commitment to their welfare and well-being.

14. On June 10, Foreign Secretary joined Secretary, Department of Post and the German Ambassador in New Delhi to release a commemorative Postage Stamp to mark 70 years of India-German diplomatic ties. Foreign Secretary delivered remarks at the WHO's "South-East Asia Regional Health Partners' Forum on COVID-19" on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He spoke at the thematic discussion on 'Growing Role of Asia in International Affairs and Related Adaptation of Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia' at an event organised by Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) on June 23; addressed the UNSC High-level Open Debates on 'Children and Armed Conflict' and on 'Maintenance of International Peace and Security: Cyber Security' on June 28 and 29 respectively.

15. On June 18, Foreign Secretary gave a talk at the Public Affairs Forum of India on the topic 'India's Foreign Policy in the Post-Covid World: New Vulnerabilities, New Opportunities'. On June 30, Foreign Secretary spoke at the Vivekananda International Foundation about the five pillars of Indian diplomacy in a talk on 'Global Rebalancing and India's Foreign Policy'.

16. On June 16, Secretary (West) held virtual Foreign Office Consultations with the Kyrgyz Republic. On June 24, he spoke at the UNSC meeting on Middle East, including the

Palestinian question.

17. Secretary (East) addressed the inaugural session of the India-Japan-Italy trilateral webinar on 'New Geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific' on June 17. She took part in the East Asia Summit Senior Officials Meeting on June 24; held Foreign Office Consultations with Indonesia on June 25; and attended the annual ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) SOM on June 29.
18. On June 8, Secretary (ER) addressed the First Indo-German SME/Mittelstand Business Summit virtually; chaired the 2nd virtual meeting of IBSA Sherpas & Sous-Sherpas on June 14; and led the Indian delegation at the third India-Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks, held virtually, on June 28.
19. On June 20, a section of India-funded flagship project, Metro Express was inaugurated by Mauritius PM Pravind Kumar Jugnauth.
20. India and Fiji signed an MoU for cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors on June 22. India and Bhutan signed an MoU for developing cooperation in the areas of Environment on June 18 2021.
21. The first edition of the Arab-India Energy Forum (AIEF) was held in a virtual format on June 8-9 under the co-chairship of India and Morocco.
22. The Seventh International Day of Yoga was celebrated with great vigour and enthusiasm by Missions and Posts across the world.