

Ministry of External Affairs
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Overview of Major Achievements during the month of May 2021

I. Diplomatic Engagements and other Interactions:

1. Prime Minister and his British counterpart, Boris Johnson held a Virtual Summit on 4 May 2021. A comprehensive Roadmap 2030 was launched during the Summit. The Roadmap will pave the way for further expanding the bilateral relationship over the next decade across five key areas, namely people-to-people relationship, trade and prosperity, defence and security, climate action and healthcare.
2. Prime Minister participated in the India-EU Leaders' Meeting on May 8 2021. This is the first time that the EU hosted a meeting with India in the EU+27 format. India and the EU launched an ambitious and comprehensive 'Connectivity Partnership' which is focused on enhancing digital, energy, transport, and people-to-people connectivity.
3. Prime Minister held telephonic conversations with the President of the EU Commission, Ursula von der Leyen on May 3; the Australian Prime Minister on May 7; Bhutanese Prime Minister on May 11; and the French President on May 26.
4. On May 26, Prime Minister delivered a keynote address at the Virtual Vesak Global Celebrations on Buddha Purnima. Prime Ministers of Nepal and Sri Lanka and Secretary General of International Buddhist Confederation participated in the event.
5. External Affairs Minister visited London from May 3-6, 2021. He participated in the G7 Foreign Ministers Meeting, at which India has been invited as a guest country. He thereafter undertook a bilateral visit to the UK.
6. EAM visited the United States from 24-28 May. He met UN Secretary General on May 25 in New York. In Washington DC, he met Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, National Security Advisor, Director of National Intelligence and US Trade Representative amongst others. He also interacted with members of U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum, US-India Business Council and US Global Task Force of Pandemic Relief.

7. Earlier on May 13, EAM virtually interacted with the US Global Task Force on Pandemic Relief and held discussions on India's priorities and the importance of effective supply chains.
8. EAM delivered the keynote address at Policy Ex-change, London on 'India & U.K. in the post-Covid World' on May 6, 2021. On May 19, he addressed the UNSC Open Debate on 'Peace and Security in Africa: Addressing Root Causes of Conflict while Promoting Post-pandemic Recovery in Africa'. He also gave an address at the 26th 'Future of Asia' Conference organised by Nikkei on May 20, 2021.
9. EAM had a virtual call with his Estonian counterpart on May 21. He also spoke to the Foreign Minister of Finland on the same day.
10. During May, EAM had telephonic conversations with his counterparts from Spain, Czech Republic, Norway, Thailand, Singapore, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait.
11. Minister of State (MoS) had a telephonic conversation with Malawi Foreign Minister on May 7, 2021. On May 18, MoS spoke at the Summit on Financing African Economies hosted by the French President. He reiterated India's commitment to build a more resilient and stronger Africa.
12. On May 10, Foreign Secretary welcomed the new US Charge d'Affaires Ambassador Daniel B. Smith and conveyed appreciation for USA's solidarity & assistance in dealing with the current COVID pandemic situation. They agreed to work together in enhancing vaccines and essential pharma cooperation, including raw materials supply.
13. Foreign Secretary spoke at the National Defence College on 'India's Foreign Policy Options in the Emerging World Order' on May 15, 2021.