

Ministry of External Affairs

Overview of Major Achievements during the month of July 2020

Ministry major focus in July has been Vande Bharat Mission and the repatriation of Indians stranded overseas. As on 8 July 2020 against a total number of 6,61,352 persons, who registered their request with our Missions abroad for repatriation to India, over 5,80,000 have returned under this mission. This number includes more than 97,000 Indians who have returned through land border immigration checkpoints from Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh.

The Ministry has coordinated the distribution of COVID-related medical supplies, including anti-Tuberculosis medicines and food supplies. Government of India extended medical assistance worth about USD 1 million to DPR Korea in the form of anti-Tuberculosis medicines.

On 10 July 2020, RM held a telephone conversation with US Secretary of Defence Mark T Esper. During the conversation, the two sides discussed a wide range of bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest, including on ways to further strengthen bilateral defence and security cooperation. The border standoff between India and China also figured during their conversation.

On 27 July, EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar had a telephonic conversation with Cabinet Secretary (Minister) of Foreign Affairs of Kenya Amb. Raychelle Omamo. Both leaders had a good conversation and discussed strengthening our time-tested partnership and looking forward to working together at UNSC.

Diplomatic Engagements and other Interactions:

On 15 July 2020, Prime Minister participated in the 15th India EU Summit. The summit will be co-chaired by Prime Minister and the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission. The summit will review India-EU cooperation, covering political and security relations, trade and investment, and economic cooperation.

On July 17 2020, Prime Minister addressed the High Level Segment of UN ECOSOC on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. On July 22, Prime Minister also addressed the India Ideas Summit.

Prime Minister spoke with President Vladimir Putin on July 2, congratulating him on the success of celebrations marking the 75th anniversary of the victory in World War.

On 26 July 2020, EAM spoke with the Canadian Foreign Minister François-Philippe Champagne. During their conversation, the two sides discussed bilateral and international issues of mutual interest and underscored the need for working together to address the global challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic

On July 28, EAM, during this period, spoke with the Foreign Ministers of Haiti, Gambia, Kenya, Canada, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Lithuania. Minister of State had a video conference with his U.K. counterpart Lord Tariq Ahmad.