

**Ministry of External Affairs**  
**Policy Planning and Research Division**  
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**Overview of Major Achievements during the Month of June 2024.**

**High-Level Diplomatic Engagements/Interactions:**

1. The Hon'ble President held talks with Vice President of Seychelles Ahmed Afif, and Prime Minister of Mauritius Pravind Kumar Jugnauth and discussed bilateral relations.
2. The Prime Minister participated in the outreach session of the 50<sup>th</sup> G7 Summit on 14 June in Apulia, under the Presidency of Italy. This session focused on AI, Energy, Africa and the Mediterranean. On the sidelines of the G7 Summit, the Prime Minister met President of USA Joseph R. Biden, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, and other leaders of the G7.
3. Vice President of Seychelles Ahmed Afif, Prime Minister of Mauritius Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, President of Maldives Mohamed Muizzu, Prime Minister of Bhutan Dasho Tshering Tobgay, President of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremesinghe, the then Prime Minister of Nepal Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', and Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina attended the swearing-in ceremony of the Prime Minister.
4. US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan called on the Prime Minister on 17 June, in New Delhi, and discussed bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest.
5. A bipartisan US Congressional delegation led by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman, Rep. Michael McCaul which visited India from 16-20 June, called on the Prime Minister.
6. The Prime Minister held telephone conversations with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese; Indonesian President-elect Prabowo Subianto; US President Joseph Biden; President of Russia Vladimir Putin; Prime Minister of Thailand Srettha Thavisin; Sultan of Oman HH Sultan Haitham bin Tarik; Amir of Qatar HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

**EAM's engagements:**

7. EAM's engagements in India: EAM held talks with Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Bhutan; US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan; a bipartisan US Congressional delegation led by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Rep. Michael McCaul. He also called on Vice President of Seychelle and Prime Minister of Mauritius.
8. EAM's engagements during visits: EAM visited Sri Lanka and called on the President, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister; visited UAE and met Foreign Minister HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan on 23 June; visited Qatar and met Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani on 30 June.
9. EAM held a telephonic conversation with Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong; Oman's Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr Albusaidi.

**Other engagements:**

10. India-France-Australia Trilateral Focal Points meeting was held virtually on 19 June. The three sides reviewed the progress made under the three pillars of trilateral cooperation- maritime safety and security, marine and environmental cooperation, and multilateral engagement.
11. On 11 June, the Venezuelan delegation led by Foreign Minister Yvan Gil Pinto met the Indian delegation led by Secretary (ER) on the sidelines of the BRICS Ministerial Dialogue with Developing Countries. Issues of bilateral cooperation, especially trade, energy and multilateral cooperation were discussed.
12. US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan paid a two-day visit to India from 17-18 June at the invitation of his Indian counterpart. He was accompanied by a delegation of senior US officials and industry leaders including the US Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell, Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), senior representatives from the US National Security Council, Department of Energy, NASA, NSF, and USAID. The two NSAs chaired a First India-US Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (ICET) Annual Review Meeting. Both sides discussed the way forward for mutual collaboration and to address outstanding issues. A Strategic Framework for Human Spaceflight Cooperation to deepen interoperability in space was also concluded. A Joint Factsheet was issued after the meeting.

- 13.** The bipartisan US Congressional delegation led by House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman, Rep. Michael McCaul met Foreign Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser on 18 June. The delegation visited Dharamsala from 18-19 June and also met HH the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama.
- 14.** The first Command and Control Compatibility Board (CCCB) meeting for 2024 between India and US was held from 04-07 June, in New Delhi. A 29-member United States delegation led by Paul Nicholson, Executive Director, US INDOPACOM and a 38-member Indian delegation participated in the event.
- 15.** The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of India-Japan Industrial Competitiveness Partnership (IJICP) was held on 28 June, at New Delhi. It was co-chaired by Secretary (DPIIT) from the Indian side and Mr. Shin Hosaka, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry from the Japanese side.
- 16.** Secretary (East) represented India at the East Asia Summit Senior Officials' Meeting (EAS SOM) and the ASEAN Regional Forum Senior Officials' Meeting (ARF SOM) on 7-8 June 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. During the visit, he held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Lao PDR, Japan, Cambodia, Vietnam, Australia, Philippines and the European Union.
- 17.** Secretary (ER) represented EAM in the 19<sup>th</sup> Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Ministerial Meeting held in Tehran, Iran on June 24. On the sidelines of the event, he held bilateral meeting with Dr. Mehdi Safari, Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Diplomacy and discussed bilateral and regional issues. He also met with his counterparts from Uzbekistan, Bangladesh, Oman and Russia and held discussions on bilateral issues and other areas of mutual interest.
- 18.** Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs, represented India at the "Summit on Peace in Ukraine", hosted by Switzerland at Burgenstock on 15-16 June.
- 19.** Secretary (CPV & OIA) visited Jordan to attend the "Call for Action: Urgent Humanitarian Response to Gaza" Conference on June 11, which was co-organized by Jordan, Egypt & UN.
- 20.** Secretary (Department of Commerce) visited Singapore from 4-6 June, to attend the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) meeting and Global Investors Forum.

- 21.** An inter-ministerial delegation led by Additional Secretary (MOEFCC) participated in the 2024 Bonn Climate Change negotiations (60<sup>th</sup> session of subsidiary bodies of UNFCCC) from 3-13 June at Bonn, Germany.
- 22.** India participated in the Quad Maritime Security Working Group (QMSWG) meeting held at Sydney from 6-7 June. The Group discussed continued cooperation to address maritime challenges and identified opportunities to deepen engagement as well as support regional partners for security and prosperity of the Region.
- 23.** On 26 June, Paraguay officially became the 100<sup>th</sup> member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). Ambassador of Paraguay to India Mr. Fleming Raul Duarte, handed over the Instrument of Ratification during a meeting with JS (ED & MER) and Head of Depository, in New Delhi.
- 24.** In June, the Indian Embassy in coordination with the Lao authorities coordinated rescue and repatriation of 27 Indian nationals trapped in Laos. So far, the Embassy has rescued 490 (as on 30 June) Indian nationals from different parts of Laos.
- 25.** The 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC)+ India Consultation was held on 27 and 28 June in Vientiane, Lao PDR. Ambassador of India to the ASEAN led the Indian delegation along with the representative from other ministries/departments concerned. OSD (CT) represented CT Division, MEA. The meeting included exchange of views on drug trafficking, human trafficking and poppy cultivation and many other subjects.
- 26.** In a major policy change, Malaysian Nationals visiting India will be granted 30 days e-tourist visa with double entry on gratis basis (no visa fees) with effect from 1 July 2024 till 30 June 2025 or till further orders. This is a reciprocal visa liberalization.
- 27.** A delegation from the Election Commission of India led by Chief Election Commissioner of India visited Mongolia at the invitation of the General Election Commission of Mongolia as International Observer for the Parliamentary Elections of Mongolia (28 June) from 25-29 June.
- 28.** FATF Plenary took place in Singapore from 26-28 June. Delegates from the FATF's Global Network of over 200 jurisdictions and observers from international organizations participated in three days of discussions on key money laundering, terrorism financing and proliferation of financing issues in Singapore. A 25-member

delegation from India, comprising senior officials from various concerned Ministries and Departments, visited Singapore to participate in the Plenary.

29. A Workshop titled 'Strengthening Capacity of Power Sector Practitioners in the Indo-Pacific Region: Technical Workshop under the Quad Infrastructure Coordination Group' was held in New Delhi from June 4-7. The Workshop was organized by Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) in partnership with the Ministry, under the Quad Infrastructure Working Group.
30. The third meeting of the Quad Policy Planners' Working Group was held in New Delhi on 24 June. The Meeting discussed key priorities of the Indo-Pacific region and ideas for the future of the Quad.
31. A Coordination Meeting on OECD Development Centre with relevant stakeholders was held under the Chairship of OSD (ER & DPA) on 20 June in New Delhi. Senior Advisor of NITI Aayog, DDG (MoSPI), and DS (DEA) participated in this meeting.
32. India- Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Cruise Tourism Conference was organized on 13 and 14 June, in New Delhi. The Member states and Dialogue Partners of IORA participated in the Conference.
33. Marshall Islands India provided USD 200,000 for the 10th Micronesian Games and 15th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women being hosted by the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
34. **Meetings related to BRICS:**
  - a. BRICS Contact Group on Economic & Trade Issues (CGETI) Meeting was held from 11-13 June.
  - b. An online BRICS PartNIR Meeting was held on 13 June.
  - c. The 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BRICS Working Group on Ocean and Polar Science and Technology was held on 13-15 June in Murmansk, Russia.
  - d. The BRICS Education Senior Officials' and the 11<sup>th</sup> BRICS Education Ministers' Meetings were held on 10-11 June in Kazan.
  - e. The BRICS Agriculture Working Group Meeting was held on 11 June in a virtual format.

- f. The Standalone meeting of the BRICS Foreign Ministers/International relations was hosted by Russia on 10-11 June in Nizhny Novgorod.
- g. The Meeting of BRICS Nuclear Medicine Working Group & High-Level International Forum was held on 20-21 June in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- h. Additionally, BRICS Tourism Forum and BRICS Tourism Ministers' Meeting; BRICS Urbanization Forum; BRICS Sports Ministers' Meeting; BRICS Working Group on Biotechnology and Biomedicine; BRICS Environment Working Group; BRICS STI Working Group Meeting; Special Session on Forestry Session; and Contact Group on Climate Change and Sustainable Development Expert Meeting were held in the month of June.

**35. Meetings related to ACD:**

- a. ACD Senior Officials' Meeting; ACD Senior Officials' Meeting; 19<sup>th</sup> ACD Ministerial Meeting; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Working Group on ACD Connectivity were held in June.

**36. ICCR undertook the following activities:**

- a. Organized 10<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga 2024 for resident Foreign Head of Missions at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan on 21<sup>st</sup> June. The event was attended by EAM, members of the diplomatic corps and various other senior officials.
- b. Organized a two-day International Yoga Conference titled "Yoga for Self and Society" in collaboration with S-VYASA and University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa at Senate Chambers, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban on 27 and 28 June.

- 37.** OSD (States) attended Regional Passport Officers' Conference from 22-24 June in New Delhi.

**The States Division facilitated:**

- a. The visit of Ambassador of Uzbekistan to India Sardor Rustambaev, to Lucknow from 14-16 June.
- b. The meeting of Australian Consul General in Kolkata Hugh Boylan with various dignitaries of Assam during his visit from 10-11 June.
- c. The visit of Ambassador of France to India Theirry Mathou, to Varanasi from 13-15 June.

- d. The meeting of Australian Consul General in Bengaluru Mc Geachy, with dignitaries in Karnataka from 13-14 June.
- e. The visit of Deputy Consul General of Chinese Consulate Mumbai to Bengaluru from 19-21 June.

**38. SSIFS activities:**

- a. The Mid-Career Training Programme (MCTP) – II for 30 Director-level IFS officers is being conducted from 24 June – 19 July. The foreign policy module of the MCTP-II was held at SSIFS from 24 – 28 June. This is followed by Management module at IIM, Ahmedabad; Cyber Security module at NFSU, Gandhinagar; state attachment at their respective states and Diplomacy module at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at Singapore.
- b. The 1st Special Course for diplomats from Madagascar and 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Course for diplomats from Gambia was conducted from 12-21 June.

**Foreign Office/Ministry Consultations**

- 39. On 25 June, the 3<sup>rd</sup> FOC of India-Benin was held in Cotonou, Benin. Indian delegation was led by Additional Secretary (C&WA) and Beninese side was led by Secretary General of MoFAC Frank Afokou.
- 40. On 27 June, the 1<sup>st</sup> FOC of India and Togo was held in Lome, Togo. Indian delegation was led by Additional Secretary (C&WA) and the Togolese side was led by Secretary General of MoFA Afo Salifou.
- 41. On 28 June, India-France UN FOCs were held. Discussions focused on a wide range of subjects to improve cooperation between India and France in various multilateral fora.

**Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)/ Agreements:**

- 42. On 4 June, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) International Payments Ltd (NIPL) and Peruvian Central Reserve Bank (BCRP) signed a contract for implementing a UPI-like model of payment system. Peru is the first Latin American country to sign the deal with NIPL.
- 43. India and Malta signed an agreement in Valletta, Malta on gainful employment of dependent members of the Diplomatic Mission/Consular Post on 24 June.

- 44.** A signing ceremony for extension of MoU between DARPG, India and Public Service Commission, Office of President of The Gambia on 'Refurbishing personnel Administration and Governance Reforms' for a period of five years, was held on 18 June.

**Humanitarian Aid/Assistance**

**45. Papua New Guinea:**

- a. India sent humanitarian aid/assistance worth USD 1 million for victims of landslides in Enga Province.

**46. Cuba:**

A shipment of 90 tonnes of nine 'Made in India' Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) were dispatched from Mundra port, as part of India's EUR 10 million humanitarian assistance to Cuba. These APIs will be used by the Cuban Drug Manufacturers to produce essential antibiotics in the form of tablets, capsules, syrups, and injections, needed for treatment of chronic communicable diseases.

- 47.** A major fire incident in a residential building in Kuwait led to the loss of lives of 45 Indian nationals. IAF C130 was sent to bring back the mortal remains of the deceased nationals. The plane first landed in Kochi where 31 mortal remains of those belonging to Kerala and adjoining states were handed over before proceeding to Delhi for the remaining 14 belonging to other states.

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