

Ministry of External Affairs
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Overview of Major Achievements during the month of June 2022

I. Diplomatic Engagements and other Interactions:

1. The operational tempo of our diplomatic engagements continued to witness acceleration in June. Like last month, significant outgoing and incoming visits have taken place, with the objective of boosting our bilateral and multilateral cooperation. Besides this, plurilateral organisations such as BRICS and ASEAN held their summit level meetings in June.
2. June 6 marked the 25th anniversary of BIMSTEC. The historic occasion reinforced our commitment to harness the great potential of the Bay of Bengal region.
3. During the month, Vice President held productive discussions with the outgoing Ambassador of Oman to India; the Member of the Communist Party of Vietnam and Party Secretary of Ho Chi Minh City; and the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh in New Delhi.
4. Prime Minister visited Germany for the G7 Summit, under the German Presidency on June 26-27. During the visit, PM addressed the G7 sessions on 'Stronger Together: Addressing Food Security and Advancing Gender Equality' and 'Investing in a better Future: Climate, Energy, Health'. On the sidelines of the Summit, PM held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Argentina, South Africa, Germany, Indonesia, Canada, Senegal, Japan, UK, Italy, US and France. PM also held discussions with the President of European Commission, the Director-General of WHO and Director-General of WTO. PM interacted with the Indian community in Munich, Germany.
5. After attending the G7 Summit, PM travelled to UAE on June 28 to pay his personal condolences on the passing away of H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the former UAE President and Abu Dhabi Ruler. During the visit, PM congratulated H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on his election as the new President of UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi.
6. PM virtually led India's participation at the 14th BRICS Summit, convened under the Chairship of Chinese President on June 23-24. The Presidents of Brazil, Russia and South Africa participated in the Summit. During the Summit, PM called for strengthening of the

BRICS Identity and proposed establishment of Online Database for BRICS documents, BRICS Railways Research Network, and strengthening cooperation between MSMEs. The Leaders' adopted the 'Beijing Declaration' at the conclusion of the Summit. The High-level Dialogue on Global Development, non-BRICS engagement segment of the Summit, was held on June 24. Earlier, PM delivered the keynote speech at the Opening Ceremony of BRICS Business Forum on June 22 2022.

7. The Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister of Israel paid an official visit to India. He called on Prime Minister on June 2. The leaders reviewed the rapid growth in defence cooperation between India and Israel over the past few years. The Iranian Foreign Minister also called on the Prime Minister in New Delhi on June 8 and met NSA.

8. India hosted ASEAN Foreign Ministers and the Secretary General for a Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting (SAIFMM) in New Delhi on June 16-17. This was to commemorate 30 years of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations and the 10th anniversary of our Strategic Partnership with ASEAN. The SAIFMM was co-chaired by EAM and the Foreign Minister of Singapore. On the sidelines of the SAIFMM, EAM had a series of bilateral engagements with his counterparts from Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

9. EAM, along with The ASEAN Foreign Ministers, ASEAN Secretary General and Representatives of Foreign Ministers addressed the Ministerial Session of 12th edition of Delhi Dialogue. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers' and ASEAN Secretary General called on Prime Minister on June 16 2022.

10. Significant diplomatic engagements during the month included those of EAM's outgoing visits to Slovakia to participate in the GLOBSEC 2022 Forum; Czech Republic and Ethiopia for bilateral level engagements and Rwanda to attend the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). The visit to Slovakia was the first ever visit at the level of EAM, since its creation in 1993. In Slovakia, EAM called on the Prime Minister of Slovakia; held delegation level talks with the Slovak Foreign Minister; called on the President of Montenegro; and met the Foreign Minister of Austria. During his visit to Czech Republic, EAM met his Czech counterpart; and interacted with Czech Members of the European Parliament. EAM represented the Prime Minister at the Commonwealth Summit held in Rwanda. During the visit to Rwanda, EAM also held several bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Commonwealth member states and other visiting dignitaries.

11. Earlier, on his way to Rwanda, EAM made a brief stopover in Ethiopia, where he held important bilateral meetings. EAM inaugurated the new Indian Embassy Chancery building in Addis Ababa on the same day.

12. EAM co-chaired the 7th India-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting with the Foreign Minister of Indonesia on June 17; and the 7th round of the India-Bangladesh Joint Consultative Commission with the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh on June 19 in New Delhi.

13. During the month, EAM met the Foreign Minister of Lesotho in New Delhi on June 1; held discussions with the Iranian Foreign Minister in New Delhi on June 8; interacted with The Foreign Minister of Spain in New Delhi on June 15; met the Party Secretary of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on June 20 and the Deputy PM & Defence Minister of Australia in New Delhi on June 21 2022.

14. EAM addressed the diplomatic corps in New Delhi on the transformation in our external engagements in the last 8 years on June 7; gave remarks on Eight Years of National Security at NIAS, followed by his visit to Regional Passport Office and Office of Protector of Emigrants in Bengaluru on June 10; and chaired a Parliamentary Consultative Committee meeting on the situation in Sri Lanka on June 18. EAM held telephonic calls with his counterparts from Canada and France during the month.

15. This month marks 50 years of India-Vietnam Diplomatic Relations. Marking the occasion, EAM and the Foreign Minister of Vietnam launched a joint logo for the same on June 18. In June, we also celebrated 70th Anniversary of diplomatic relations with Cambodia. A Logo to mark this occasion was unveiled by DPM of Cambodia and MoS (RRS).

16. During the month, Minister of State, Shri V. Muraleedharan [MoS (VM)] paid official visits to Zimbabwe and Malawi; and visited the Regional Passport Office in Madurai.

17. Minister of State, Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi [MoS (ML)] paid her first ever official visit to the Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan; met the Kyrgyz Ambassador and the Deputy Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan; and inaugurated the bust of Kazakh poet and philosopher, Abay along with Deputy PM-Minister of Trade and Integration of Kazakhstan at St. Martin Park, New Delhi.

18. Minister of State, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh [MoS (RRS)] visited Cambodia and Lao-PDR; visited Manila to attend the inauguration of Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. as the 17th president of the Philippines; delivered address at the valedictory session of the training programme on Investment Treaty Arbitration, jointly hosted by the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague and MEA; and gave valedictory remarks to 12th Delhi Dialogue on June 17 2022.

19. Foreign Secretary called on the President and Prime Minister of Sri Lanka along with Secretary, Ministry of Finance and CEA on June 23. He reiterated Sri Lanka's centrality to India's Neighbourhood First Policy. Thereafter, Foreign Secretary met his Sri Lankan counterpart and they agreed to work in close coordination towards strengthening all round bilateral engagement.

20. Earlier, on June 17, Foreign Secretary had a productive phone call with Canada's Deputy Foreign Minister about bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest and regional developments.

21. Secretary (East) called on the Foreign Minister of Dominican Republic; led the 6th India-Mexico Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) in Mexico City, 2nd round of FOC between India and Cuba in Havana and 4th FOC between India and New Zealand in New Delhi; co-chairing the 24th ASEAN-India Senior Officials Meeting with SOM leader of Singapore in New Delhi; participated in the virtual ASEAN Regional Forum Senior Officials' Meeting; attended the East Asia Summit Senior Officials' Meeting; and interacted with a group of ASEAN journalists who were on a week long familiarisation visit to India, as part of media exchange to commemorate ASEAN India Friendship Year. Secretary (West) co-chaired the 11th round of India-Türkiye FOC in Ankara.

22. On June 13, the training programme on Investment Treaty Arbitration, organised by MEA in collaboration with Permanent Court of Arbitration, Hague was inaugurated by Dr. Justice DY Chandrachud, Judge, Supreme Court of India in the presence of Secretary (ER).

23. In the wake of tragic earthquake that struck Afghanistan on June 22, India, as a true first responder, delivered earthquake relief assistance for the people of Afghanistan. On June 30, India supplied the seventh batch of medical assistance consisting of 6 tons of essential medicines to Afghanistan, as part of India's ongoing humanitarian assistance. The same was handed over to the Indira Gandhi Hospital, Kabul.

24. India handed over the India-Tajik Friendship Hospital to Tajik authorities on June 11; and handed over the consignment containing 50,000 doses of Covishield vaccines to Soloman Islands on June 22.

25. Norway signed the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement on June 3, 2022.

26. In an effort to deepen democratic bonds, India participated in the recently constituted Brazil and India Parliamentary group in Senado Federal, Brazil in June.

27. On June 13, Holy Buddha relics arrived Mongolia by special IAF C17 Aircraft. Dignitaries from both sides joined the ceremonial welcome.

28. 26 Indian companies under PHARMEXCIL participated in the first Africa Health ExCon 2022 in Cairo from June 5-7. President of Egypt visited the Indian Pavilion and appreciated the contribution of Indian Pharma companies in Egypt's the Pharmaceutical sector.

29. India has been chosen as the country of the year at France's VivaTech 2022, the biggest startup & tech event in Europe. This comes after PM's participation in event in 2021. This is a testimony of India's constructive role in accelerating digital transformation.

30. On June 18, Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), NCERT wins the 2021 UNESCO King Hamad Bin ISA Al-Khalifa Prize.

31. We observed Passport Seva Divas on June 24. EAM delivered special message on this occasion.

32. A short-term credit agreement of Euro 100 million for procurement of rice from India to Cuba was signed & a postal stamp was released by the Government of Cuba to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's independence.

33. Specific Cooperation Agreement on Crop Monitoring, Drought Assessment & Capacity Building between ISRO & Mexican Space Agency was signed on June 30 2022.

34. The Fourth India-Japan Cyber Dialogue was hosted by India virtually on June 30 2022. Both sides reviewed the progress achieved in the areas of cybersecurity and Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) including 5G Technology.

35. The 8th International Yoga Day has been celebrated with vigour across our Missions and Posts. Several events and programs have been organized to commemorate this occasion. In New Delhi, EAM led the event at Puranaquila, which witnessed the participation of many dignitaries and government officials.