

**Ministry of External Affairs**  
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**Overview of Major Achievements during the month of May 2022**

**I. Diplomatic Engagements and other Interactions:**

1. During the month, Ministry witnessed several important developments. There have been significant outgoing visits of the President, the Vice President, the Prime Minister, EAM and MoS'. These visits have immensely boosted our bilateral and multilateral partnerships.
  
2. Rashtrapati ji paid a State visit to Jamaica and St. Vincent & Grenadines (SVG) from May 15-21. This was the first ever visit by an Indian Head of State to these countries. During his visit to Jamaica, he held delegation level talks with the Governor General and the Prime Minister of Jamaica and other dignitaries. Both sides signed an MoU on cooperation between Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica. In SVG, he held discussions with his counterpart and met the Prime Minister of the country.
  
3. Vice President visited Gabon, Senegal and Qatar from May 30-June 07. This was the first visit from India at the level of Vice President to all these three countries. The visits coincided with the 60th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic ties with Senegal and the upcoming celebrations of the 50th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic ties with Qatar. During the visits, Vice President held delegation level talks with the Prime Minister and the President of Gabon; President of Senegal; President of the National Assembly of Senegal; Qatar's Deputy Amir; and other dignitaries.
  
4. Earlier, the Vice President visited the UAE on May 15, to offer condolences to the UAE leadership on the demise of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, late President of the UAE. The Government of India also declared a one-day national mourning on May 14, as a mark of respect to His Highness' passing away.
  
5. PM paid an official visit to Germany, Denmark and France from May 2-4. This was PM's first visit abroad in 2022. In Berlin, PM held bilateral talks with the Federal Chancellor of Germany, and the two leaders jointly addressed a business event. Both leaders co-chaired the sixth edition of the India-Germany Intergovernmental Consultations. In Denmark, PM participated in the 2nd India-Nordic Summit and interacted with other Nordic leaders from Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Finland. PM held talks with the Prime Minister of Denmark and met with Queen Margrethe II. In Paris, PM held productive discussions with the

President of France. PM's visit to France coincided with the celebration of 75 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

6. PM paid an official visit to Lumbini, Nepal on May 16 on the occasion of Buddha Purnima. This was PM's fifth visit to Nepal since 2014. PM visited Mayadevi temple at Lumbini and delivered an address at a Buddha Jayanti event organized by the Lumbini Development Trust. Both Prime Ministers held a bilateral meeting, wherein discussions focussed on strengthening the bilateral relationship.

7. PM, along with his counterparts from Quad countries participated in the third Quad Leaders' Summit in Tokyo, Japan on May 24. During the Summit, Quad leaders launched the first-of-its-kind Quad fellowship program. This will sponsor 100 American, Australian, Indian, and Japanese students to study in the United States each year for graduate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. PM participated in the launching event of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF). The event saw the presence of President of the USA and Prime Minister of Japan, and the virtual presence of leaders of other partner countries viz. Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. On the sidelines of the Quad Summit, PM held separate bilateral meetings with the President of USA, the Prime Minister of Japan and the newly-elected Prime Minister of Australia. The former Prime Minister of Japan also called on the Prime Minister.

8. On May 18, PM held a virtual summit with the Prime Minister of Cambodia. During the month, Prime Minister virtually delivered remarks at the unveiling ceremony of the first ever statue of Sardar Patel in Canada on May 1; addressed the inaugural session of the fourth edition of the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, via video message on May 4; and addressed the opening session of the Second Global COVID Virtual Summit on May 12.

9. Notable diplomatic engagements during the month included those of EAM's visits to Germany, Denmark and France along with the Prime Minister; and Japan to participate in the Quad Summit. On the sidelines of the Quad Summit, he met his counterparts from Australia, USA and Japan. During his visit to Berlin, EAM and the Foreign Minister of Germany signed the agreement on direct encrypted connection between the two Foreign Offices.

10. During the month, EAM met the incoming Foreign Minister of Italy on May 6; Interacted with senior IFS officers undergoing MEA's Mid Career Training Programme-III on May 12; launched the book, *India-Africa Relations: Changing Horizons* by Ambassador Rajiv Bhatia on May 17; virtually participated in the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting and BRICS Foreign Ministers' Dialogue with Emerging Markets and Developing Countries on May 19; held discussions with UAE's Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and Special

Envoy on Climate Change on May 26; met the Foreign Minister of Hungary in New Delhi on May 27; visited the Regional Passport Office-Branch Secretariat-Protector of Emigrants in Guwahati on May 27; addressed the inaugural session of NADI 2022 in Guwahati on May 28; and visited the Vadodara Passport Seva Kendra on May 30.

11. EAM held telephonic calls with his counterparts from Jamaica, Saudi Arabia, Iceland, UAE, Rwanda, Iran and Indonesia.

12. During May, Minister of State, Shri V. Muraleedharan [MoS (VM)] paid official visits to Qatar and New York to participate in the UN Ministerial Meeting on "Global Food Security – Call to Action" chaired by the US Secretary of State; delivered National Statement at the Plenary Session of the first International Migration Review Forum; visited all-women Passport Seva Kendra in Kochi; interacted with 25 Senior Civil Servants from the Republic of the Gambia; and held Discussion with Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Zambia.

13. Minister of State, Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi [MoS (ML)] visited Panama, Honduras, Chile and Spain; met President of UNGA, the Foreign Ministers of Serbia and Croatia and Bulgarian MPs; gave remarks at UN High Level International Conference on Human Rights, Civil Society and Counter-Terrorism at Malaga, Spain; interacted with senior IFS officers at their Mid-Career Training Programme-III Valedictory at SSFIS; attended the Constitution Day Reception organised by the Norwegian Embassy in New Delhi and participated in the event commemorating 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India & Guatemala.

14. Minister of State, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh [MoS (RRS)] delivered remarks at the 7th ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks and at the NADI Dialogue at Asian Confluence River Conclave 2022; participated in the 9th meeting of the Ministers of Education from BRICS countries; gave keynote address as Chief Guest on Africa Day in New Delhi and addressed the senior officials of the Ministry undergoing Mid Career Training at SSIFS.

15. In Germany, Foreign Secretary along with the State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior of Germany initialed the Comprehensive Migration & Mobility Partnership Agreement on May 2. During Prime Minister's visit to Japan, Foreign Secretary, along with the Chief Executive Officer of the US International Development Finance Corporation, signed an Investment Incentive Agreement on May 23.

16. During the month, Foreign Secretary met the US Deputy Secretary of State and the US Congressional staff delegation; and interacted with a group of Maldivian journalists who were on a week-long familiarisation visit to India.

17. On May 5, India handed over a contribution of USD 615,361 For 3 Peacekeeping Projects, aimed at strengthening Rule of Law in vulnerable societies, creating a database of crimes against peacekeepers, and implementing the Women, Peace & Security agenda through strategic comms.

18. India handed over 7,725 kg of humanitarian aid comprising of essential medicines and medical equipment to Ukraine on May 6; and delivered a consignment of disaster relief supplies to the Kingdom of Tonga on May 23 2022.

19. The Prime Minister of Mauritius launched the much awaited Quatre Bornes to Phoenix segment of the India-Mauritius Flagship Metro Express project on May 8.

20. This year, we celebrate the 60th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Jamaica and 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India & Guatemala.