

INDIA - SWEDEN BILATERAL RELATIONS

INTRODUCTION

India and Sweden have had longstanding close relations based on common values; strong business, investment and R&D linkages; and similar approaches to meet global challenges of peace & security and development.

Sweden (the largest Nordic country in terms of landmass, population and GDP) is a member of the EU and Schengen visa regime but not the Eurozone. Sweden is a NATO member since March 2024. Sweden held the Presidency of the EU Council during the first half of 2023. Sweden chaired the Nordic Council and Nordic Baltic (NB8) in 2024.

Sweden has a population of around 10 million and its GDP was approximately USD 591 billion, with a per capita GDP of around USD 55,756. The country's total exports for the year were valued at USD 301 billion, while imports amounted to USD 307 billion.

Sweden is an external oriented economy with focus on services and industry sectors, especially on manufacturing, IT, life sciences, circular economy, clean technologies. Sweden is singled out as one of the world's most innovative countries by the large American technology and industry organization CTA, Consumer Technology Association. Sweden ranks 2nd among the 133 economies and 1st within EU in the GII 2024. The Global Innovation Index (GII) ranks world economies according to their innovation capabilities.

Sweden has a landmass of around 0.5 million sq km, a coastline of more than 3,000 km on the Baltic Sea and is separated from Norway by the Scandinavian Mountain chain along a 1,600 km border. Sweden has a land border of over 500 km with Finland. To the south, Sweden is connected with Denmark via a bridge and a tunnel. One third of Swedish territory (more than 150,000 sq km) is considered as its Arctic area where a population of 0.5 million (mainly Saami) resides. Sweden is one of the 8 members of the Arctic Council.

INDIA-SWEDEN POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

Regular political engagement, intensifying business ties, cooperation on global challenges and multilateral issues define the strong India Sweden partnership. Innovation, Technology, Investment and R&D collaborations provide the bedrock of this modern relationship.

The partnership has witnessed a sharp upswing in the high-level engagement since 2014, with 11 visits/ interactions at Head of State/Head of Government level during this

period. This includes eight interactions at Prime Ministerial level (September 2015 New York; February 2016 Make in India Mumbai; April 2018 Stockholm; April 2020 telephone conversation; March 2021 Virtual Summit; May 2021 India EU Summit; Nov 2021 on the sidelines of COP26 in Glasgow, May 2022 Copenhagen 2nd India-Nordic summit, Dec 2023 on the sidelines of COP28 in Dubai, the visit of President Pranab Mukherjee to Sweden in May-June 2015 and the visit of His Majesty the King of Sweden Carl XVI Gustaf to India in December 2019

There have been 1 PM level interaction and around 25 ministerial interactions in 2023-25. Our Prime Ministers met in three different formats during COP28 where they also jointly launched LeadIT2.0.

In 2025, There has been one Ministerial visit (Swedish FM Maria Malmer Stenergard) from Sweden and 4 ministerial interactions.

In 2023-24, there have been five Ministerial visits from Sweden (Ministers of Foreign Affairs-twice, Infrastructure and Housing Minister, Finance Minister, Minister for Financial Markets). EAM visited Sweden in May 2023.

During 2022 there were three ministerial interactions - Foreign Ministers (Munich in Feb 2022); Environment Ministers (Nairobi in March 2022); Aviation & Infrastructure Ministers (Virtual in March 2022). Despite Covid-19 constraints, there were eight substantive Ministerial interactions, most in virtual format in 2020 and eight Ministerial interactions in 2021.

Sweden hosted the First ever India Nordic Summit in Stockholm in April 2018 where Prime Minister Modi and his counterparts from all five Nordic countries participated. Prime Minister of Sweden and India also interacted during the India EU Leaders' Meeting in virtual format on 8 May 2021 and in Glasgow on 1 Nov 2021. Sweden also participated in the First India Nordic Baltic Conclave co-chaired by External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar in November 2020.

During the 2018 visit of Prime Minister Modi to Sweden, the two sides adopted a wide-ranging Joint Action Plan and signed a Joint Innovation Partnership. The first high level Dialogue on Innovation Policy was co-chaired by Prime Minister Modi and the King of Sweden in December 2019. PM Löfven was the Chief Guest at 2016 Make in India event and Sweden hosted a major Make in India event in 2017.



INVESTMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND TRADE LINKAGES

Sweden's natural resources include iron, timber, fisheries and hydro power. Sweden has, therefore, focussed on manufacturing, IT, life sciences, circular economy, and clean technologies. Sweden has created an exemplary innovation ecosystem where it consistently ranks among the top two economies in the world.

Sweden's major industries include automotive, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, industrial machines, precision equipment, chemical goods, home appliances, mining, forestry, iron & steel. Many large businesses belong to the Wallenberg group. These include: Ericsson (telecom), SEB (banking), SAAB (defence), Electrolux (home appliances), SKF (bearings), Atlas Copco (industrial equipment & mining), Astra Zeneca (pharma), Grand Hotel, among others. Other leading Swedish companies and brands include: IKEA (furniture retail), H&M (clothing & interiors), Tetra Pack (packaging), Alfa Laval (heavy industry), BAE (defence), Volvo (automotive), Sandvik (engineering), Scania (automotive), Spotify and Truecaller (IT).

Several innovations including safety match, seat belt, zipper, ultrasound, pacemaker, tetra pack, telephone handset, skype have Swedish roots.

India Sweden Trade and investment have grown rapidly in recent years. Trade in goods has increased from USD 2.86 billion (2016) to USD 6.96 billion (2024). Sweden is the 22nd largest investor in India. According to DPIIT figures, the FDI equity inflows from April 2000 to December 2024 is 2.596 billion (0.36% out of total FDI Equity inflow). India is the 3rd largest trading partner for Sweden in Asia. The number of Swedish

companies with business presence in India has increased to 280 in the last 7-8 years or so. The number of Indian companies with business presence has increased to 75 over a similar period.

Swedish business presence in India dates back more than a hundred years (Ericsson, Swedish Match Co., SKF, ABB) and has concentrated especially in Pune since 1960s. The next wave of investment followed over the last two decades, which has further picked up in the past five years.

Swedish companies are among the leading global players in several fields and are present in India in sectors including IT (Ericsson, Spotify, Truecaller), automobiles (Volvo, Scania), earth moving & mining (Alfa Laval, Scania), process plant equipment (Sandvik), electrical engg. & AI (ABB, SKF), pharmaceuticals (AstraZeneca), packaging (Tetra Pack) sustainable urban solutions (waste management, water, IT solutions), retail (IKEA, H&M), and defence (SAAB). Several Swedish SMEs are also active in India esp. in IT, renewable energy and manufacturing. Swedish companies have a long record of manufacturing in India and rank among the top in Making in India. Recently, SAAB has started building its fully owned plant in Haryana to manufacture Carl Gustaf Mark IV shoulder fired mortars.

There is a growing Indian business presence in Sweden, especially in IT sector. Some Indian companies have also made acquisitions in recent years in Sweden (Bharat Forge, Wipro, Cadila Pharmaceuticals, Aditya Birla, Tata group, Crompton Greaves, Altruist Technologies, HCL Technology, Kalpataru among others). Indian biotech and pharma companies including Dr. Reddys, Biocon, Kemwell and Cadila Pharma have formed collaborative relations in Sweden. India was among the select countries whose business delegations were invited to the Join Sweden Summit in June 2022.

The Swedish Space Corporation (SSC) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) are collaborating on a Venus mission. Sweden has officially joined ISRO's Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM). The Swedish Institute of Space Physics (IRF) will provide ISRO with the Venusian Neutrals Analyser (VNA), a lightweight and low-power yet highly effective energetic neutral atom (ENA) analyser.

Various mechanisms, established in recent years, including the India Sweden Business Round Table (ISBLRT), Sweden India Business Council (SIBC), remained actively engaged in promoting business linkages, as did the entities such as Invest India, Business Sweden, CII, DPIIT, CII and India Sweden Health care Innovations Centre.

Embassy of India supports the organisation of an annual India Sweden Innovation Day. The Deputy PM and Minister for Energy, Business & Industry Ebba Busch and Minister of S&T Dr. Jitendra Singh had jointly inaugurated the 11th India Sweden Innovation Day in October 2024. Embassy also supports other initiatives such as Engaging India at Almedalen. Sweden hosts a Sweden India Nobel Memorial Week in India focusing on promoting business and academic linkages, among other initiatives.

The India Business Climate Survey 2024 shows Swedish companies in India are optimistic, with over 80% expecting increased turnover and 72% rating the business climate as positive. Additionally, 92% believe the Swedish brand adds value, and 68% reported profitability. While the 2023 India Business Climate Survey released by the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in India and Business Sweden have shown unprecedented positive sentiment among Swedish businesses present in India.

There has been a regular exchange of official and business delegations over the last several years. In the last 6 years around 55 Indian delegations at Ministerial/Senior Official level have visited Sweden. Investment promotion Ministerial delegations from states of UP and Tamil Nadu have visited Stockholm in recent months. A delegation from India's cement industry, CII-led Indian business delegations from steel, cement and pulp and paper industries have also visited Sweden. Indian business associations also participate in sector specific Trade exhibitions in Sweden.

RESEARCH & INNOVATION COLLABORATION

Departments of S&T (DST) & Biotechnology (DBT), alongwith GITA (DST-CII collaboration) and ICMR from India are partnering Swedish agencies including Vinnova (Swedish Govt Innovation and R&D agency), Swedish Energy Agency, Swedish Research Council and FORTE (under Ministry of Health) to co-fund projects relating to research and industrial applications.

The range of areas of cooperation include: Smart Cities & CleanTech, Nano Sciences, Computer Sciences, AI, Smart Grids, Energy Research (storage, e-mobility, new fuels), water, waste to wealth, circular economy, embedded systems, new technologies. Other areas include: Digitization and Internet of Things (IOT), Health & Life Sciences, Biomedical Devices, Bio-Economy, Startups, Test Beds, Bioclusters, Digital Healthcare, Ageing, New materials, Space & Aeronautics etc.

There is ongoing cooperation in space sector. An MoU was signed in 1986. A Swedish scientific payload SARA (made by Institute for Space Research IRF in Kiruna) travelled on Chandrayaan-I moon mission of India in 2008. There is ongoing cooperation between ISRO and Swedish Space Corporation SSC on TTC (telemetry, tracking & command) services. Swedish Space Corporation (SSC) and Dhruva Space signed an MOU to expand collaboration on ground networks synergies.

There has also been cooperation in polar research.

BILATERAL INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION MECHANISMS

A range of MoUs and bilateral Agreements exist covering sectors including Science & Technology; Healthcare, Sustainable Urban Development, Renewable Energy, Railways; Space, Polar Science, and Defence. There are a number of Joint Working Groups (JWG) established under many of these MoUs. There also exist agreements on avoidance of Double Taxation, Bilateral Investment Protection and Air Services.

In March, 2025 MoU signed between the Government of Maharashtra and Candela, electric boat manufacturing company marking an investment of ₹1990 crore, which will generate 6,000 jobs.

The India-Sweden Business Leaders Round Table (ISBLRT) meeting was convened on 17 March 2025 in New Delhi. The meeting also witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by representatives from Ericsson, Volvo Group, and Bharti Airtel. Business Sweden's new office in Mumbai was officially inaugurated on 18 March by FM Stennergard.

In January 2025, Mr. Daniel Westlén, Sweden's State Secretary to Minister for Climate and the Environment attended the 3rd India-Sweden Joint Working Group meeting on Environment in New Delhi.

During his fifth visit to India in December 2024, Sweden's State Secretary for Foreign Trade, Mr. Håkan Jevrell, held productive discussions with key Indian counterparts and engaged with senior representatives from eight prominent Swedish companies operating in India.

The Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between India and Sweden in the field of new and renewable energy was convened on 17 December 2024. The meeting mainly focused on issues related to renewable energy including Solar energy; Waste to Energy Programme; Green Hydrogen and Energy Storage including batteries etc.

Seven rounds of Foreign Office Consultations between Sweden and India have been held so far. In May 2024, Secretary (West) met State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and State Secretary for Foreign Trade during his visit to Stockholm.

13th JWG on Health held in April 2024 in Stockholm. India-Sweden Industry Transition Platform (ITP) began its work with an inaugural Meeting in April 2024 in New Delhi. First India Sweden Space and Geospatial Business Summit held in December 2023.

The 9th meeting of JWG on Defence Cooperation was held in Hyderabad in August 2023. The Second JWG on Digital technologies was held in November 2022 in Delhi.

Mr. Sheo Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Tourism visited Sweden in March 2024 for a Road show presenting Madhya Pradesh attractions, the incredible

geo-heritage, world Heritage sites, wildlife & adventure, focussed on sustainability & inclusive development and much more.

During the visit of State Secretary for Foreign Trade to India in March 2023, two MoUs were signed – between SERB (Science & Engg Research Board) with STINT (Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research & Higher Education), and MIDC (Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation) and SIBC (Sweden India Business Council).

The 20th session of Indo-Swedish Joint Commission for Economic, Industrial and Scientific Cooperation (JCIEC) was held in Delhi in December 2022. It was co-chaired by Commerce & Industry Minister and Minister for Foreign Trade. The two Ministers also participated at the India Sweden Economic Partnership Conference.

25th edition of the Indian Trilateral Forum held in Delhi in December 2024 which was co-hosted by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, German Marshall Fund and Observer Research Foundation America. The event brought together Indian, American, and European policymakers and experts to discuss common goals and challenges.

Two MoUs were signed during 2022 – One on Aviation and other on Financial Regulation. First between Airports Authority of India (AAI) and LfV Air Navigation Services and the other between International Financial Services Centres Authority of India (IFSCA) and FI (Finansinspektionen) of Sweden.

IFSCA delegation led by Chairperson, Mr. K. Rajaraman, IFSCA visited Sweden in September 2024 to promote opportunities for Swedish & Nordic Universities to explore and set up their International branch campuses at GIFT IFSC.

The King of Sweden Carl XVI Gustaf and Ministers of Foreign Trade and Infrastructure had visited the India Pavilion at Dubai Expo in 2022.

The 6th Meeting of India Sweden Joint Committee on Science & Technology was held in Sweden in May 2019.

MULTILATERAL ENGAGEMENT

Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh (MoS KVS), and Swedish Minister for Climate and Environment, Ms. Romina Pourmokhtari, co-chaired the 6th Annual Summit of the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT) during COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan. Both Ministers also released the five year report of Leadership Group for Industry Transition.

India and Sweden jointly launched the Leadership Group on Industry Transition (LeadIT) in association with World Economic Forum (WEF) at the UN Climate Action Summit convened by the UN Secretary General in September 2019 in New York. In December

2023, Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson co-launched the phase-II of the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT 2.0) for the period 2024-26 at COP-28 in Dubai.

The Stockholm Environment Institute is the Secretariat for the LeadIT whose membership has since expanded to 41 members including 18 countries (including France, Germany, Japan, RoK, UK and USA) and 23 big companies (including Dalmia Cement, Mahindra Group, Spice Jet, Tata Steel, Tata Power and SAIL). As a newest member, Ashok Leyland, an Indian multinational automotive manufacturer, officially joined the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LEADIT) during the Baku Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP29).

At the first ever UN Conference on Human Environment that was hosted by Sweden in Stockholm in 1972, the Indian delegation was led by PM Indira Gandhi. Sweden co-hosted the Stockholm+50 with Kenya in June 2022. The Indian delegation was led by Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change.

In the 1980s India and Sweden worked together on nuclear disarmament issues within the framework of the 'Six Nation Peace Summit' (that also included Argentina, Greece, Mexico and Tanzania).

At the UN General Assembly, India and Sweden present an annual Joint Statement on Humanitarian Affairs.

In 2013 during the Swedish Presidency, India joined the Arctic Council as an Observer at the Kiruna Ministerial Meeting.

Both countries have, in the past, joined hands on common causes such as decolonisation, anti-apartheid promoting development partnerships, environment, UN Peacekeeping, UN Peace building and nuclear disarmament.

CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC TIES

In 1913 Rabindranath Tagore became the first non-European to be awarded the Nobel Prize (for Literature). Over the last century, a number of other distinguished Indian nationals/ persons of Indian origin have won the Nobel Prize in different categories.

King Gustav V (great grandfather of HM King Carl XVI Gustaf) received Rabindranath Tagore during the latter's visit to Sweden in 1926. Prince Wilhelm visited Kolkata in 1912 and met the Tagore family. In 1973 a special stamp was issued in Sweden on Rabindranath Tagore. In 2014 a bust of Rabindranath Tagore was installed in the university town of Uppsala to mark the 100 years of the award of Nobel Prize to him.

In mid-1950s, a small bronze statuette of Buddha seated on lotus was discovered from an excavation conducted in an old Viking settlement on the island of Helgö on Lake

Mällaren, west of Stockholm. The statuette, popularly known as 'Helgö Buddha' is dated to around 1,400 years ago and is thought to be from Kashmir. In 2015 the Swedish Post issued a special stamp on Helgö Buddha.

Indian classical arts, especially music and dance, are widely appreciated in Sweden. Yoga (and also Ayurveda) are popular among the Swedes. International Day of Yoga is celebrated across several Swedish cities. A day long Ayurveda Seminar was organised in Feb 2022 where around 70 Ayurveda practitioners from Sweden joined.

There are ongoing research linkages between academic institutions and universities between India and Sweden. Some of these include KTH (Royal Institute of Technology), Karlstad University, Uppsala University, Blekinge Institute of Technology, Linköping University on the Swedish side and IIT Chennai, IIT Guwahati, Vellore Institute of Technology, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar and BHU Varanasi.

Academic Chairs on Indian studies have been established in the past at prominent Swedish Universities – Lund, Gothenburg and Uppsala. Indology studies at Uppsala University date back nearly 200 years.

A popular annual open-air day-long cultural event 'Namaste Stockholm' is supported by the Embassy of India. It is estimated that the event attracts around 15-20,000 visitors. The 2024 edition was inaugurated by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Ms. Margareta Cederfelt. It featured nearly 40 performances by Indian and Swedish artistes.

Indian Women Football team visited Sweden in Oct 2021 to play friendly matches with Swedish teams. Indian team has a Swedish coach. The Indian Davis Cup team visited Sweden in September 2024 for their World Group I tie.

Swedish filmmaker Levan Akin's *Crossing* won the prestigious ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa on November 28, 2024, in recognition of its powerful exploration of peace, non-violence, and the promotion of human rights.

INDIAN DIASPORA

The Indian Diaspora in Sweden is estimated to be over 88,400 that includes around 66,400 Indian nationals. Most of them are professionals, predominantly in IT sector. There is a large number of Indian researchers and students in Sweden. There are an estimated 2,500 Indian students in Sweden. So far, around 22,000 Swedish nationals have been issued OCI cards.

There are a number of Indian Cultural Associations in Sweden based in Stockholm, Gothenberg, Uppsala, Lund, Malmö, Umeå, Kiruna, Helsingborg, Västerås among others. A wide range of Indian festivals are celebrated across Sweden.

Two Swedish nationals of Indian origin have received the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman so far – Late Shri Bicky Chakraborty (2008) and Dr. Sanjeevi Karani (2017).

HIGH LEVEL VISITS

From the Indian side, there have been six visits at the HoS/HoG level : PM Nehru (1957), PM Indira Gandhi (1972), PM Rajiv Gandhi (1986 & 1988), President Pranab Mukherjee (2015), PM Narendra Modi (2018).

From the Swedish side, there have been eight visits at the HoS/HoG level : PM Tage Erlander (1960), PM Olof Palme (1985), HM King Carl XVI Gustaf (1993), PM Goran Persson (2003), HM King Carl XVI Gustaf (2004), PM Frederik Reinfeldt (2009), PM Stefan Löfven (Make in India Mumbai 2016), HM King Carl XVI Gustaf (2019).

Former PM Goran Persson visited India (2015) to address Vivekananda International Foundation; and former PM Carl Bildt (2020, 2021, 2023 and 2025) participated at the Raisina Dialogue.

RECENT PM/ MINISTERIAL INTERACTIONS

2025

Swedish FM Maria Malmer Stenergard paid an official visit to India to participate in Raisina Dialogue 2025. FM Stenergard interacted with EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister of Commerce, Mr. Piyush Goyal and Minister of State for Commerce and Industry; Electronics and IT; Mr. Jitin Prasada.

She also participated in a meeting between Indian and Swedish business leaders within the framework of the "India Sweden Business Leaders Roundtable" in which a MoU by representatives from Ericsson, Volvo Group, and Bharti Airtel.

The Swedish Parliamentarians from the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs visited India from 2-8 March. The MPs had an interaction with their Indian counterparts, led by Chairman and MP Mr. Shashi Tharoor discussed foreign policies and India-Sweden ties.

The Sweden-India Friendship Group from the Swedish Parliament led by Ms. Margareta Cederfelt visited India in February. During the visit, the delegation engaged in several high-level engagements with the dignitaries from Parliament of India. This exchange underscores the deepening parliamentary ties between India and Sweden, fostering dialogue on governance, policy-making, and budgetary frameworks. Key areas of cooperation, such as trade, commerce, and technology, were also explored with Mr. Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and Electronics & IT.

2024

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The 11th edition of India-Sweden Innovation Day was held on October 14, 2024, in Stockholm. The event was attended in person by H.E. Ebba Busch, Sweden's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Energy and Enterprise, and Dr. Jitendra Singh, India's Minister of Science and Technology, joined virtually.

On the sidelines of the 79th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, EAM met with the Swedish Foreign Minister, H.E. Ms. Maria Malmer Stenergard, on September 26, 2024.

The MoS (KVS), participated in the Track 1.5 Nordic-India Dialogue held on August 22-23, 2024, in Oslo, Norway. This is a joint initiative by the Nordic institutions and Ananta Aspen Centre in India.

Foreign Minister Tobias Billström visited India to attend the annual Raisina Dialogue. He also visited the Indian Space Research Organisation campus in Bengaluru.

2023

Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson co-launched the phase-II of the Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT 2.0) for the period 2024-26 at COP-28 in Dubai. India and Sweden also launched the Industry Transition platform at COP-28 which will connect the Government, industries, technology providers, researchers and think tanks of the two countries.

Minister for Financial Markets Niklas Wykman participated in 2nd edition of CII India Nordic Baltic Business Conclave held on 22-23 November 2023 in New Delhi. Minister Niklas also had bilateral interactions with Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal. He also met EAM.

EAM visited Sweden in May 2023 for the EU Indo Pacific Ministerial meeting in Stockholm. During the visit, he held bilateral discussions with Foreign Minister Tobias Billström and Defence Minister Pål Jonson, Riksdag Speaker and National Security Adviser. He also met Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson. EAM also had a meeting with senior business leaders. He also addressed the Indian diaspora at a special event. EAM and Foreign Minister jointly inaugurated the 21st session of India Trilateral Forum (ITF). 24th Session of ITF was held in Stockholm from 10-11 June 2024.

EAM and FM Billström had earlier met in Delhi on the sidelines of Raisina Dialogue in February 2023.

Minister of Infrastructure & Housing Andreas Carlson visited India in April 2023. During the visit he met Ministers of Housing, Environment, Forests & Climate Change and MoS Civil Aviation.

Minister of Finance of Sweden Elisabeth Svantesson participated at the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting in Bengaluru in February 2023. She represented the EU Council of Ministers as the EU Presidency. She met Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman.

2022

EAM held bilateral discussions with Foreign Minister Ann Linde in Feb 2022 in Munich on the sidelines of Munich Security Conference. They also met a few days later in Paris where France, as EU President, hosted a Ministerial event on EU-Indo Pacific.

Minister for Foreign Trade Johan Forsell visited India in December 2022 when he and CIM Shri Piyush Goyal co-chaired the 20th session of Joint Commission for Economic, Industrial and Scientific Cooperation in Delhi. He also met Minister for Railways, Communications & Electronics & IT Shri Ashwini Vaishnav.

Environment Minister Shri Bhupendra Yadav interacted with counterpart Minister Annika Strandhäll in Nairobi in March 2022 on the sidelines of UNEA. The two ministers co-chaired the LeadIT Ministerial meeting in Stockholm in June 2022 on the sidelines of Stockholm+50 Conference. Minister Yadav and Swedish Minister for Environment Romina Pourmokhtari co-chaired the LeadIT Ministerial in Nov 2022 on the sidelines of COP27 in Sharm-al-Sheikh.

Deputy PM & Minister for Energy, Business & Industry Ebba Busch and Minister of State (IC) for S&T, Atomic Energy and Space Dr. Jitendra Singh jointly inaugurated the 9th edition of India Sweden Innovation Day in October 2022.

Civil Aviation Minister Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia interacted virtually with counterpart Minister Tomas Eneroth in March 2022.

Minister of Health Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya met Minister Hallgren in May 2022 in Geneva on the sidelines of World Health assembly.

2021

Foreign Minister Ann Linde addressed the Raisina Dialogue in April 2021.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Swedish Minister for Defence Mr. Peter Hultqvist spoke at the India-Sweden Defence Industry Cooperation Webinar on the theme of 'Capitalising on Opportunities for Growth and Security' on 8 June, 2021. On this occasion an MOU was signed between Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM)

and Swedish Security and Defence Industry (SOFF) to promote bilateral defence industrial relations.

Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences (IC), Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 8th India-Sweden Innovation Day along with Swedish Minister for Business, Industry and Innovation Mr. Ibrahim Baylan on 26 October 2021 on the theme 'India Sweden Innovation Day was India Sweden's green transition.'

Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupendra Yadav and Swedish Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Environment, Mr. Per Bolund co-hosted the Lead IT Summit during the COP 26 on 9 Nov 2021. The two Ministers also held bilateral interactions on the sidelines of COP 26 on 9 Nov, 2021.

EAM interacted with FM Ann Linde in Slovenia at Gymnich Lunch in Sep 2021.

CIM Shri Piyush Goyal and his counterpart Minister Anna Hallberg had a virtual interaction in April 2021. The two Ministers addressed the CEO Forum in December 2020 in virtual format and also held discussions in May 2020.

2020

Minister of Health Lena Hallengren addressed the Aarogya Manthan 2.0 in Aug 2020 in a virtual format at the invitation of our Minister. Minister Dr. Harshvardhan addressed the 'Health Talks' organised by the Swedish side during the Nobel Memorial Week in December 2020 in a virtual format. He announced the setting up of a Centre of Excellence in the field of Oncology at AIIMS Jodhpur. 2019 was declared as India Sweden Year of Health (completion of a decade of Health MoU). Minister of Health Lena Hallengren visited India in Feb 2019. An India Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre was launched in Dec 2019. This is a collaboration between AIIMS Delhi, AIIMS Jodhpur, MoHFW, ICMR and Swedish Trade Commissioner's Office and AstraZeneca.

Minister Gadkari visited Sweden in Feb 2020. A Sweden India Transport Innovation and Safety Partnership (SITIS) was signed during the visit. He met Minister Baylan (Business & Innovation), Minister Eneroth (Transport & Infrastructure) and Minister Anna Hallberg (Foreign Trade). Minister Gadkari and Minister Baylan inaugurated the 7th India Sweden Innovation Day in November 2020 in a virtual format. There was a thematic session on SITIS.

Minister Javadekar and Dy PM & Minister of Environment Lövin addressed a 'Strategic Forum' organised by the Swedish Institute for International Affairs (UI) in a virtual format in November 2020 on the theme of Climate Action. A ministerial LeadIT (Leadership Group on Industry Transition) meeting was held in December 2020 to mark the fifth anniversary of Paris Agreement. A Joint Ministerial Statement was issued. An Industry Transition Day was held in July 2020. Earlier a high-level meeting of convening

members was held on the sidelines of COP25 in December 2019 in Madrid. The operational Work Plan until 2023 has been finalised.

Defence Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman had visited Sweden in February 2019. Swedish Chief of Air Staff participated in the first ever Air Chiefs Conclave held during the Aero India Show 2021 in Feb 2021 in virtual format.

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