

Ministry of External Affairs
Policy Planning and Research Division

Overview of Major Achievements during the month of November 2021

I. Diplomatic Engagements and other Interactions:

1. Vice President led the Indian delegation at the 13th ASEM Summit On November 25. He virtually addressed the First Plenary Session of the Summit on the theme, 'Revitalizing Multilateralism for Global Peace and Stability'. He also addressed its Retreat Session on November 26 2021.
2. India hosted the third edition of the "Delhi Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan" on November 10, under the chairship of Indian NSA. The Dialogue witnessed the participation of National Security Advisers / Secretaries of the Security Councils of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Later, they collectively called on the Prime Minister.
3. Prime Minister met with the President of World Economic Forum and with a US Congressional delegation in New Delhi on November 13. Earlier, EAM met with the Congressional delegation on November 12 2021.
4. On November 18, PM delivered keynote address at the Sydney Dialogue, on the theme of India's technology evolution and revolution.
5. During the month, EAM traveled to Dubai to visit the India Pavilion at the Dubai Expo On November 13 and paid an official 3-day visit to Singapore from November 17-19 2021.
6. EAM met with the Secretary General of the Security Council of Uzbekistan in New Delhi on November 9; held a detailed review of India-GCC relations with the Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council in New Delhi on November 10; conducted discussions with the NSA of Tajikistan and the Chief of Army Staff of Nepali Army in New Delhi on November 11; met with US Trade Representative in New Delhi on November 23; and received the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Argentina in New Delhi on November 23 2021.
7. EAM held a virtual meeting with his counterpart from New Zealand on November 5; attended the Covid-19 Ministerial Meeting convened by US on November 10; participated in the 20th meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government on November 25; and chaired the 18th RIC Foreign Ministers' Meeting on November 26 2021.

8. On November 12, EAM chaired a meeting of the Consultative Committee for External Affairs to discuss Indo-Pacific and related aspects of our foreign policy.
9. During the month, EAM held significant telephonic conversations with his counterparts from Saudi Arabia, Japan and with Sri Lanka's Finance Minister.
10. MoS(VM) visited Gambia from November 1-3; Senegal to co-chair the 3rd Joint Commission Meeting between India and Senegal on November 5; and Uganda and Rwanda from November 11-15 2021. In Rwanda, he co-chaired the 1st India-Rwanda Joint Commission Meeting with Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs on November 15. MoS(VM) also virtually represented India at the International Ministerial Conference on UN Relief and Works Agency,(UNRWA) held in Brussels on November 16 2021.
11. MoS(ML) attended the National Day Reception of Latvia On November 3; virtually joined the presentation ceremony of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award 2021 to the President of Suriname for Public Service on November 24; and attended the plenary panel session on Asian Economic Development in post-covid recovery on November 26 2021. MoS(ML) also met with Ambassadors of Italy, Cyprus, Egypt, Croatia, Latin America and Caribbean region during the month.
12. MoS(RRS) visited New York to deliver his remarks at the UN Open Debate on 'Maintenance of International Peace and Security: Exclusion, Inequality and Conflict' on November 9; and Mongolia from November 23-26. MoS(RRS) addressed the 21st IORA Council of Ministers' Meeting on November 17; inaugurated the Post Office Passport Seva kendra at Kakching, Manipur on November 19; and held a virtual meeting with Micronesia's Secretary at the Department of Foreign Affairs on November 30 2021.
13. MoS(RRS) and MoS(ML) visited Nalanda University in Rajgir, Bihar. MoS(RRS) reviewed progress. MoS (ML) addressed the Valedictory Session of 6th international Dharma-Dhamma Conference at the University on November 9 2021. Earlier, Vice President Inaugurated the Conference at Nalanda University on November 7 2021.
14. Foreign Secretary met with the US Special Representative for Afghanistan on November 16; with the former Health Minister of Nepal on November 18; and with Sri Lankan State Minister of Estate Housing and Community Infrastructure on November 26. Earlier, Foreign Secretary held a telephonic conversation with Secretary General, European External Action Service of EU on November 16 2021.
15. On November 8, Foreign Secretary interacted with beneficiaries of two major initiatives of Government of India for the welfare of Indian emigrants, namely: PDOT, (Pre-Departure Orientation Training) and PBBY, (Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojana). Foreign Secretary also reviewed operations of RPO Mumbai, POE Mumbai and ICCR in Mumbai on November 8 2021.

16. Foreign Secretary delivered Remarks at the 3rd edition of the Goa Maritime Conclave on 'Maritime Security and Emerging Non Traditional Threats: A Case for Proactive Role for IOR Navies' on November 8; and addressed the curtain raiser event at the 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit attended by Ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps on November 25 2021.

17. NSA paid an official visit to France for the Annual India-France strategic dialogue on November 5. During the visit, he held discussions with the French Foreign and Defence Ministers on November 6 2021.

18. The 9th Meeting of the BIMSTEC Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime was held virtually on November 25. The meeting discussed emerging traditional and non-traditional security threats in the BIMSTEC region.

19. Secretary (East) led the Indian delegation for the India-Vietnam Political Consultation and Strategic Dialogue on November 12; the 6th India-Argentina Foreign Office Consultations on November 24; and 4th Foreign Office Consultations with Uruguay on November 29 2021.

20. Secretary (West) held the Foreign Office Consultations with Netherlands on November 10; co-chaired the first ever Foreign Office Consultations between India and Luxembourg on November 12; the 11th round of India-Finland Foreign Office Consultations on November 23; and led the 11th round of India-Estonia Foreign Office Consultations on November 25 2021.

21. Secretary (CPV & OIA) attended BRICS Economic Conclave on November 26; and participated in the UNSC Open Debate on "Impact of diversion & trafficking of arms on peace & security" and the UNSC briefing on UN Assistance Mission for Iraq on November 23 & 24, respectively.

22. Ministry has been relentlessly working on ensuring recognition for Indian COVID-19 vaccination certificates. On November 3, WHO had granted approval for emergency use to Covaxin.

23. On November 10, US became the 101st country to sign the framework agreement of the International Solar Alliance.

24. Other diplomatic milestones during the month included India's election to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee for 2021-25; election of Mr. Praveen Sinha to the Interpol HQ Executive Committee; and election of Professor Bimal Patel to the International Law Commission. Srinagar has been added to UNESCO's creative Cities Network as a creative city for crafts and folk art.

25. Constitution Day was commemorated across the world on November 26 2021.