

India - Kazakhstan Relations: Bilateral Brief

Background

Relations between India and Kazakhstan are ancient and historical, going back to more than 2000 years. There has been a constant and regular exchange in goods and, more importantly, exchange of ideas and cultural influences. The journey of Buddhism from India to Central Asia and Sufi ideas from Central Asia to India are two such examples.

Political relations

India was one of the first countries to recognize the independence of Kazakhstan. Diplomatic relations were established in February 22, 1992. The Embassy of India was opened in Almaty in May 1992 and the Embassy of Kazakhstan in New Delhi in 1993. The capital of Kazakhstan was shifted from Almaty to Astana in 1997. Subsequently, the Embassy of India opened its Representative Office in Astana on September 15, 2003. The Embassy moved to Astana in November 2007 and Representative Office to Almaty.

The first PM of India Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru accompanied by daughter Indira Gandhi visited Almaty in 1955. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan visited Kazakhstan in 1956 in his capacity as Vice President.

The first President Nursultan Nazarbayev visited India in February 1992. Thereafter, he has visited India in 1993 (transit visit), 1996, 2002 and 2009. He was the Chief Guest at the Republic Day parade in New Delhi on January 26, 2009. India and Kazakhstan bilateral relations were enhanced to **strategic partnership** during this visit. **President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev participated in the First India-Central Asia Summit in virtual format hosted by India on 27 January 2022**, which was coincided with the 30th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Central Asian countries.

Prime Minister of India Shri PV Narsimha Rao visited Kazakhstan in 1993 and Prime Ministers Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in June 2002, Dr. Manmohan Singh in April 2011 and **Shri Narendra Modi in July 2015 (bilateral visit)** and June 2017 (SCO summit). Vice-Presidents of India Shri

K.R. Narayanan and Shri Hamid Ansari visited Kazakhstan in 1996 and 2008 respectively.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the 17th SCO Summit in Astana on June 8-9, 2017. India was admitted as a full member of the SCO during the Summit. MOS V. K. Singh visited Kazakhstan on 14-15 December, 2014 to participate in the SCO heads of Government meeting held in Astana. MOS M. J. Akbar visited Kazakhstan on 16-17 November, 2017. External Affairs Minister Smt Sushma Swaraj paid an official visit to Kazakhstan on 2-3 August 2018. Raksha Mantri, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman visited Kazakhstan on October 2-4, 2018 on a bilateral visit. Dr. Satya Pal Singh, MOS, Ministry of Human Resource Development visited Kazakhstan to attend the 7th Meeting of Education Ministers of SCO Member States held on 15-18 October, 2018 in Nur-Sultan. Shri J. P. Nadda, Minister of Health and Family Welfare visited Kazakhstan to attend the Global Conference on Primary Health Care held on 25-28 October, 2018 in Nur-Sur-Sultan. Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Shri Harivansh Narayan Singh visited Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan to attend the 4th meeting of Speakers of the Eurasian Countries' Parliaments on 23-24 September, 2019. MOS for External Affairs and MOS for Parliamentary Affairs Shri V Muraleedharan visited Kazakhstan to attend the Astana club meeting held in Nur-Sultan on 11-12 November, 2019. MOS Meenakashi Lekhi visited Kazakhstan on 12-14 June 2022.

EAM visited Kazakhstan on 11-12 October 2021 and participated in the 6th Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA). He called on President Tokayev and conveyed greetings from PM Modi and his invitation to visit India in 2022. He discussed bilateral relations and conveyed India's proposal on the mutual recognition of Covid vaccination certificates. MOS Meenakashi lekhi participated in the 6th CICA Summit on 13 October 2022 in Astana as the Prime Minister's Special Envoy.

EAM participated in the 20th meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) chaired by Kazakh Prime Minister Askar Mamin via videoconference on November 25, 2021.

EAM met Mr. Mukhtar Tileuberdi, the Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan on 24 September 2019 in New York on the sidelines of UNGA. On 10 September 2020 also, EAM met him on the sidelines the SCO Meeting of Foreign Ministers in Moscow. EAM again met the Kazakh DPM and FM Tileuberdi (i) on 30 March 2021 in Dushanbe, on the sidelines of 9th

Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process (ii) on 16 July 2021 in Tashkent, on the sidelines of Connectivity Conference (International Conference “Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity, Challenges and Opportunities”). (iii) on 19 Dec 2021 in New-Delhi on the sidelines of 3rd Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the India – Central Asia Dialogue (iv) on 29 July 2022 on the sidelines of the meeting of the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan Mukhtar Tileuberdi visited New Delhi on 18-21 December 2021 to participate in the 3rd meeting of India-Central Asia Dialogue, held in New Delhi on 18-19 December 2021. On the sidelines, they held bilateral meeting on 19 December 2021.

On May 05, 2023, EAM Dr Jaishankar held a bilateral meeting with Mr Murat Nurtleu on the sidelines of SCO Council of Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Goa, India.

On 28 Oct.2020, the 19th meeting of Ministers of External Trade and Economy of the SCO member States was held in virtual format. From Indian side the delegation was led by Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister for Commerce and Industry and from Kazakh side the delegation was led by Mr. Ruslan Dalenov, Minister of National Economy of Kazakhstan.

The 19th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of Government was held on 30 November 2020 in video-conference format in which Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu Chaired the meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government hosted by India and the Kazakh delegation was led by Mr. Askar Mamin, Prime Minister of Kazakhstan.

On 4 September 2020, RM Rajnath Singh met Defence Minister of Kazakhstan Lt. Gen. Nurlan Yermekbayev, on the sidelines of joint meeting of the Defence Ministers of SCO, CIS and CSTO members in Moscow. Defence Minister of Kazakhstan Lt. Gen. Nurlan Yermekbayev visited India on 7-10 April 2021 and met with RM Rajnath Singh. Kazakhstan’s National Security Committee Chairman Karim Massimov, who was also former PM of Kazakhstan visited India and participated in the Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan on November 10, 2021. He met PM Modi along with NSAs and Security Council Chiefs of other countries. A meeting between RM Rajnath Singh and Col Gen Ruslan Zhaksylykov, Defence Minister of Kazakhstan was held on 23 August 2022, on sidelines of SCO Defence Ministers meeting at Tashkent.

H.E. Mr. Askar Zhumagaliyev, Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan visited India on 20-22 September, 2018. H.E. Mr. Kanat Bozymbayev, Minister of Energy accompanied by H.E. Mr. Yermek Kosherbayev, Deputy Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan visited India to attend Petrotech-2019 on 10-12 February held in New Delhi. Mr. Ilyin Yuri Viktorovich, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan visited India to attend the 10th meeting of the Heads of Officers of the SCO member states on joint urban earthquake search and rescue exercise held on 4-7 November, 2019 in New Delhi. Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Mr. Askar Mamin participated in the 19th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of Government (hosted by India), held on 30 November 2020, in video-conference format.

Mr. Bakyt Sultanov, Deputy Prime Minister-Minister of Trade and Integration visited India on 2-4 June 2022 to Co-Chair the India-Kazakhstan Intergovernmental Commission, which was held on 03 June, 2022.

Bilateral Mechanisms

Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) at the level of Deputy Foreign Ministers/Secretary (West) are held to discuss the entire range of bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest. The 7th round of FOC was held in Nov. 2020 through DVC [Digital Video Conference]. The Indian side was led by Shri Vikas Swarup, Secretary (West) and the Kazakh side was led by Mr Shakhmat Nuryshev, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan. **The last (8th round) of FOC was conducted in physical form in New Delhi on 13 February 2023.** The Indian side was led by the Secretary (West) Shri Sanjay Verma and the Kazakh side was led by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr Kanat Tumysh.

India-Central Asia Dialogue

Kazakhstan is also part of the India-Central Asia Dialogue, the first meeting of which was held in Samarkhand on 12-13th January 2019. The 1st India-Central Asia Business Council Meeting, under this dialogue was organized by FICCI, on 6 February, 2020 in New Delhi. On 28 Oct. 2020 the 2nd India-Central Asia Dialogue was held in digital video conference format. From Indian side the delegation was led by Dr. S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister in the event, from Kazakh side the delegation was led by H.E. Mr.

Mukhtar Tileuberdi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan in the dialogue. The 2nd India-Central Asia Business Council meeting was held on 28 October 2020 through video conference organized by FICCI.

As announced in the 2nd Indian-Central Asia Dialogue, India and Kazakhstan has signed an umbrella MoU in November 2020 for implementation of **High Impact Community Development Project** for furthering socio-economic development. The capital cost of one project will be capped at USD 1.5 million. The projects will be aimed at livelihood support, women empowerment, child welfare and facilitation of community life, particularly through creation of infrastructure in the education, health training, agriculture and agro industry, micro-irrigation, renewable energy, trade, transport and communications and community development sectors. **The 3rd meeting of India-Central Asia Dialogue was held on 18-19 December 2021 in New Delhi.** Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan Mukhtar Tileuberdi participated in this meeting and held bilateral talks with EAM Dr S Jaishankar. He, along with Central Asian FMs, met PM Modi on 20 December.

India-Central Asia Summit

The first ever India-Central Asia Summit at the level of leaders was held on 27 January 2022 **in virtual format**. President of Kazakhstan participated in it. President Tokayev stressed on further development of trade and economic cooperation, transport and logistics sector and increasing the volume of mutual investments in the areas of mining and metallurgical complex, agriculture, green energy, healthcare and the pharmaceutical sector, artificial intelligence, Big Data, the Internet of things, online commerce and cyber-security and creation of laboratories in Kazakhstan in the field of telecommunications and electronics industry and training of highly qualified IT specialists. He proposed to open an engineering office and an information technology school for Central Asia with Indian IT giants. The situation in Afghanistan was also discussed.

FICCI organized an India-CA virtual conference on Energy on 24 August 2022. A virtual conference on Tourism and Connectivity is being planned in the near future.

A three member delegation led by Mr Gizat Nurdauletov, Secretary of the Security Council of Kazakhstan, visited New Delhi and Agra from 05 to

07 December for the inaugural India-Central Asia Meeting of Secretaries of Security Councils / NSAs.

20 member delegation from Kazakhstan participated in the 10 member Youth Delegation Program organized by Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs under the aegis of India-Central Asia Summit from 17-23 November 2022.

The First Meeting of the JWG on Afghanistan was held in New-Delhi on March 07, 2023. The Kazakh delegation was led by Ambassador-at-Large of the MFA Talgat Kaliyev

On April 03, Minister of Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region Shri G. Kishan Reddy hosted the first India-Central Asia Culture Ministers' Meeting through video conferencing. From Kazakh side, the Minister of Culture and Sports Askhat Oralov participated.

The 1st meeting of India-Central Asia JWG on Chabahar port was held in Mumbai on April 12-13, 2023.

Cooperation in UN and multilateral fora

India and Kazakhstan actively cooperate under the aegis of Multilateral Fora including CICA, SCO and the UN organizations. India has been a consistent supporter of Kazakhstan's initiative on Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and is actively participating in the process. Kazakhstan supports India's permanent membership in an expanded UNSC and had extended its support for India's non-permanent membership in 2021-22. India supported Kazakhstan's successful candidature for non-permanent membership of UNSC in 2017/18.

[Note: Tej Kadam: India - Kazakhstan Joint Statement during PM Modi's bilateral visit to Astana (July 08, 2015): "President Nazarbayev reiterated Kazakhstan's full support for India's permanent membership in an expanded UNSC."]

India assumed rotational presidency of SCO in September 2022.

[Appendix: List of events conducted and Kazakh participation in it]

Defence Cooperation

Defence cooperation is an essential pillar of our strategic partnership with Kazakhstan. The Indo-Kazakh Defence Cooperation is carried out under the framework of an agreement on 'Defence and Military Technical Cooperation' signed in July 2015. (earlier it was carried out under the MOU on Military-Technical Cooperation signed in June 2002 which expired in June 2012) Bilateral defence cooperation currently comprises military-technical cooperation, military education and training, joint exercises, bilateral visits, joint sports and adventure activities and a Youth Exchange Program (YEP) between NCC and the Voenni Kafedra (cadet corps) in Kazakhstan.

In 2018, India and Kazakhstan agreed for deployment of a Kazakh contingent under the Indian Battalion at UNIFIL, Lebanon. About 520 Kazakh armed forces personnel have participated in the mission so far. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, the then Raksha Mantri visited Kazakhstan on October 2-4, 2018 for bilateral talks and joint Flag-off of the 1st Kazakh contingent to UNIFIL. After four rotations at Company level, India agreed on a rotation at platoon level which was followed by the sixth and ongoing seventh rotation, of six personnel each.

A 16-member delegations participated in Def Expo 2020 from 05-07 February 2020 at Lucknow. A three member delegation from Ministry of Defence of Kazakhstan, led by Lt Gen Ruslan Shpekbayev, Deputy Defence Minister, visited Gandhinagar, Gujarat from 17 to 19 October 2022, in connection with Defence Expo-2022. A two member delegation, led by Chief of Department of International cooperation of Ministry of Defence of Kazakhstan visit New Delhi on 05 Dec 22 for joint services staff talks.

On 4 September 2020, Mr. Rajnath Singh, RM, had productive interaction with the Defence Minister of Kazakhstan, Lieutenant General Nurlan Yermekbayev, on the sidelines of Meeting of the Defence Ministers of SCO members in Moscow. Lt. Gen Nurlan Yermekbayev, Minister of Defence of Kazakhstan paid an official visit to India on 7-9 April 2021. During the visit, Kazakh Defence Minister held bilateral meetings with RM and NSA. A meeting between RM Rajnath Singh and Col Gen Ruslan Zhaksylykov, Defence Minister of Kazakhstan was held on 23 August 2022, on sidelines of SCO Defence Ministers meeting at Tashkent.

India and Kazakhstan conducted a 13-day military exercise "KAZIND-21" (3rd edition) from 30 August to 11 September 2021 in Taraz, Kazakhstan with a focus on counter-insurgency/counter-terrorism operation in the mountainous, rural scenario under UN mandate. The 6th Edition of Indo - Kazakhstan joint training exercise "KAZIND-22" is was conducted at Umroi

(Meghalaya) from 15 to 28 December 2022. Kazakhstan Army soldiers comprising of troops from the Regional Command, South and Indian Army soldiers from the 11 Gorkha Rifles participated in the exercise.

In August 2021, two members from Indian Army officers have been deployed to Kazakh National University (NDU) as English Language instructors.

India has been providing training to members of the Kazakh Armed Forces under the ITEC program. 284 trainees have been trained in Indian Armed Forces institutions so far.

Security

Kazakhstan's National Security Committee Chairman Karim Massimov, who was also former Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, visited India to participate in the Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan, held on 10 November 2021. During the regional conference, Karim Massimov met NSA. He, along with NSAs and Security Council Chiefs of other countries, also had a meeting with PM Modi.]

An MOU on Cooperation between National Security Councils of the two countries was signed in Feb 2012. First regular consultations between the National Security Secretariats were held in Astana on February 27-28, 2017. The third consultations were held in Delhi on 5-6 March 2019. The fourth consultation will be held in Kazakhstan.

Trade & Economy

The India-Kazakhstan Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) established in 1993 is the apex bilateral institutional mechanism for developing trade, economic, scientific, technological, industrial and cultural cooperation between the two countries. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on the Indian side and Ministry of Trade and Integration on the Kazakh side have been the nodal ministries with respective Ministers as the Co-Chair of the Commission. The Kazakh side has changed the nodal ministry from Ministry of Energy to Ministry of Trade and Integration. 13th round of IGC was held in Astana on September 19-20, 2017. **14th round of IGC was held on June 03, 2022 in New Delhi.** Nine Joint Working Groups (JWGs) have been established in the areas of Counter Terrorism, Trade & Economic Cooperation, Defence & Military Technical Cooperation, Transport,

Connectivity and Logistics, Information Technology, Hydrocarbons, Textiles, Tea Debt and Space Cooperation. It was decided to set up three new Joint Working Groups on Chabahar port, Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare to take forward bilateral relations in the respective spheres. The 1st meeting of India-Kazakhstan JWG on connectivity, transport and logistics was held on 26-27 November, 2019 in New Delhi.

Kazakhstan is India's largest trade and investment partner in Central Asia. As per statistics of Kazakhstan for 2022, total bilateral trade between India and Kazakhstan amounted to US\$ 2.45 billion out of which Indian exports amounted to US\$ 562.8 million and Indian imports from Kazakhstan touched US \$ 1889.7 million. The 6th JWG meeting on Trade and Economy took place in Astana on July 12, 2018. On 10 Sept. 2020, the 7th Session of India-Kazakhstan JWG on Trade and Economic Cooperation was held through Video Conference.

FICCI and Chamber of International Commerce of Kazakhstan have set up a Joint Business Council (JBC) to promote trade, economic and investment cooperation between the two countries. The second meeting of the JBC was held in New Delhi on February 16, 2018.

APEDA, the organization promoting Indian agro-products sent a delegation to Almaty and Astana in June 2018 that conducted wet sampling of different varieties of Indian mangoes in prominent stores of Kazakhstan. Similarly, a Tea delegation visited Almaty in August 2018 and conducted tea promotion events and held B2B meetings. EEPC India under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce and Industry organized India pavilion at Kazbuild and Aquatherm 2019 which was held at Almaty, Kazakhstan on 4-6 September, 2019. In the India Pavilion, around 30 Indian engineering companies participated to showcase their product and capabilities in the areas of Construction material and Equipment, hardware and tools, Roofing and Technology, window Décor, HVAC equipments and Services, Water purification, Accessories and Valves. A delegation led by CAPEXIL comprising 18 Indian companies exhibited their products at the Kazcomak Expo held in Almaty on 18-20 September 2019 and also held B2B meetings with local businessmen. Ministries of Tourism from the states of Kerala, Rajasthan and delegates from Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India and businessmen from Indian tourism sector attended the PATA Travel Mart 2019 held in Nur-Sultan on 18-20 September, 2019 to promote tourism in India.

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) of India and the Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) visited Almaty on 28-29, 2022. During the visit they had a conference and a series of B2B meetings with Kazakh counterparts.

The Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC) of India business delegation paid a visit to Almaty (Kazakhstan) on 9-10 February, 2023. Delegation consisted of companies from various sectors such as logistics, tourism, health-care, education, consultancy, IT, construction, animation, etc. The official visit comprised 2 days business program: B2B event and industrial visits.

Connectivity

There are direct flights between Delhi and Almaty everyday by the Air Astana.

Cultural relations

India and Kazakhstan enjoy close cultural relations that manifest in popularity of yoga, Indian films, dance and music in Kazakhstan. Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre in Astana is engaged in various cultural activities, including conducting of yoga, dance and music classes. India provides scholarships in various disciplines under the ICCR Scholarship programmes for students from Kazakhstan. **This year International Day of Yoga was celebrated in 21 cities of Kazakhstan.**

There are 15 slots allocated to Kazakhstan under General Scholarship Scheme under ICCR. The programme is open to all eligible participants from Kazakhstan. The courses offered including i) Agriculture, Food and Fertilizers, ii) Artificial Intelligence, iii) Banking, Finance, Accounts and Audit, iv) Cyber Technologies, v) Education, vi) Engineering and Technology, vii) Hindi Language, viii) Environmental and Climatic Changes, ix) Government Function, x) health and Yoga, xi) Human Resource Development and Planning etc. which are conducted by reputed institutions in India. While mission nominates the candidates through online portal, the final selection is done by the University/Institute.

ITEC/Development Assistance

India provides capacity building assistance to Kazakhstan in various specialized fields under ITEC program sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs. Since 1992, more than 1330 specialists have undergone training under ITEC programme.

ITEC and ICCR slots allotted and utilization details

Year	ITEC (Civil)		ICCR	
	Allotted	Utilized	Allotted	Utilized
2017-18	55	51	15	01
2018-19	70	58	15	02
2019-20	75	52	15	10
2020-21	75	Nil	15	06
2021-22	75	Nil	05	01
2022-23	100	17		
Defence ITEC				
Year	Slots Allotted	Slots Utilized	Slots Declined	Slots withdrawn (pandemic /other reason)
2016-17	40	06		
2017-18	21	17		
2018-19	45	17		
2019-20	42	26	11	05
2020-21	22	12	05	05
2021-22	31	21	12	
2022-23	32	24		

Consular Matters

India and Kazakhstan have an agreement on visa free entry for Diplomatic and Official Passport holders. Ordinary passport holders require visa. Since February 2018, Indian has extended **e-visa facility to Kazakh citizens**. During the COVID period, this e-visa was suspended but it is now operational since 06 December 2022.

Since July 08, 2022 Kazakhstan has extended continuous visa-free stay in Kazakhstan for up to 14 days to Indian citizens. The maximum duration of the visitor's visa-free stays is 42 days within every 180 days.

COVID Cooperation

In April 2020, Government of India provided 30000 tablets of Hydroxychloroquin as humanitarian assistance to Kazakhstan for its fight against COVID-19.

In May 2021, in view of the sharp deterioration of the epidemiological situation in India around 40 tonnes of air cargo (61.5 lakh medical masks, 4 lakh respirators, 50,000 anti-plague suits, and 105 portable artificial lung ventilation devices made in Kazakhstan) was sent to India by the Govt. of Kazakhstan as humanitarian aid to combat the COVID-19.

Indian community

The size of the Indian community is about 7,800 in Kazakhstan. Out of this, about 5,300 are Indian students, about 1000 are construction workers and the rest are in various professional fields.

Several special evacuation flights operated by Air India under the VBM and charter flights evacuated 3,745 Indian nationals from Kazakhstan to India. The evacuated Indian nationals included medical students, tourists, professionals and workers.

October 2023

A. Visits of Prime Ministers of India to Kazakhstan

S. No.	Prime Minister	Period of Visit
1	H.E Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru	1955 (visited Almaty)
2	H.E. Shri PV Narsimha Rao	1993
3	H.E. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee	June 2002
4.	H.E. Shri Narendra Modi	July 07-08, 2015 (Bilateral Visit)
5.	H.E. Shri Narendra Modi	June 08-09, 2017 (Visit for SCO Summit)

B. Visit of Vice Presidents to Kazakhstan

S. No.	Vice President	Period of Visit
1.	H.E. Dr S. Radhakrishnan	1956
2.	H.E. Shri K. R. Narayanan	1996
3.	H.E. Shri Hamid Ansari	2008

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C. Visits from India to Kazakhstan

S. No.	Name of visiting dignitary to India	Period of visit
	H.E. Gen (Retd) Dr. V.K. Singh, MOS, MEA	Dec 14-15, 2014
	H.E. Shri P. Chidambaram, Finance Minister	May 2-4, 2014
	H.E. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Sep 19-20, 2017
	H.E. Shri M.J. Akbar, MOS, MEA	Nov 16-17, 2017
	H.E. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, EAM	Aug 2-3, 2018

	H.E. Smt. Nirmala Seetharaman, Defence Minister	October 2-4, 2018
	H.E. Shri J. P. Nadda, Minister of Health and Family Welfare	October 25-28, 2018
	H.E. Shri V. Muraleedharan, MoS for External Affairs and MoS for Parliamentary Affairs	November 11-13, 2019
	H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar, EAM	October 11-12, 2021
	H.E. Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi	June 12-14, 2022
	H.E. Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi (for 6 th CICA Summit)	October 12-14, 2022

D. Visit of President of Kazakhstan to India

S. No.	President	Period of Visit
1.	H.E. Mr Nursultan Nazarbayev	1996
2.	H.E. Mr Nursultan Nazarbayev	2002
3.	H.E. Mr Nursultan Nazarbayev	2009 as a Chief Guest in Republic Day parade

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E. Visits from Kazakhstan to India since 2014

S. No.	Name of visiting dignitary to India	Period of visit
1.	Vladimir Shkolnik, Minister of Energy visited India to attend 12 th India-Kazakhstan Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technical, Industrial and Cultural Cooperation.	Jun 15-17, 2015
2.	Asset Issekeshav, Minister of Investment and Development met with Minister of Steel and Mines Narendra Singh Tomar	Jun 15-17, 2015
3.	Askar Zhumagaliyev, Deputy Prime Minister met with the Minister of Communications and Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad.	September 20-22, 2018
4.	Kanat Bozymbayev, Minister of Energy attended Petrotech 2019 in India	February 10-12, 2019
5.	Defence Minister of Kazakhstan Lt. Gen. Nurlan Yermekbayev met with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.	7-10 April 2021
6.	Kazakhstan's National Security Committee Chairman and former PM Karim Massimov participated in the Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan	10 November 2021

7.	Deputy PM and Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan Mukhtar Tileuberdi Participated in the 3rd Meeting of Foreign Ministers of India-Central Asia Dialogue in New Delhi.	18-19 December 2021
8.	Deputy PM and Minister of Trade and Integration Bakhyt Sultanov visited India to co-chair the 14th Session of India-Kazakh Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technical, Industrial and Cultural Cooperation.	2-3 June 2022
9.	Deputy Foreign Minister Kanat Tumysh visited India for India-Kazakhstan Foreign Office Consultations (FOC)	13 February 2023
10.	Deputy Prime Minister-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Murat Nurtleu visited Goa for Sco Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting and held bilateral with EAM Dr Jaishankar	05 May 2023

Kazakh Participation in SCO Events

S. No.	Meeting	Date	Name and Designation
1	Conference of Experts preceding the meeting of Chairmen of SCO Inter Bank Association	20-23 Dec 2022 ,New Delhi	1.Botagoz Abisheva (Deputy CEO) 2. Adina Berikkyzy (Director Funding & IR) 3. Anna Zagoskina (Senior Manager Funding & IR)

2	Meeting of Heads of Supreme Audit Institutions of SCO Member States	5-9 February 2023 Lucknow	<p>1) Natalia Nikolaevna Godunova - Chairman of the Supreme Audit Chamber of the Republic of Kazakhstan;</p> <p>2) Laylim Bakievna Kashimova - Director of the International Cooperation Department of the Supreme Audit Chamber of the Republic of Kazakhstan;</p> <p>3) Saken Serikovich Alibekov - Deputy Director of the Department for Methodology and Quality Control of the Supreme Audit Chamber of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p>
3	Seminar on capacity building through skills training and preparation of a new generation of entrepreneurs in the SCO partner countries to use and create digital IT platforms	21 February 2023 New Delhi	1. Ardak Bakytzhanovna Kozhataeva, Head of the Division for International Organizations and Regional Cooperation of the International Cooperation Department at the Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Aerospace Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan
4	Conference on Contribution of Traditional & Integrative Medicine in GPW-13 (General Programme of Work 13) and in achieving Universal Health Coverage in SCO Member States	2-3 March 2023 Guwahati	<p>1. Sayagul Aidarovna Kaïrgeldina - General Director of the Republican State Enterprise on the Right of Economic Use Research Institute of Balneology and Medical Rehabilitation at the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan;</p> <p>2. Damir Sabyrovich Abdrakhmanov - Head of the Department for Strategic Development and International Cooperation of the Republican State Enterprise on the Right of Economic Use Research Institute of Balneology and Medical Rehabilitation at the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan.</p>

5	Meeting of the Chairmen of the Supreme Courts of the SCO Member States,	10-12 March 2023, Delhi	<p>1. MERGALIEV Aslambek Amangeldievich – Chairman of Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan;</p> <p>2. NURYSHEV Kambar Zhumabaevich - Judge of Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan;</p> <p>3. AKHMETZAKIROV Nail Rafisovich - Head of Administration of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan;</p> <p>4. SHAYAKHMETOV Shakir Shamilevich, Head of the International Relations Department of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p>
6	Meeting of SCO Youth Council	13-15 March 2023 , New Delhi	<p>1. Aisulu Erniyazova - Students' Rights Ombudsman, Advisor to the Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan;</p> <p>2. Mendygaliev Meirbek Orazovich - Head of the Department for organization of military-patriotic work of the National Military-Patriotic Centre of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Chairman of the Republican Public Association "Zhas Sarbaz" Children's and Youth Military-Patriotic Movement;</p> <p>3. KONYSSBAEVA Perizat Berikovna - Chief Expert of the Committee for Family and Youth Affairs of the Ministry of Information and Social Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan.</p>

7	Seminar on humanitarian assistance and disaster risk mitigation and infrastructure resilient to natural disasters	14 March 2023 New Delhi	<p>1.Colonel Bauyrzhan Salimovich Mukhanbetzhanov - Head of the Department for Military Training of General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Kazakhstan;</p> <p>2.Colonel of the medical service Lize Aleksandr Vladimirovich - Deputy Head of the Main Medical Directorate of Armed Forces of the Republic of Kazakhstan.</p>
8	Meeting of SCO Heads of Tourism Administrations	17-18 March 2023, Kashi	<p>1. <i>Yerzhan</i> Malikovich Yerkinbayev, Vice-Minister of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>2. Nurbol Yerlanuly <i>Baizhanov</i>, Head of Investment Raising and Promotion Department Industry and Tourism Committee at the Ministry of Culture and Sport of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>3. Zhamalatova Akmaral Zhanserikovna, Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Department Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p>

9	Meeting of SCO Ministers of Physical Culture and Sports	15 March 2023 , New Delhi	<p>1.Yerzhan Malikovich Yerkinbayev, Vice-Minister of <i>Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan</i></p> <p>2. Zhamalatova Akmaral <i>Zhanserikovna</i>, Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Department Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>3. Beknazarov Mukhamedzhan Ibodulloevich , <i>Head of summer sports of the Committee of Sport and Physical Education Ministry of Culture and Sport of the Republic of Kazakhstan</i></p>
10	Meeting of Secretary of Security Councils of SCO Member States	29 March 2023	<p>1 Mr. Gizat Nurdauletov Aide to the President - Secretary of the Security Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>2 Mr. Nurzhan Kajiakbarov Deputy Secretary of the Security Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>3. Mr. Alexander Sukhanov Head of Analytical Center of the Security Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>4. Mr. Talgat Sharipov Head of Analytical Department of the Security Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p>
11	the 20th Session of Culture Ministers' Meeting of SCO Member States (held Virtually)	03 April 2023	Minister of Culture and Sport Askhat Oralov participated in online format
12	11th meeting of the heads of the emergency situations agencies of the SCO member countries	20 April 2023	Kazakh Emergency Situations Minister Yuri Ilyin. Also held bilateral with HM Amit Shah

13	SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting	27-28 April 2023	Kazakh Defense Minister Col. Gen. Ruslan Zhaksylykov participated physically and had bilateral with RM Rajnath Singh
14	SCO Transport Ministers' Meeting	28 April 2023	Dy Chairman of Transport Committee of the Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development Mr Ali Altay participated.
15	SCO Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting	05 May 2023	Kazakh DPM -FM Muart Nurtleu participated and had bilateral with EAM Jaishankar.
16	SCO Health Ministers meeting (Online)	12 May 2023	
17	SCO Agriculture Ministers Meeting (Online)	12 May 2023	
18	SCO Ministers of ICT (Online)	13 May 2023	
19	SCO Minister of Science and Tech (Online)	16 May 2023	
20.	SCO Council of Heads of State Summit (Virtual)	04 July 2023	
