

Ministry of External Affairs
Policy Planning and Research Division

Overview of Major Achievements during the month of February 2022

I. Diplomatic Engagements and other Interactions:

1. Ministry continues to play a leading role in ensuring the safety and security of Indian nationals, including Indian students, and their evacuation from Ukraine.
2. A number of steps were taken to deal with the emerging situation in Ukraine and evacuation of Indian nationals. Several advisories were issued since February 15, 2022. A 24x7 control room was set up in the Ministry. Control rooms were also set up to facilitate the evacuation of Indian nationals through the border crossing points with Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovak Republic. MEA Teams, including Russian speaking officers, were deployed to Kiev and the countries bordering Ukraine. A dedicated Twitter handle has been set up to assist in the evacuation efforts.
3. Several tranches of humanitarian aid in the form of food, medical supplies, tents, blankets, solar lanterns etc., have been dispatched to Ukraine and its neighbouring countries.
4. Prime Minister held regular telephonic conversations with the Presidents of Russia and Ukraine as well as with his counterparts from countries neighbouring Ukraine in this regard. The visit of four senior Union Ministers as India's special envoys added further impetus to the evacuation exercise.
5. EAM chaired a meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Parliament on developments in Ukraine.
6. Prime Minister held a virtual Summit with the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi on February 18. During the Summit, the two leaders adopted the Joint Vision Statement laying the future roadmap for India-UAE ties. A major highlight of the Summit was the signing and exchange of the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). Both leaders also issued a Joint Stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of UAE and the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence.
7. PM met the former Prime Minister of Kenya in New Delhi on February 13. During the meeting, PM expressed his commitment to further strengthening India-Kenya relations.
8. PM addressed the high-level segment of *One Ocean Summit*, organised by France, in cooperation with the United Nations and the World Bank through a video message on February 11. PM also delivered the inaugural address at The Energy and Resources Institute's

'World Sustainable Development Summit' via video message on February 16; and interacted with Hindu and Sikh refugees from Afghanistan on February 19 2022.

9. During February, PM held telephone conversations with his counterparts from Bahrain, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Slovak Republic, Poland, France and the President of the European Council.
10. Significant outgoing visits during the month included EAM's official visits to Qatar; Australia to attend the 4th Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting; the Philippines for a bilateral meeting; Germany to participate in the Munich Security Conference; and France to participate in the EU Ministerial Forum for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. EAM also chaired a Regional HoMs meeting in Paris. EAM met Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka and outgoing Russian Ambassador in New Delhi during the month.
11. During his visit to Qatar, EAM unveiled the foundation stone of the new Embassy Complex in Doha. DPM and FM of Qatar graced the occasion. EAM also met the Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology of UAE.
12. During the month, EAM held telephonic conversations with his counterparts from the UK, Denmark, South Korea, USA, Russia, Romania, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Ukraine, Germany, Moldova, Poland, France, Estonia and with the High Representative of the EU.
13. Minister of State, Shri V. Muraleedharan [MoS (VM)] delivered a keynote address at Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Conference on 'India's Diaspora Dividend in the European Union'; and interacted with the parents of Indian students stranded in Ukraine.
14. Minister of State, Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi [MoS (ML)] met the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh in New Delhi; and attended the celebrations of Guyana's 52nd Republic Day Anniversary in New Delhi.
15. Minister of State, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh [MoS (RRS)] attended the 38th National Day of Brunei Darussalam at its High Commission in New Delhi on February 23.
16. Foreign Secretary called on the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka in New Delhi on February 8. Foreign Secretary met the Ambassador of Egypt on February 1; High Commissioner of Mauritius on February 2; the Ambassador of Argentina on February 3; visiting Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman on February 14; the High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam in New Delhi on February 17; the Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh on February 24; and the Commander of the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet and Australian Navy Chief on February 25 2022.
17. Foreign Secretary addressed the concluding session of the 10th edition of the India-Bangladesh Friendship Dialogue, along with the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh on February 21 2022.

18. Secretary (West) co-chaired the 8th India-Italy Foreign Office Consultations in Rome and the 9th India-Armenia Foreign Office Consultations in a virtual format. Secretary (East) addressed the 'ASEAN-India High Level Conference on Renewable Energy'; and delivered remarks at Gateway House India's Round Table on 'India: Pursuing Prosperity & Security in the Indo-Pacific'
19. The Ministry celebrated the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* week from February 21-27. On February 21, MoS (VM) participated in an event to declare the winners of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Quiz' conducted by the Ministry. MoS (ML) inaugurated the exhibition "75 years of India's Development Partnership", organised by RIS and MEA and inaugurated "Coalescence: Craft-Culture-Community-Climate" mela, organised by ICCR on February 21 and February 23 respectively. MoS (RRS) inaugurated projects reflecting Buddhist linkages with ASEAN and East Asian countries and participated in an event on "Study in India - Diplomatic Conclave", with partner countries on February 23 and 24, respectively.
20. The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of a G20 Secretariat and its reporting structures on February 15. The Secretariat will be responsible for steering India's forthcoming G20 Presidency.
21. India extended HADR assistance to various countries during the month. The first convoy of 2500 MT of wheat assistance to Afghanistan was flagged off from the Attari border during the month. India also delivered the fifth shipment of 2.5 tons of medical assistance and winter clothing to Afghanistan.
22. India responded promptly to the request of the Government of Kiribati in managing the first COVID-19 outbreak in the Pacific Island country. Medical supplies airlifted from India reached Kiribati via Australia. As part of our ongoing humanitarian assistance to Iran, India supplied medical assistance consisting of anti-Tuberculosis medicines. India has exported 8,70,000 doses of AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine, developed by the Serum Institute of India to Mexico.
23. India and the European Union held the second Maritime Security Dialogue in a virtual format on February 1. The consultations included developments in the maritime security environment, policy developments covering the EU strategy for cooperation in the Indo-Pacific and India's Indo-Pacific Oceans' Initiative, India-EU maritime cooperation, and regional initiatives to address international maritime security issues.
24. Ministry, in cooperation with the Indian Chamber of Commerce, organised an outreach programme on Export Controls focusing on start-ups in various sectors of the economy. The outreach was aimed at enhancing awareness about regulations for the export of sensitive, dual-use goods and technology. About 200 industries and enterprises including several start-up companies participated in the webinar.

25. India has been chosen to host the 2023 International Olympic Committee Session. On February 15, Syria became the 103rd Member State of the International Solar Alliance.

26. India and Nepal signed a MoU for long-term supply of fertilizers to Nepal under a G-2-G arrangement on February 28.

27. A joint logo was released to mark the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and the Netherlands.