

Visit by Dignitaries

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I. President's Visits

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1	Djibouti Oct 03-04, 2017	One Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs) between India and Djibouti was signed during the visit of the President of India to Djibouti.	<p>The areas identified for cooperation during this visit comprise of economic, commercial, technical, educational & scientific, cultural fields. Other areas of cooperation agreed between India and Djibouti during this visit are International Terrorism; UNSC reforms; Regional peace and security; Climate change and Sustainable Development; Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and; Skill Development.</p> <p>The agreement signed during the visit was the MoU on Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs) between India and Djibouti. Vide signing of this agreement it was agreed to hold bilateral discussions regularly between the two sides in order to further diversify the agenda of cooperation. So far, no FOC has been held between India and Djibouti.</p>	<p>India has been making important contribution in capacity building in Djibouti by way of various scholarship programmes being offered to Djiboutians.</p> <p>Moreover, Djibouti has been recipient of grants and concessional loans from India for development projects of SME sector and infrastructure projects in Djibouti.</p>
2	Ethiopia Oct 04-06, 2017	<p>(i) Trade Agreement between the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Government of the Republic of India.</p> <p>(ii) Agreement between the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Government of the Republic of India on Cooperation and Media.</p>	Areas identified for cooperation include Economic, Commercial, Trade, Technical, Educational, Scientific, Cultural, Consular, Simplification of Visa Regime, ICT, Media, Climate Change and UN	<p>Announcement of LOC of USD 195.35 million for 400 KV Power Transmission Line to Industrial Power Project in Mekele.</p> <p>Announcement of Grant Assistance of (i) 1000 MT of rice (ii) USD 2 million worth of medicines (iii) 1 Lakh NCERT Textbooks of Maths and Science</p>

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1	China (BRICS) Sep 03-07, 2017	The outcomes of the Summit include the Xiamen Declaration. In addition BRICS Action Agenda on Economic and Trade Cooperation; BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-2020); Strategic Framework of BRICS Customs Cooperation; and MoU between BRICS Business Council and New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation were signed during the Summit.	In the Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Leaders condemned terrorism in all its forms and deplored terrorist attacks against BRICS countries. Leaders' Declaration lists Taliban, Al-Qaida, Haqqani Network, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammad, TTP as groups perpetrating terrorism. Leaders called for dismantling terrorist bases, and to prevent movement of terrorists, countering radicalization, recruitment, blocking terrorist finance, money-laundering, supply of weapons, drugs and countering misuse of internet. The Declaration also includes, references to predictability in accessing technology and finance for expansion of civil- nuclear energy capacity and establishment of BRICS Long-term mechanism for Traditional Medicine. Other elements in the Xiamen Declaration include (i) Trade & Investment - Investment facilitation, trade in services, e-commerce, IPR, BRICS E-Port Network; (ii) Financial Cooperation – Public Private Partnership, Accounting Standards, Local Currency Bond Fund, Financial Market Integration, currency swap, local currency direct settlement; (iii) Interbank Local Currency Credit Line and cooperation on credit-rating; (iv) Terror Finance, Proliferation and money laundering (FATF); (v) Joint research in ICT (internet, data analytics, nano-technology); (vi) Energy cooperation; (vii) IMF reform, World Bank Group Shareholding Review; (viii) Tax cooperation, BEPS; (ix) UN Peace and Security, Comprehensive Reforms of the United Nations, including the Security Council; etc.	BRICS is a multilateral Grouping.
2	Myanmar Sep 03-07, 2017	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Memorandum of Understanding on Maritime Security Cooperation Between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar 2. Cultural Exchange Programme between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for the year 2017-2020. 3. Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Republic of India on Enhancing the Cooperation of the Upgradation of the Women's Police Training Centre at Yamethin, Myanmar. 4. Memorandum of Understanding for Sharing White Shipping Information between the Indian Navy and Myanmar Navy 5. Technical Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government Of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for providing Coastal Surveillance System 6. Memorandum of Understanding between the Central Drugs 	During the visit, India reiterated its commitment to assist Myanmar in its endeavour for socio-economic development. Both sides reviewed on-going cooperation projects being executed with technical and financial assistance from the Government of India, noting that these were directly associated with the benefit of the Myanmar people, and agreed that these should be expedited. PM reiterated India's abiding commitment to supporting Myanmar in its efforts to build infrastructure and develop human resources capacity.	Both sides have initiated steps to implement the MoUs/Agreements to further strengthen bilateral relations.

		<p>Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), Ministry Of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and Food and Drugs (FDA), Ministry of Health and Sports of Myanmar on Cooperation in Medical Products Regulation.</p> <p>7. Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health and Family welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health And Sports of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on cooperation in the field of Health and medicine</p> <p>8. Exchange of Letter for Extension of MoU on the establishment of MIIT</p> <p>9. Exchange of Letter for Extension of MoU on the establishment of India-Myanmar Center for Enhancement of IT-Skill</p> <p>10. Memorandum of Understanding in the field of elections between the Election Commission of India and The Union Election Commission of Myanmar.</p> <p>11.Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between Myanmar Press Council and the Press Council of India</p>		
3	Philippines Nov 12-14, 2017	-	Priority areas of cooperation that were discussed included Energy, Education, Finance, Global Health including Pandemics, Environment and Disaster Management and ASEAN Connectivity. Discussion were also held on Maritime Cooperation, disarmament and Non Proliferation and Sustainable Development. The regional and international issues that were discussed included South China Sea, Events in Korean Peninsula, Cyber issues, Regional Economic Integration and Women's Economic Empowerment.	It is a multi-lateral grouping.
	12 th East Asia Summit – 14 November 2017	-	Priority areas of Cooperation that were discussed included Enhancing Strategic Partnership between ASEAN and India, Maritime Cooperation, Cyber Security, Enhancing Trade & Economic Relations, ASEAN India Connectivity Cooperation, Implementation of the Plan of Action on ASEAN India Cooperation Food, Agriculture and Forestry, India's Support in Narrowing Developmental Gap among ASEAN Countries, Science & Technology Cooperation and People to People Connectivity. Celebrations of the 50 th Anniversary of ASEAN & the 25 th Anniversary of ASEAN India Dialogue Partnership, both of which are being celebrated in 2017, were also discussed.	It is a multi-lateral grouping.
	15 th ASEAN India Summit – 14 November 2017	1. MoU between the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), India, and the Foreign Service Institute of the Philippines (FSI), Manila	The MoU aims at enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between the ICWA and FSI through the promotion of friendly, cooperative and collaborative institutional relations.	Hon'ble Prime Minister attended ASEAN/EAS summits in Manila and on the sidelines of above Summits, he met President of the Philippines, H. E. Rodrigo Roa Duterte to invite him for the forthcoming India-ASEAN Commemorative Summit in New Delhi in January 2018 as well to discuss ways to enhance bilateral relations including cooperation
	Bilateral Visit	2. MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises between National Small Industries Corporation, Republic of India and Bureau of Small and Medium Enterprise Development, Republic of the Philippines	The MoU aims at developing and enhancing mutual cooperation to advance the development of MSMEs in both countries; capacity building; exchange business missions; sharing information on fairs/ exhibitions; and technology transfer.	
		3. MoU between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of India on Cooperation in Agriculture and Related Fields	The MoU aims at enhancing the existing friendly relations between India and the Philippines through development of cooperation in agriculture, livestock, dairy production, sericulture, fisher and post harvest technology; and mutual cooperation	

			in research and development in agriculture and related fields.	in various fields such as pharmaceuticals, terrorism, defence cooperation and education.
		4. MoU between India and Philippines on Defence Industry Logistics cooperation.	The MoU aims to provide a framework for enhancing and strengthening cooperation And coordination between Defence Ministries of India and the Philippine for attainment of mutual cooperation in the logistics support and services, and in the development, production and procurement of defence materials.	
		5. MoU made and entered into between Indian Council of Cultural Relations and University of the Philippines on Establishment of ICCR Chair of Indian Studies.	The MoU would depute a Professor from India for one semester every year to teach Filipino students in the Philippines University and give lectures on recent developments in India.	

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1	Colombo, Sri Lanka 31 August to 01 September, 2017	EAM visited Colombo to participate in the 2 nd Indian Ocean Conference. During the visit she also held bilateral discussions with the Sri Lankan leadership.	The discussion covered the entire gamut of bilateral relations, focusing in particular on bilateral economic projects.	Efforts are ongoing to further deepen the bilateral engagement by (a) regular high level exchanges (b) enhanced cooperation in Development Partnership (c) Negotiation of a comprehensive India – Sri Lanka Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement, where 6 rounds have already been held.
2	Vladivostok, Russia 4-7 September, 2017	–	EAM took part in the Eastern Economic Forum during September 6-7, 2017 in Vladivostok. She participated in the India-Russia Business Dialogue. She held bilateral meetings with FM Lavrov, DPM Yuri Trutnev, Minister of Natural Resources, Mr. Sergey Donskoi and met Governors and Ministers from Regions of the Russian Far East. The areas identified as priority sectors such as machine industry, oil and gas, fisheries, agriculture, metals and mining, diamonds, timber, transport and logistics and tourism are all of interest to India.	We are already working on initiatives such as the Green Corridor, the International North-South Transport Corridor and Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement. The Russian Government has eased visa policies for Indians in the Far East.
3	New York, USA 16-25 September, 2017	–	EAM delivered India's National Statement at the High Level Segment of 72 nd UNGA Session. She also held bilateral meetings with Afghanistan, Algeria, Arab League, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Brazil, Chile, China, Denmark, El Salvador, Germany, Indonesia, Iran, Jamaica, Japan,	–

			Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Nepal, Norway, Oman, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Tunisia, UAE, UK, UNSG and USA. EAM participated in the meetings of IBSA, India-CARICOM (Caribbean Community), India-CELAC Quartet (Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), India-USA-Japan Trilateral, G-4, BRICS, SAARC, SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization), UNSG's Meeting on Climate Change, Environment Pact, NAM on Palestine and CICA (Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia). EAM also attended meetings on UN Reforms, Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group and India-Iran-Oman Trilateral.	
4	Dhaka, Bangladesh 22-23 October, 2017	<p>1. Sale and Purchase Agreement between Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) and Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) for supply of Gasoil</p> <p>2. MoU between HMT and International Institute of Diploma Engineers of Bangladesh for establishment of vocational training institute</p> <p>3. A cheque of US\$ 12.4 lakh was handed over to Chairman, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) for the maintenance of inland river routes under the framework of Protocol on Inland Water Trade and Transit (PIWTT)</p>	<p>During the visit, EAM inaugurated 15 Projects aimed towards bringing about socio-economic development in Bangladesh that would be implemented under Government of India's financial and technical assistance.</p> <p>At the bilateral Joint Consultative Committee Meeting between India and Bangladesh, EAM had called Bangladesh as one of India's closest friend and committed Government of India's support and collaboration to Bangladesh on all issues of mutual concern including those relating to regional security, connectivity, infrastructural development and capacity building.</p>	Strengthening our bilateral relations with countries in our immediate neighbourhood is a constant endeavour of Government of India as part of its "Neighbourhood First" Policy. We undertake similar efforts with Bangladesh to take our bilateral relations to the next higher level.
5	Sochi, Russia(Shanghai Cooperation Organization)29 Nov. To 02 December, 2017	-	Areas of cooperation discussed included trade & investment, connectivity, energy, agriculture, legal services, capacity building, regional & International cooperation and terrorism.	SCO is a multilateral forum.
6	Tehran, Iran 2 December 2017	-	<p>Smt. Sushma Swaraj External Affairs Minister visited Iran on December 2, 2017 on her return journey from SCO Summit at Sochi and met Dr. Javad Zarif, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Islamic Republic of Iran.</p> <p>During the meeting both sides discussed various aspects of India-Iran relations and ways to strengthen it. Both sides positively reviewed the initiatives undertaken since the visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Iran in May 2016 including cooperation in Chabahar Port which was later inaugurated by Dr Hassan Rouhani, President of Iran on 3 December 2017.</p>	<p>Prime Minister visited Iran in May 2016. During the visit, both sides decided to give full play to the strategic location and unique role of Iran and India for promoting multi-modal connectivity within and across the region.</p> <p>India's participation in developing Chabahar Port, Agreement on Establishment of International Trilateral Transport and Transit Corridor, International North South Transport Corridor, Chabahar- Zahedan railway link, cooperation in Farzad B, enhancement of trade ties are steps being taken, inter alia, by the Government to take India-Iran bilateral relations to further heights.</p>