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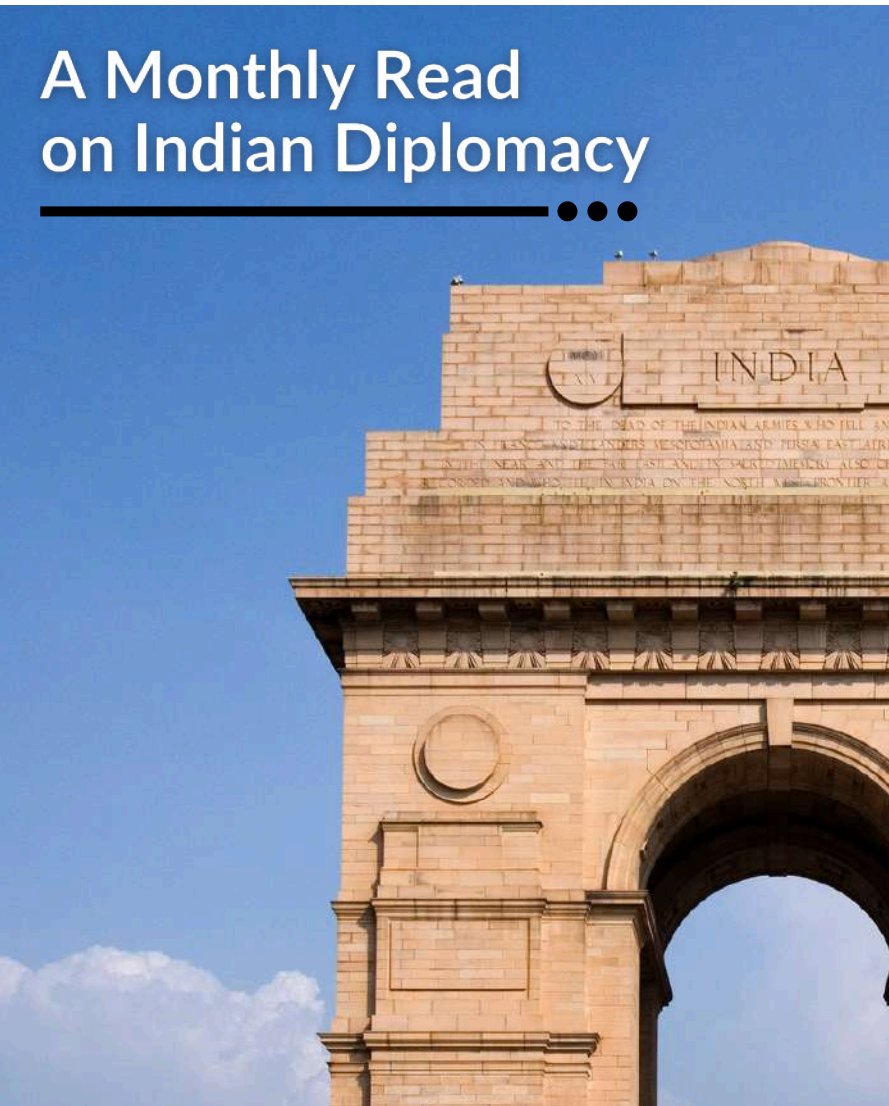
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## India Launches First Tranche of Projects Under UN Global Capacity Building Initiative

*2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2025*

India launched the first tranche of four projects under the India–UN Global Capacity Building Initiative, spearheaded by MEA’s Secretary (West) Shri Tanmaya Lal. Announced at UNGA 2023, the initiative strengthens South-South cooperation and accelerates SDG goals through demand-driven capacity-building programmes. Projects include rice fortification in Nepal (WFP), digital health platforms in Zambia and Lao PDR (UNDP), census preparedness in Caribbean nations (UNFPA), and vocational training in South Sudan (UNESCO). Implemented via India’s ITEC programme, these efforts highlight India’s global leadership in technical and economic capacity building, with courses beginning September 2025 to enhance human resource development and sustainable growth.

# India Hosts BIMSTEC Delegates at National Cancer Grid Annual Meeting in Mumbai

*4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025*

On August 2–3, 2025, India hosted senior physicians, researchers, and policymakers from BIMSTEC countries at the National Cancer Grid (NCG) annual meeting in Mumbai, held at Tata Memorial Hospital.

The event aimed to strengthen regional collaboration in cancer care, fulfilling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment at the 6th BIMSTEC Summit.

Participants reviewed ongoing initiatives, discussed advancements in treatment, and set strategies for capacity building in cancer management. Leveraging India's expertise, the initiative seeks to empower BIMSTEC nations with improved skills, resources, and technical know-how, enhancing their healthcare infrastructure and fostering long-term cooperation in combating cancer across the region.



# 7th India-Australia Dialogue Advances Cooperation on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

12<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025

The 7th India-Australia Dialogue on Disarmament, Non-Proliferation, and Export Control was held on 12 August 2025 in New Delhi. Discussions covered nuclear, chemical, and biological disarmament, outer space security, conventional weapons, and the role of AI in the military domain.

Both sides exchanged views on multilateral export control regimes and global security developments, enhancing mutual understanding of national perspectives. Led by Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi (India) and Ms. Vanessa Wood (Australia), the dialogue reinforced cooperation and contributed significantly to strengthening the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership through collaborative approaches to emerging security and technology challenges.



# 3rd India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) Strengthens Strategic Partnership

*13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025*

The 3rd India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) was convened on 13 August 2025 in New Delhi, bringing together key ministers from both nations.

Discussions focused on six strategic pillars — Advanced Manufacturing, Connectivity, Digitalization, Healthcare, Skills Development, and Sustainability. The Ministers reviewed ongoing initiatives, explored new opportunities, and emphasized private sector involvement through the India-Singapore Business Roundtable report. Singaporean Ministers also engaged in economic and investment dialogues in Mumbai.

Highlighting Singapore's role in India's Act East Policy, the meeting reinforced the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and reaffirmed mutual commitment to deepening bilateral cooperation across diverse sectors for regional growth and prosperity.



# EAM Dr. Jaishankar Meets ROK FM Cho Hyun

**16<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025**

On 16 August 2025, EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar met Republic of Korea's Foreign Minister H.E. Cho Hyun during his first working visit to India.

The Ministers reaffirmed the Special Strategic Partnership, highlighting shared democratic values, economic interests, and mutual trust. They reviewed cooperation in political, security, trade, technological, and cultural domains, while setting new industrial ambitions in AI, semiconductors, clean energy, shipbuilding, and defence industries.

Both sides also exchanged views on regional and global issues, underscoring their joint commitment to promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific and beyond.



## Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's Visit to Nepal Strengthens Bilateral Cooperation

19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025

Foreign Secretary Shri Vikram Misri visited Nepal on 17-18 August 2025 at the invitation of his counterpart, Mr. Amrit Bahadur Rai. The visit aimed to further strengthen India-Nepal relations under India's Neighborhood First policy.

Discussions covered trade, cross-border connectivity, hydropower cooperation, defence ties, and people-to-people exchanges. Both sides reviewed progress on ongoing projects, explored new opportunities for collaboration, and reiterated commitment to working closely on regional stability and development.

The visit reflects the tradition of regular high-level exchanges between India and Nepal, reinforcing mutual trust and shared priorities to advance strategic, economic, and cultural cooperation.



# PM Modi Meets Chinese FM Wang Yi, Calls for Border Peace and Stronger Bilateral Ties

**19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025**



On 19 August 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who conveyed President Xi Jinping's invitation for the upcoming SCO Summit in Tianjin.

PM Modi reiterated India's commitment to a fair and mutually acceptable boundary resolution, emphasising peace and tranquillity along the border. Discussions highlighted positive progress in bilateral ties, including the resumption of the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra.

PM Modi welcomed China's SCO Presidency and expressed support for constructive engagement, underscoring that stable, predictable, and mutually respectful India-China relations are crucial for regional and global peace, stability, and prosperity.

# EAM Dr. Jaishankar Visits Russia

*21<sup>st</sup> Aug 2025*

EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Russia from 19-21 August 2025 to co-chair the 26th Session of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC).

He called on President Vladimir Putin and held talks with Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and First Deputy PM Denis Manturov. Discussions focused on enhancing trade, removing logistical barriers, boosting connectivity, securing energy cooperation, and expanding payment mechanisms to achieve the USD 100 billion trade target by 2030.

Both sides reviewed cooperation in defence, technology, skilled mobility, and opening new consulates. They reaffirmed collaboration in G20, BRICS, SCO, and called for UN Security Council reforms. Regional issues, including Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Middle East tensions, were discussed, with India stressing dialogue and diplomacy. Both nations resolved to combat terrorism jointly and finalized preparations for the upcoming Annual Summit.



# Fijian PM Rabuka Meets President Murmu

*25<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025*

On 25 August 2025, Fijian Prime Minister Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka met President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan to strengthen India-Fiji bilateral relations.

Discussions highlighted people-to-people ties, the contribution of the Girmitiya community, and growing cooperation in healthcare, capacity building, climate resilience, and digital technologies. A significant milestone was the signing of an MoU to establish a Super-Speciality Hospital in Fiji, boosting healthcare collaboration.

President Murmu reaffirmed India's commitment to supporting Fiji and other Pacific Island Countries in socio-economic development, digital transformation, and skill enhancement. Both leaders expressed confidence that this visit would open new avenues of partnership, benefiting the people of both nations.



# India–US 2+2 Intersessional Dialogue Advances Strategic Cooperation

*25<sup>th</sup> AUG 2025*

On 25 August 2025, India and the US held the 2+2 Intersessional Dialogue, co-chaired virtually by senior officials from the MEA, Ministry of Defense, US State Department, and Pentagon. The dialogue advanced key bilateral initiatives, focusing on defense cooperation, trade, energy security, critical minerals, counternarcotics, and counterterrorism.

Both sides discussed a new 10-year Framework for the India–US Major Defense Partnership, emphasizing defense industrial collaboration, operational coordination, and science and technology cooperation. The talks highlighted the role of the India-US COMPACT framework and reaffirmed joint commitment to a free, open, and prosperous Indo-Pacific through the Quad. Officials agreed to deepen strategic, economic, and technological cooperation while enhancing regional security and stability.



# Secretary P. Kumaran Concludes Visit to Colombia and Peru, Strengthens Bilateral Cooperation

**26<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025**

Shri P. Kumaran, Secretary (East), visited Colombia and Peru from 21–26 August 2025 to review and strengthen bilateral ties.

During his meetings with Ministers, senior officials, business leaders, and think tanks, discussions covered trade, commerce, mining, energy, pharmaceuticals, defence, infrastructure, IT, and digital cooperation. Regional and multilateral issues, including collaboration on critical minerals and rare earths, were also addressed.

Colombia and Peru remain key South American partners, and the visit reinforced India's commitment to deepening engagement with the region, enhancing economic, strategic, and developmental cooperation under the framework of shared democratic values and mutual interests.



# India and Kuwait Hold 7th Foreign Office Consultations to Boost Strategic Partnership

*26<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025*

On 26 August 2025, India and Kuwait held the 7th Foreign Office Consultations in New Delhi, co-chaired by Shri Aseem R. Mahajan (MEA) and Ambassador Sameeh Essa Johar Hayat (Kuwait).

Both sides conducted a comprehensive review of bilateral relations and discussed enhancing cooperation in politics, trade, investments, defence, energy, culture, and people-to-people exchanges.

They agreed to expedite the Joint Working Groups under the Joint Commission for Cooperation, strengthening momentum built during PM Narendra Modi's 2024 visit to Kuwait. With USD 10.2 billion annual trade and over one million Indians in Kuwait, the consultations reaffirmed deep historical ties. The next round will be held in Kuwait.



# PM Modi Holds Bilateral Talks with President Xi in Tianjin

**31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2025**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Chinese President Xi Jinping in Tianjin on the sidelines of the SCO Summit on August 31, 2025. Both leaders welcomed the positive momentum since their Kazan meeting in 2024 and reaffirmed that India and China are development partners, not rivals. They emphasized the importance of peace and tranquility along the border, acknowledged recent disengagement, and committed to resolving boundary issues amicably.

Discussions focused on boosting economic ties, reducing trade deficits, enhancing connectivity, and expanding people-to-people exchanges, including resumption of Kailash Manasarovar Yatra. PM Modi reiterated India's strategic autonomy and invited Xi to the 2026 BRICS Summit. Both sides expressed intent to deepen cooperation regionally and globally while managing differences constructively.





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