

Diplomatic Analysis of India's Bilateral Engagements

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1. India's Prime Minister Engages Central Asian Ministers for Stronger Ties

Date: June 6, 2025

PM Modi met the Foreign Ministers of five Central Asian nations, emphasizing enhanced connectivity, counterterrorism, trade, and people-to-people ties. The leaders reaffirmed support for regional security and economic integration. Modi invited the Central Asian leaders for the next India-Central Asia Summit.

2. India's External Affairs Minister Jaishankar Begins European Outreach

Date: June 8, 2025

EAM Jaishankar began a visit to France, the EU, and Belgium, focused on strategic and economic cooperation. The tour aimed to reinforce India's commitment to green transition, digital cooperation, and resilient supply chains. It included Mediterranean Raisina Dialogue discussions and other high-level meetings.

3. India and EU Push Ahead with Strategic Dialogue

Date: June 11, 2025

India-EU talks advanced negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement and focused on cooperation in green energy, digital infrastructure, and maritime security. Meetings with Belgian leadership highlighted partnerships in pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, and democratic governance.

4. France and India Strengthen Strategic Vision

Date: June 14, 2025

EAM Jaishankar met French President Macron and FM Barrot to reaffirm ties under the Horizon 2047 roadmap. Discussions included defense, Indo-Pacific security, digital transitions, and people-to-people cooperation. India also participated in Raisina Dialogue Europe to foster multilateral alignment.

5. India and Cyprus Set Strategic Roadmap

Date: June 16, 2025

PM Modi visited Cyprus and met President Christodoulides. Both countries signed a strategic roadmap emphasizing trade, defense, maritime security, education, and innovation. Cyprus reaffirmed support for India's permanent UNSC membership. An MoU on India Studies was signed to boost academic collaboration.

6. India Highlights Energy Equity at G7 Summit

Date: June 17, 2025

At the G7 Outreach Session, PM Modi advocated inclusive global development, sustainable energy transition, and unified action against terrorism. His address emphasized India's leadership on clean energy, digital innovation, and climate resilience, earning wide support from attending leaders.

7. India's Prime Minister's Historic Visit to Croatia

Date: June 18, 2025

PM Modi met Croatian PM Plenković in a first-ever bilateral visit by an Indian PM. Both sides explored new partnerships in digital technology, pharmaceuticals, defense, and education. The leaders emphasized strengthening EU-India relations and Indo-European economic connectivity.

8. India and SICA Deepen Development Partnership

Date: June 19, 2025

India and the Central American Integration System (SICA) held a virtual dialogue to boost South-South cooperation. Areas of collaboration included disaster resilience, education, IT, and healthcare. India reaffirmed its commitment to capacity building and offered scholarships and training to SICA member nations.

9. India's National Security Advisor Doval, Wang Yi Discuss Border Stability at SCO

Date: June 23, 2025

NSA Ajit Doval met China's Wang Yi during the SCO meeting. The dialogue emphasized maintaining peace along the border, fighting terrorism, and promoting multilateral cooperation. Both sides welcomed progress under the Special Representatives mechanism on boundary issues.

10. India Marks 40 Years of Kanishka Tragedy in Ireland

Date: June 23, 2025

A high-level delegation led by Minister Hardeep Singh Puri commemorated the 40th anniversary of the Air India Kanishka bombing in Ireland. The event honored 329 victims and reinforced India's call for global cooperation in counterterrorism and justice for terrorism victims.

11. India and Nepal Expand Security Dialogue

Date: June 23–24, 2025

India and Nepal held the 16th India-Nepal Bilateral Consultative Group on Security Issues (INBCGSI) meeting in Pune. They discussed defense training, intelligence sharing, and cybersecurity. Both sides resolved to strengthen border management and deepen cooperation for regional security and peace.

12. India and Vietnam Advance Strategic Ties

Date: June 24, 2025

India and Vietnam held their 13th Political Consultation and 10th Strategic Dialogue, focusing on defense cooperation, capacity building, cyber security, and multilateral collaboration. Both countries emphasized maritime security and heritage diplomacy.

13. Buddha Relics Exhibition Strengthens Cultural Diplomacy

Date: June 25, 2025

India's sacred Buddha relics, exhibited across Vietnam, drew over 14 million visitors. The Vietnamese government extended gratitude to India for the gesture. The exhibition boosted spiritual and cultural diplomacy, highlighting shared civilizational ties between India and Southeast Asia.

14. Operation Sindhu Safely Evacuates Indian Nationals

Date: June 27, 2025

India launched Operation Sindhu to evacuate 818 citizens stranded in conflict-hit Iran and Israel. Coordinated by the MEA and IAF, the mission demonstrated India's commitment to citizen safety and rapid humanitarian response. The operation was widely commended.

15. India's Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs Visit Reinforces India-Africa People-Centric Diplomacy

Date: June 28, 2025

MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh visited Mozambique and Zimbabwe to enhance cooperation in wildlife conservation, heritage restoration, and Ayurveda. India offered support in anti-poaching, traditional medicine, and disaster resilience. The visit highlighted India's soft power and development partnerships in Africa.

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