

**ANNEXURE-II**

**Foreign Visits by PM and EAM (01 Jan 2021 – 16 July 2021)**

**Visit of Prime Minister**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Countries visited</b>	<b>Period of visit</b>	<b>Details of bilateral agreement/MoU signed, discussions held and outcome thereof; Steps taken to further improve relations with these countries</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Bangladesh</b>	<b>26-27 March 2021</b>	<p><b><u>MOUs/Bilateral instruments signed:</u></b></p> <p><b>(i) MoU on cooperation between Bangladesh National Cadet Corps and National Cadet Corps of India</b></p> <p><b>(ii) MoU on establishment of a framework of cooperation in the area of trade remedial measures</b></p> <p><b>(iii) MoU on establishment of sports facilities at Rajshahi College field and surrounding areas</b></p> <p><b>(iv) MoU on cooperation in the field of disaster management, resilience and mitigation</b></p> <p><b>(v) MoU on supply of ICT equipment, course ware &amp; reference books and training for Bangladesh-Bharat Digital Service and Employment Training (BDSET) Centre</b></p> <p><b><u>Discussions held:</u></b></p> <p><b>(i) During the visit, Prime Minister of India called on H.E. Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, Hon'ble President of Bangladesh on 27 March 2021. The Indian Prime Minister joined the National Day programme, Golden Jubilee celebrations and Mujib Borsho celebration at the National Parade Ground as the Guest of Honour on 26 March 2021. Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen called on the Prime Minister of India on 26 March 2021.</b></p> <p><b>(ii) Both sides discussed the entire spectrum of bilateral relations.</b></p>

		<p><b><u>Outcomes:</u></b></p> <p><b>(i) Foundation stone laying for a memorial in the honour of the martyrs of the Indian Armed Forces who sacrificed their lives during the Liberation War of 1971 at Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria.</b></p> <p><b>(ii) Both Prime Ministers jointly inaugurated the Bangabandhu - Bapu Digital Exhibition in Dhaka.</b></p> <p><b>(iii) Release of India – Bangladesh friendship stamps to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral diplomatic ties.</b></p> <p><b>(iv) Decision to commemorate 06 December as Maitri Diwas, the day when India recognized Bangladesh in the year 1971.</b></p> <p><b>(v) Announcement to Bangabandhu Chair at the University of Delhi.</b></p> <p><b>(vi) Joint celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Independence of Bangladesh as well as the establishment of bilateral diplomatic ties in 18 select countries.</b></p> <p><b>(vii) Foundation laying for Rooppur Power Evacuation Project of five packages (Amin Bazar - Kaliakoir, Rooppur - Dhaka, Rooppur - Gopalganj, Rooppur - Dhamrai, Rooppur - Bogra).</b></p> <p><b>(viii) The inauguration of three border haats - Nalikata (India) - Saydabad (Bangladesh), Ryngku (India) - Bagan Bari (Bangladesh) and Bholagunj (India) - Bholagunj (Bangladesh).</b></p> <p><b>(ix) Inauguration of Rabindra Bhawan facilities in Kuthibari, a country house where Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore lived a part of his life, at Kumarkhali upazila in Kushtia.</b></p> <p><b>(x) Inauguration of ‘Mitali Express’ – passenger train service on Dhaka – New Jalpaiguri – Dhaka route through Chilahati-Haldibari rail link.</b></p> <p><b>(xi) Announcement of linking the historic road between Mujibnagar and Nadia and naming it as</b></p>
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### Visits of External Affairs Minister

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Countries visited</b>	<b>Period of visit</b>	<b>Details of bilateral agreement/MoU signed, discussions held and outcome thereof; Steps taken to further improve relations with these countries</b>
1	Sri Lanka	05-07 January 2021	EAM paid an official visit to Sri Lanka in January 2021 and held discussions on all facets of bilateral relations with the President, Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka.
2	Maldives	20-21 February 2021	<p><b>MOUs/Bilateral instruments signed:</b></p> <p>(i) MoU for setting up a Fish-processing plant in N. Kendhikuhudhoo.</p> <p>(ii) MoU for Cooperation in Broadcasting between Prasar Bharati and Public Service Media (PSM) of Maldives.</p> <p>(iii) MoU on cooperation in Sustainable Urban Development between India and Maldives (Ministry of National Planning &amp; Housing &amp; Infrastructure).</p> <p>(iv) Agreement to develop harbour at Uthuru Thila Falhu (UTF) for the MNDF.</p> <p>(v) USD 50 million Line of Credit for the Ministry of Defence, Maldives.</p>
3	Mauritius	21-24 February 2021	<p><b>MOUs/Bilateral instruments signed:</b></p> <p>(i) Signing of Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA).</p> <p>(ii) Finalisation and signing of Line of Credit (LoC) of USD 100 mn along with an additional grant component of USD 5 mn was offered by India to Mauritius for procurement of defence products.</p> <p>(iii) Exchange of Letter for provision of a Passenger Variant Dornier (PVD) and Advanced Light Helicopter(ALH).</p> <p>(iv) Exchange of Letter for construction of Renal Transplant Unit.</p> <p>(v) Signing of contract between M/s. BHEL Ltd and CEB ,</p>

			<p><b>Mauritius for construction of 8MW Solar power plant.</b></p> <p><b>(vi) MoU in the field of Consumer Protection and Legal Metrology.</b></p> <p><b>Under its 'Neighbourhood First' policy, Government is committed to developing friendly and mutually beneficial relations with all its neighbours. India is an active development partner and is involved in several projects in these countries. India's policy of 'Neighbourhood First' focuses on creating mutually beneficial, people-oriented, regional frameworks for stability and prosperity. Our engagement with these countries is based on a consultative, non-reciprocal and outcome-oriented approach, which focuses on delivering benefits like greater connectivity, improved infrastructure, stronger development cooperation in various sectors area, security and broader people-to-people contacts.</b></p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Bangladesh</b>	<b>04 March 2021</b>	<p><b>EAM called on the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh and met the Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Bangladesh to discuss about the visit of PM Modi to Bangladesh on 26-27 March 2021.</b></p> <p><b>Discussions were also held on various aspects of bilateral ties like trade, connectivity, development cooperation, security, defence and political cooperation. Initiatives to improve trade, connectivity, development cooperation, security and defence ties are also being taken.</b></p> <p><b>Both sides are also joint commemorating the golden jubilee of the independence of Bangladesh, the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and 50 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Bangladesh.</b></p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Tajikistan</b>	<b>29 March - 01 April 2021</b>	<p><b>EAM met the Tajik Foreign Minister, Defence Minister and Chairman of Parliament. He also called on Tajik President. Discussions pertained to areas of bilateral cooperation as well as regional issues including Afghanistan. He participated in Heart of Asia Ministerial Conference.</b></p> <p><b>The discussions held during the visit have helped to further deepen strategic partnership between India and Tajikistan.</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<b>UAE</b>	<b>19 April 2021</b>	<p><b>Discussions were held on Covid-19 cooperation, cultural cooperation and other areas of common interests.</b></p>

			<b>Follow up meetings with the UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed were held.</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>03-06 May 2021</b>	<p><b>(i) Attended the G7 Foreign and Development Ministers' Meeting.</b></p> <p><b>(ii) Two MoUs on India-UK Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP) and India-UK Global Innovation Partnership (GIP) were signed during the visit.</b></p> <p><b>(iii) EAM had bilateral meetings with UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab, and UK Home Secretary Ms. Priti Patel, and discussed COVID-19 vaccines, and various other bilateral, regional and international issues. He also had follow up discussions on implementation of India-UK Roadmap 2030.</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>24-28 May 2021</b>	<p><b>EAM met Secretary of State and Secretary of Defence, National Security Advisor, US Trade Representative, Members of the US Congress, Senior Officials and members of leading business fora.</b></p> <p><b>This was the first Cabinet Minister-level visit from India to interact with the new U.S. Administration that was inaugurated on 20 January 2021. Bilateral cooperation, and regional and global issues of common interest including were discussed.</b></p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Kuwait</b>	<b>09-11 June 2021</b>	<p><b>In-depth discussions on upgrading the bilateral relations in all areas were held.</b></p> <p><b>MOUs/Bilateral instruments signed:</b></p> <p><b>MoU for Cooperation on Recruitment of Domestic Workers</b></p> <p><b>Regional HoMs Conference also held during the visit of EAM.</b></p>
<b>10</b>	<b>Kenya</b>	<b>12-14 June 2021</b>	<p><b>External Affairs Minister (EAM) held series of meetings with Kenyan leadership. He called on President Uhuru Kenyatta who fondly recalled the visit of Prime Minister Modi to Kenya.</b></p> <p><b>EAM had interactions with Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Defence, Trade, IT, Health, Interior and Finance of Kenya on a range of issues of mutual interest. Both sides discussed ways of enhancing bilateral partnership through exploring more opportunities both in the government and private sectors in the areas of Health, Environment, ICT, Tourism, Higher Education, Automotive, Defence and Security.</b></p>

			<p><b>EAM expressed satisfaction with ongoing collaboration between India and Kenya in the United Nations Security Council during the 2021-2022 terms and exchanged views on global and regional issues.</b></p> <p><b>EAM had virtual interaction with the Indian Diaspora in Kenya to discuss the issue related to Diaspora welfare.</b></p> <p><b>EAM co-chaired 3rd meeting of the India-Kenya Joint Commission Meeting (JCM). Minutes of JCM were signed and Joint Statement was issued.</b></p>
<b>11</b>	<b>Greece</b>	<b>25-27 June 2021</b>	<p><b>EAM held bilateral consultations with his counterpart, H.E. Mr. Nikos Dendias. He also called on H.E. Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of Greece. Both sides discussed ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation. Regional and multilateral issues were also discussed and had a comprehensive exchange of views on further consolidating the bilateral relations.</b></p> <p><b>Both sides agreed to encourage and continue regular high-level exchanges and consultations across all relevant authorities, including through the use of virtual interaction, as well as through Ministerial and other high-level visits. It was also agreed that the next round of Foreign Office Consultations and Joint Trade Committee would be held soon.</b></p> <p><b>EAM also unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Athens on 26 June 2021.</b></p> <p><b>The Greek Foreign Minister signed and handed over the Agreement on the International Solar Alliance (ISA).</b></p>
<b>12</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>28-30 June 2021</b>	<p><b>(i) EAM visited Italy for G20 Foreign and Development Ministerial meeting.</b></p> <p><b>(ii) EAM also held bilateral meetings on the sidelines with his counterparts from Italy, Spain, France, UK, EU, Indonesia and South Africa, German Minister for Development and SG of OECD.</b></p>
<b>13</b>	<b>Russia</b>	<b>07-09 July 2021</b>	<p><b>EAM met the Russian Foreign Minister Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Yuri Borisov and the Chairman of the Russian State Duma Committee on International Affairs Mr. Leonid Slutsky. Discussions focused on issues of bilateral cooperation and regional/international issues of importance.</b></p> <p><b>The discussions held during the visit have helped to</b></p>

			<b>further strengthen “India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership”.</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>09-10 July 2021</b>	<p><b>EAM had meeting with the Georgian President, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Minister of Economy and discussed issues of bilateral cooperation and regional/international issues of importance.</b></p> <p><b>Agreement between India and Georgia for gifting of a relic of St. Queen Ketevan.</b></p> <p><b>The first ever visit by EAM to Georgia and the gifting of a relic of St. Queen Ketevan to Georgia have significantly boosted the bilateral ties.</b></p>
<b>15</b>	<b>Tajikistan</b>	<b>13-14 July 2021</b>	<p><b>EAM attended the meeting of Council of SCO Foreign Ministers. He also met the Tajik Foreign Minister as well as with other foreign dignitaries on the sideline.</b></p> <p><b>EAM also attended the meeting of SCO-Afghanistan Contact Group.</b></p>
<b>16</b>	<b>Uzbekistan</b>	<b>15-16 July 2021</b>	<p><b>EAM attended the High Level Conference “Central Asia-South Asia: Regional Connectivity” in Tashkent. He also called on President of Uzbekistan Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev during the visit. He also met with other foreign dignitaries on the sideline.</b></p> <p><b>The Government is intensifying cooperation in various fields including trade and investment, development cooperation, defence and security, education and culture through established institutional mechanisms, regular consultations and exchange of visits, whenever possible.</b></p>

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