

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

Overview of Major Achievements during the month of June 2023

High-Level Diplomatic Engagements/Interactions:

1. Hon'ble President was the Chief Guest of the celebrations commemorating the 150 years of the arrival of Indians in Suriname on June 5.
2. In Serbia, Hon'ble President held delegation-level talks with the Serbian President on June 8.
3. On June 19, Defence Minister of Vietnam called on the Hon'ble President.
4. On June 15, Vice President met the Vice Presidents of Zimbabwe and the Gambia and the Deputy Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in New Delhi.
5. Prime Minister of Nepal paid an official visit to India from May 31 to June 3. Prime Minister held bilateral talks with the Prime Minister of Nepal in New Delhi on June 1.
6. Prime Minister met the CEO of OpenAI on June 9, delivered remarks at the G20 Development Ministers' Meeting on June 12, met the US NSA on June 13, and addressed the G20 Education Ministers' Meeting on June 22.
7. Prime Minister undertook a State Visit to the USA in June. In Washington DC, PM held bilateral talks with his US counterpart on June 22. He also addressed the Joint Sitting of the US Congress on June 22.
8. Prime Minister made his maiden visit to Egypt from June 24-25.
9. Prime Minister held telephone calls with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince & PM on June 8; the President of South Africa on June 10; and the President of Russia on June 30.
10. Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines visited India from June 27-30. During the visit, he called on the Vice President on June 28. On June 29, EAM along with the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines participated in the 5th India-Philippines Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation in New Delhi.

EAM's engagements:

11. EAM paid official visits to South Africa and Namibia from June 1-6. In Cape Town, EAM participated in the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting and the Friends of BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting on June 1 and 2, respectively. On June 3, EAM called on the President of South Africa along with other BRICS ministers. On the sidelines of the BRICS Summit, EAM met with his counterparts from Brazil, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Russia. He interacted with the Indian community on June 4.
12. EAM thereafter visited Namibia from June 4-6, where he called on the President of Namibia and also interacted with the Indian community on June 5; co-chaired the inaugural Session of the Joint Commission Meeting with the Namibian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister on June 6.
13. EAM chaired the G20 Development Ministers' meeting in Varanasi on June 12. On the sidelines, EAM held meetings with MoS for UK's Development and Africa; France's MoS for Development, Francophonie and International Partnerships; Bangladesh's Foreign Minister; Singapore's Second Minister for Education & Foreign Affairs; EU Commissioner for International Partnerships; Secretary General of UNCTAD; Australia's Development Minister; and Germany's Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development.
14. EAM's other engagements included his meeting with US NSA in New Delhi on June 14; his address at the Special Plenary of the 18th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Growth Partnership on June 14; his address at the valedictory ceremony of the IFS Officer Trainees of 2022 batch on June 14; his participation in interaction with Heads of Missions in New Delhi along with CIM on June 19; meeting with former New Zealand Prime Minister on June 19; address on "9 Years of Modi Government: A Foreign Policy Overview" at the India International Centre on June 28; and meeting with the Governor of the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka on June 29.

MOS(VM)'s engagements:

15. MoS (VM) paid official visits to Malaysia and Maldives from June 1-4. In Malaysia, MoS (VM) held bilateral meetings with the Deputy

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia and other officials. During the visit, MoS (VM) jointly inaugurated the first-ever PIO Malaysia Event organized by GOPIO Malaysia with the Malaysian Minister of Human Resources on June 2. MoS (VM) also met the ASEAN-India Business Council (AIBC)- Malaysia Chapter on June 1 and delivered a keynote address at the International Conference on Indo-Pacific on June 2. In Maldives, MoS (VM) called on the President of Maldives and met the Foreign Minister on June 4. He also participated in the groundbreaking ceremony of the Gan International Airport along with the President of Maldives on June 4; the commencement of works of the Addu Reclamation project on June 3 and inaugurated High Impact Community Development Projects built under India's grant assistance. MoS (VM) addressed the Valedictory session of the 18th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on the India-Africa Growth Partnership in New Delhi. The Conclave saw the participation of VPs of Zimbabwe and The Gambia, and the DPM of DRC. On the sidelines, MoS met the Minister Delegate to the Minister of External Relations of Cameroon; Malawi's Ministers of Information & Digitization, Energy, Mining, & Dy Min of Water & Sanitation; Kenya's Minister for Information, Communication and Digital Economy; Zimbabwe's Dy. Minister of Foreign Affairs. His other engagements included his visit to the Regional Passport Office, Hyderabad on June 14; attending the inauguration of the new UAE Consulate in Hyderabad on June 14; and his meeting with the Chairman of Suez Canal Economic Zone, Egypt in New Delhi on June 19.

MOS (ML) engagements:

16. MoS (ML)'s engagements in June included her meeting with the SOFOFA Chilean business delegation in New Delhi on June 19; and consultations with different stakeholders of the UNIDROIT Project, a precursor to the main Seminar to be held in July.

MOS (RRS)'s engagements:

17. MoS (RRS) addressed the first-ever BIMSTEC Business Conclave 2023 organised by MEA in collaboration with the Indian Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata from June 13-15. MoS (RRS) addressed the Conclave on June 16. MoS (RRS) also participated in the inaugural of the India EU Connectivity Conference along with the CM of Meghalaya from June 1-2 and met Japan's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs on June 14.

Other engagements:

18. On June 26, the FS led the Indian delegation at the inaugural India-France Strategic Space Dialogue which was held in Paris.
19. Secretary (East) co-chaired the 2nd India-Brazil FOC in Brasilia and the 5th India-Ecuador FOC in Quito on June 21 and 24, respectively. Secretary (East) met the Vice Chairman of the National Boundary Commission of Vietnam on June 1 and virtually participated in the ASEAN Regional Forum Senior Officials' Meeting on June 14.
20. Secretary (ER) along with Secretary (Posts) released a commemorative postage stamp on SCO day under India's SCO Chairmanship on June 15.
21. Secretary (West) co-chaired the 5th Round of India-Romania FOC on June 13 and the 13th round of India-Greece FOC on June 14. Secretary (West) visited Copenhagen from 24-25 June 2023 in connection with NSA Consultations of Ukraine, G7 and other key global players.

Foreign Office Consultations

22. Brazil

The 2nd India-Brazil FOC in Brasilia on June 21.

23. Ecuador

The 5th India-Ecuador FOC in Quito on June 24.

24. Greece

The 13th round of India-Greece FOC on June 14

25. Romania

The 5th Round of India-Romania FOC on June 13

Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)

26. Ethiopia

Apollo Hospitals and Washington Health Centre signed MoU between the two institutions to collaborate in a hospital in Addis Ababa on 21 June 2023.

27. Nepal

An MoU between Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service and the Institute of Foreign Affairs (IFA), Nepal was signed by Dean (SSIFS) and Ambassador of Nepal to India on 01 June 2023.

28. Nigeria

An MoU on "Prevention of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Precursor Chemicals and related matters" between Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) signed on 14 June 2023.

29. Solomon Islands

An MoU was signed with Solomon Island National University, Solomon Islands on 27 June 2023 to establish ICCR Chair on Indian Studies.

30. Suriname

During Visit of Hon'ble President of India to Suriname, following MoU's were signed:

MoU between Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation of India (CDSCO) and Ministry of Health of Suriname for cooperation in the field of medical products regulation.

MoU between Ministries of Health of India and Suriname for extending recognition to Indian pharmacopeia.

31. USA

During PM visit to the US, an MoU signed between General Electric (GE) Aerospace, and Hindustan Aeronautical Limited (HAL) for co-production of GE 414 Jet Engines for the indigenous Tejas MK2 light combat aircraft.

Humanitarian Aid/ Assistance

32. Afghanistan

In June, 22,167 kgs of essential medicines have been sent to Afghanistan as a part of humanitarian assistance.

33. Bhutan

A new irrigation channel at Samdrupjongkhar, Bhutan built under the Water Flagship Project with assistance from GOI was inaugurated on 4 June 2023.

34. Mozambique

Indian Naval Ship, INS Sunayna entered Beira Port, Mozambique on 28 June 2023. As part of celebrations of the International Day of Yoga, a combined Yoga session was conducted onboard with the participation of Indian Navy personnel, Mozambican Defence Forces (FADM) and members of the local populace. A Medical and Health First Aid Camp offering free health checkup was set up by the Ship's crew on 29 June. Professional training including practical demonstration was conducted for benefit of FADM as part of Harbour Phase of Training Schedule. The Ship left Beira Harbour in the evening of 30 June after successful completion of Port Call and undertook two days joint surveillance of the Mozambican EEZ with four personnel from Mozambique onboard as part of sea phase of India-Mozambique maritime partnership.

35. Nepal

On 26 June 2023, Prime Minister of Nepal Rt. Hon'ble Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' inaugurated the campus building of Adarsha Multiple Campus, Gajuri Rural Municipality, Dhading. The campus has been built with Government of India's financial assistance of NRs.41.20 million. The project was taken up as a High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) under 'Nepal-India Development Cooperation'
