

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

Overview of Major Achievements during the Month of January 2024

High-Level Diplomatic Engagements/Interactions:

1. Hon'ble President met President of 78th Session of the UN General Assembly Dennis Francis during the latter's visit to India from 22-26 January.
2. Prime Minister held bilateral talks with President of UAE HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Prime Minister of Czech Republic Petr Fiala, President of Mozambique Nyusi on the sidelines of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024.
3. The Prime Minister inaugurated the new Boeing-India Engineering & Technology Centre (BIETC) campus in Bengaluru, Karnataka on 19 January. He also launched Boeing Sukanya Program with an aim to support the entry of more girls into the country's aviation sector.

EAM's engagements:

4. EAM's engagements in India: EAM addressed the 7th India-US Forum co-hosted by the Ministry and Ananta Aspen in New Delhi from 27-29 January; met Governor of Texas Greg Abbott who led a trade delegation to India; met the President of the 78th UN General Assembly Dennis Francis during his visit to India from 22-26 January.
5. EAM's engagements during visits: EAM co-chaired the 7th meeting of the India-Nepal Joint Commission during his official visit to Kathmandu on 04 and 05 January. Along with Nepal's foreign minister, he inaugurated three 132 kV cross-border transmission lines between India and Nepal. EAM met Foreign Minister of Uganda Odongo Jeje Abubakher, Minister of External Relations of Angola Tete Antonio, and Palestinian Foreign Minister Dr Riad al-Maliki on the sidelines of the 19th NAM Summit in Kampala, Uganda; called on President of Iran Dr Ebrahim Raisi and held meetings with Foreign Minister Dr Hossein Amir Abdollah; met foreign minister of Nigeria Tuggar and co-chaired the 6th session of India-Nigeria Joint Commission Meeting.
6. EAM held a telephonic conversation with Foreign Minister of Australia Penny Wong; with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken regarding the situation in

West Asia, Ukraine, the security challenges in the Red Sea, and issues related to bilateral cooperation.

MOS (VM)'s engagements:

7. MOS (VM) held talks with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Equatorial Guinea Simeon Oyono Esono Angue, on the sidelines of the 3rd South Summit in Kampala, Uganda, on 21 January.
8. MOS (VM) visited Jeddah and Madinah, Saudi Arabia (details in 'other engagements')
9. MOS (VM) held talks with Foreign Minister of Botswana Lemogang Kwapo on the sidelines of the 19th NAM Summit in Uganda.

MOS (ML)'s engagements:

10. Minister of Economic Affairs and Information Technology of Estonia Tiit Riisalo met MOS (ML) during his visit to India from 08-11 January.
11. Former Prime Minister of Moldova Natalia Gavrilita visited India from 23 January to 01 February under the Distinguished Visitors Programme of ICCR; and also met MOS (ML).
12. MOS (ML) participated the Vishwa Hindi Diwas organized by the Ministry on 24 January, in New Delhi.

Other engagements:

13. First Deputy Minister of Communication of Cuba Wilfredo Gonzalez visited India from 15-20 January. He met Secretary of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
14. Minister of Economic Affairs and Information Technology of Estonia Tiit Riisalo led a business delegation of Estonian ICT and energy sector to India from 08-11 January. He participated in Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, and held talks with the Chief Minister of Gujarat.
15. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation of Fiji Viliame Gavoka visited India from 15-21 January, and attended the WINGS INDIA 2024 event in Hyderabad upon the invitation extended by Minister of Civil Aviation.

- 16.** President of the Parliamentary Committee for Foreign Affairs of the Hungarian Parliament held talks with Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, during his visit to India from 08-12 January.
- 17.** Director General of Klaipeda State Seaport Authority of Lithuania visited Delhi and Mumbai from 28 to 31 January. He held meetings with the Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- 18.** Moroccan Minister of Industry and Trade Ryad Mezour participated in the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, Gandhinagar. He met Minister of Commerce and Industry and discussed bilateral trade and economic ties between the two countries.
- 19.** India and Pakistan exchanged the list of nuclear installations and facilities on 01 January. These are the installations covered under the Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations and Facilities between India and Pakistan. It is the 33rd consecutive exchange of such list, along with the list of civilian prisoners and fishermen in respective custodies.
- 20.** A delegation led by the Union Minister for WCD and Minority Affairs and MOS (VM) visited Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 07 and 08 January for the signing and exchange of the bilateral Haj Agreement 2024. They also visited Madinah and visited important sites, held bilateral meeting with Minister of Haj and Umrah Affairs of Saudi Arabia Dr Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah.
- 21.** The 2nd Technical Mission of Trinidad and Tobago, led by Minister of Digital Transformation Senator Hassel Bacchus visited India and met MOS (Electronics and IT) on 24 January.
- 22.** The 14th ministerial-level meeting of the India-US Trade Policy Forum was held in New Delhi on 12 January. It was co-chaired by the Minister of Commerce and Industry and the US Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai.
- 23.** Governor of Texas Greg Abbott led a trade delegation to India from 20-28 January and met Minister of Commerce and Industry, to discuss ways of strengthening Texas's economic partnership with India.
- 24.** Chief of Defence Staff held a virtual interaction with the Commander of the US Indo-Pacific Command Admiral John C Aquilino on 25 January.

25. The Indian Navy participated in the 4th edition of the Anti-Submarine Warfare exercise- Exercise Sea Dragon 24, organized by the US Navy from 08-24 January, in Guam.
26. A meeting of the Group of Legal Experts of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of the SCO (RATS SCO) was held from 16-19 January, in Beijing China. An officer from the CT Division participated in the meeting.
27. Maheshfaat irrigation Project, Galchhi Rural Municipality, built with India's financial assistance of INR 8.82 million under 'Nepal-India Development Cooperation' was inaugurated on 29 January.
28. Six countries from East and South Africa- Botswana, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda, participated in the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, Gandhinagar.
29. Ambassador of India to ASEAN led the Indian delegation to the 11th ASEAN India Tourism Ministers' Meeting held on 25 January, in Vientiane.
30. The 4th Annual Disarmament and International Security Affairs (D&ISA) Fellowship Programme was conducted at SSIFS from 22 January to 09 February. It was attended by 24 diplomats from 24 countries.
31. The States Division facilitated:
 - a. Meeting of Consulate General of Indonesia (in Mumbai) with Governor of Karnataka and Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
 - b. Visit of British High Commissioner to India to Gujarat for participation in the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit; and Kolkata Book Fair
 - c. Visit and meetings of Australian Consul-General (Kolkata) in Odisha from 16-20 January
 - d. Meetings of Australian Consul-General (Bengaluru) with officials from Bengaluru and Karnataka
 - e. Meeting between Austrian Federal Minister of Labour and Economy and Chief Minister of Karnataka

Foreign Office/Ministry Consultations

32. India-US East Asia Consultations were held between JS (EA), the US Assistant Secretary of State Donald Lu and the US Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Daniel Kritenbrink on 19 January, in Washington DC.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)/ Agreements:

33. A MoU was signed between Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of India and Ministry of Communication of Cuba on “ Cooperation in the field of sharing successful digital solutions implemented at population scale for digital transformation.”
34. MoUs between India and UAE on:
- a. Investment Cooperation in Innovative Healthcare Projects
 - b. Investment Cooperation in Renewable Energy Sector
 - c. Investment Cooperation in Food Park Development
 - d. MoU between DP World and the Government of Gujarat
35. A MoU between India and Uganda to establish an off-shore campus of the National Forensic Science University of India in Jinja, Uganda. The Agreement provided for financial support of INR 30,00,00,000, i.e., INR 10,00,00,000 for each year from FY 2023-24 to 2025-26.
36. Agreements between India and Nepal:
- a. Agreement for the implementation of High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs) in Nepal
 - b. Agreement for Long Term Power Trade
 - c. Launch Service Agreement for Munal Satellite developed by Nepal Academy of Science and Technology between NewSpace India Ltd and Nepal Academy of Science and Technology
 - d. MoU for Cooperation in Renewable Energy Development between NTPC Ltd and Nepal Electricity Authority.
37. A MoU between India and Bhutan for provision of concessional loan of INR 1500 crores to Bhutan for their Gyalsung National Service Program, on 20 January.

Humanitarian Aid/Assistance

38. Nepal

India supplied 5th tranche of disaster relief materials, following the earthquake that hit the country in November 2023. It comprised of 9.5 tonnes of relief materials including tents, blankets, and sleeping bags.
