

ANNEXURE-I**Visit by Foreign Dignitaries (01 Jan 2021- 16 July 2021)**

S. No	Dignitary/ Country	Period of visit	Issues on which deliberations were held with them	Details of Bilateral agreements signed
1	H.E. Sh Pradeep Gyawali Minister for Foreign Affairs, Nepal	14-16 January 2021	The Joint Commission comprehensively reviewed all aspects of multifaceted cooperation between the two countries. Both sides discussed several areas of cooperation <i>inter alia</i> connectivity, economy and trade, power, oil and gas, water resources, political and security issues, border management, development partnership, tourism, culture, education and capacity building.	Press Release: https://www.mea.gov.in/incoming-visit-detail.htm?33391/Sixth+IndiaNepal+Joint+Commission+Meeting
2	H.E. Barbara Pompili Minister for Ecological Transition France	28 January -2 February 2021	Discussions were held on the subjects of Environment and Sustainable Development, launch of Indo-French Year of Environment.	Details of MoU/Bilateral instruments signed: i) Credit Facility Agreement of €250 million for the development of the Surat Metro. ii) Letter of intent with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) for the development a floating solar power system (FSPV) on the Getalsud reservoir in the state of Jharkhand. iii) Letter of intent with the Assam Forest Department to promote a Park Partnership with national parks in the Indo-Pacific region
3	H.E. Brig. Gen. Amir Hatami Defence Minister Iran	February 03-04, 2021	The visiting dignitary participated in the IOR Defence Ministers' conclave and met RM on the sidelines of the AERO INDIA Show.	
4	H.E. Mr.	03-05	A three member Comorian	

	Dhoihr Dhoulkamal Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation Comoros	February 2021	delegation led by the visiting dignitary participated in the AERO INDIA Show and IOR Defence Ministers' Conclave at Bangalore from 03 to 05 Feb 21.	
5	H.E. Lt Gen Léon Jean Richard RAKOTONIRINA Minister of National Defence Madagascar	03-05 February 2021	A four member delegation led by the visiting dignitary participated in the AERO INDIA Show and IOR Defence Ministers' Conclave at Bangalore from 03 to 05 Feb 21	
6	H.E. Ms Uza Mariya DiDi Defence Minister Maldives	03-05 February 2021	A three member delegation led by the visiting dignitary participated in the AERO INDIA Show and IOR Defence Ministers' Conclave at Bangalore from 03 to 05 Feb 21	
7	H.E. Mr. Andriy Taran Defense Minister Ukraine	03-05 February 2021	The visiting dignitary participated in the AERO INDIA Show during which he also had a meeting with RM to discuss bilateral defence issues.	
8	H.E. Mr. Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangue Vice President Equatorial Guinea	03-07 February 2021	The visiting dignitary participated in the AERO INDIA Show – 2021 in Bangalore.	Details of MoU/Bilateral instruments signed: MoU on procurement of defence equipment was signed with BEL
9	H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Truss MP, Secretary of State for International Trade	05-09 February 2021	The visiting dignitary met with Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal and discussed roadmap for announcing a new Enhanced Trade Partnership (ETP) for further deepening trade ties between	

	UK		the UK and India.	
10	H.E. Mr. Demeke Mekonnen Hassen Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ethiopia	16-19 February 2021	The visiting dignitary briefed EAM on Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), Tigray Crisis and Ethiopia-Sudan Border issues. Both Ministers discussed the bilateral issues including trade and commerce, S&T cooperation, cultural cooperation etc.	Details of MoU/Bilateral instruments signed: i) MOU between CLRI (CSIR lab) and Wollo University Ethiopia ii) Agreement for visa waiver for diplomatic passport holders between India and Ethiopia.
11	H.E. Mr. Maksym Stepanov Health Minister Ukraine	19-24 February 2021	The discussions were held on issues related to supply of Covid-19 vaccines by the Indian pharmaceutical companies to Ukraine.	
12	H.E. Mr. Marcos Pontes Minister of Science, Technology & Innovation Brazil	23 February – 03 March 2021	The visiting dignitary held discussions with Ministers of Science and Technology, Minister of State for Space and Chairman ISRO on strengthening collaboration in space sector and science and technology including in niche areas such as earth sciences, biotechnology and nanotechnology. During the visit, the dignitary witnessed the launch of the Amazonia-1, the first indigenous Brazilian Earth Observation Satellite which was launched on board PSLV at Satish Dhawan Space Center, Sriharikota.	
13	H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov Foreign Minister Uzbekistan	25 February 2021	The visiting dignitary extended invitation to India for the connectivity conference in Tashkent in July.	Press Release: https://www.mea.gov.in/incoming-visit-detail.htm?33567/External+Affairs+Minister+meets+Foreign+Minister+of+Uzbekistan
14	H.E. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Bin	25-26 February 2021	Issues related to bilateral relations and multilateral issues of mutual interest	

	Sultan Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation UAE		were discussed.	
15	H.E. Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al- Mohammed Al-Sabah Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Kuwait	17-18 March 2021	In-depth discussions on upgrading the bilateral relations in all areas were held	A Joint Statement on establishment of Joint Commission between Republic of India and the Government of the State of Kuwait was issued during the visit. Press Release: https://www.mea.gov.in/incoming-visit-detail.htm?33678/Visit+to+India+of+HE+Sheikh+Dr+Ahmed+Nasser+AlMohammad+AlSabah+Foreign+Minister+and+MOS+for+Cabinet+Affairs+State+of+Kuwait+March+1718+2021
16	H.E. Lloyd James Austin III Secretary of Defense USA	19-21 March 2021	The visiting dignitary called on Prime Minister and met Raksha Mantri, External Affairs Minister and National Security Advisor. Both sides discussed ways to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation and exchanged views on regional security challenges.	
17	H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar Foreign Minister Afghanistan	22-23 March 2021.	At the delegation level talks with his counterpart, the two sides focused on strengthening India-Afghanistan Strategic Partnership, particularly cooperation in the areas of political, security, trade, economic, capacity development, education, social, cultural relation.	Press Release: https://www.mea.gov.in/incoming-visit-detail.htm?33714/Visit+of+HE+Mohammad+Haneef+Atmar+Foreign+Minister+of+the+Islamic+Republic+of+Afghanistan+to+India+March+2223+2021
18	H.E. Mr.	05-06	Issues of bilateral	Press Release:

	Sergey Lavrov Foreign Minister Russia	April 2021	cooperation as well as important regional and international issues were discussed between the two sides.	https://www.mea.gov.in/incoming-visit-detail.htm?33771/Statement+by+Minister+of+External+Affairs+at+the+Joint+Press+conference+with+the+Minister+of+Foreign+Affairs+of+the+Russian+Federation https://www.mea.gov.in/incoming-visit-detail.htm?33774/Transcript+of+Joint+Presser+by+External+Affairs+Minister+and+Minister+of+Foreign+Affairs+of+the+Russian+Federation+April+06+2021
19	H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani Minister of Foreign Affairs Bahrain	06-08 April 2021	During the visit, 3rd meeting of High Joint Commission (HJC), (co-chaired by EAM and Bahraini Foreign Minister) was held. Both sides reviewed entire gamut of bilateral, regional and multilateral cooperation, and discussed ways to further strengthen and expand these in various sectors.	Press Release: https://www.mea.gov.in/incoming-visit-detail.htm?33778/Third+India+Bahrain+High+Joint+Commission+Meeting+7+April+2021
20	H.E. Mr. Nurlan Yermekbayev Defence Minister Kazakhstan	07-09 April 2021	Issues of bilateral defence cooperation were discussed between the two sides.	
21	H.E. Mr. Osman Saleh Mohammed Minister of Foreign Affairs Eritrea	7-12 April 2021	Issues discussed between the two sides: i) Port/Costal Infrastructure Upgradation; ii) Mining; iii) Counter Terrorism; iv) Regional Security; The visiting dignitary sought India's active collaboration in the field of Agriculture, fisheries, education, health, manufacturing and renewable	Press Release: https://www.mea.gov.in/incoming-visit-detail.htm?33781/Visit+of+Foreign+Minister+of+Eritrea+to+India+April+7+12+2021

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22	H.E. Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs France	13-15 April 2021	<p>i) The visiting dignitary held delegation level talks with EAM and also participated in Raisina Dialogue.</p> <p>ii) The dignitary also discussed issues of bilateral and multilateral interest, including defence and space cooperation, climate, UNSC and regional issues like Afghanistan and the Indo-Pacific.</p>	<p>Implementing Arrangement between ISRO's Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) and French National Space Agency (CNES) for cooperation concerning Human Spaceflight programme</p> <p>Press Release: https://www.mea.gov.in/incoming-visit-detail.htm?33798/Visit+of+Minister+for+Europe+and+Foreign+Affairs+of+France+to+India+April+1315+2021</p>
23	H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid Foreign Minister Maldives	15-16 April 2021	The visiting dignitary participated in the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi and met with his counterpart.	<p>Press Release: https://www.mea.gov.in/incoming-visit-detail.htm?33803/Visit+of+Minister+of+Foreign+Affairs+of+Maldives+to+India+April+1516+2021</p>