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5TH INDIA–BAHRAIN HIGH JOINT COMMISSION MEETING



External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain, co-chaired the 5th India–Bahrain High Joint Commission Meeting in New Delhi

The meeting provided a comprehensive review of bilateral relations, including political dialogue, trade and investment, defence cooperation, manpower, and people-to-people linkages. Both sides emphasized the importance of expanding economic engagement and strengthening collaboration in new and emerging areas. The interaction also reflected the growing strategic depth of India–Bahrain relations and mutual commitment to regional stability and development.



5TH INDIA–PORTUGAL FOREIGN OFFICE CONSULTATIONS



The 5th round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Portugal was held in Lisbon, co-chaired by Secretary (West) Shri Sibi George and H.E. Ms. Helena Malceta, Director General for Foreign Policy of Portugal.

The consultations enabled a detailed exchange of views on bilateral cooperation in political, economic, cultural, and technological fields. Both sides reviewed progress in trade, investment, science, and innovation, while also discussing regional and global issues. The discussions reaffirmed shared democratic values and underscored the importance of multilateral cooperation.



EAM'S MEETING WITH ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met H.E. Mr. Gideon Sa'ar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel, in New Delhi.

The meeting reviewed the strong and multifaceted India–Israel partnership, particularly in areas such as defence, innovation, technology, agriculture, and security cooperation. Both leaders exchanged views on current regional developments and global challenges. The interaction reflected the continued momentum in bilateral ties and reaffirmed the commitment of both countries to deepen strategic and sectoral cooperation.





3RD INDIA–BELGIUM FOREIGN OFFICE CONSULTATIONS

The 3rd round of India–Belgium Foreign Office Consultations was held in Brussels, co-chaired by Secretary (West) Shri Sibi George and H.E. Ms. Theodora Gentzis, President of the Board of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The discussions covered a wide range of issues, including political relations, trade and investment, science and technology, and cooperation within the European Union framework. Both sides also exchanged views on regional developments and global challenges, reaffirming their commitment to strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation.





9TH INDIA–LATVIA FOREIGN OFFICE CONSULTATIONS



The 9th round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Latvia took place in Riga under the co-chairmanship of Secretary (West) Shri Sibi George and H.E. Mr. Andžejs Viļumsons, State Secretary of Latvia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The consultations reviewed the growing bilateral relationship, with discussions on political engagement, trade, digital cooperation, and people-to-people ties. Both sides emphasized strengthening collaboration in multilateral fora and enhancing engagement within the India–EU framework.



INAUGURATION OF INDIAN EMBASSY IN ECUADOR



Minister of State for External Affairs Shri Pabitra Margherita and Ecuador's Foreign Minister H.E. Ms. Gabriela Sommerfeld jointly inaugurated the resident Embassy of India in Quito.

The establishment of the embassy marks an important milestone in India-Ecuador relations and reflects India's expanding diplomatic presence in Latin America. The embassy is expected to facilitate stronger political engagement, boost trade and investment ties, promote cultural exchanges, and enhance cooperation in sectors such as education, technology, and development partnership.



13TH INDIA–FINLAND FOREIGN OFFICE CONSULTATIONS

The 13th India–Finland Foreign Office Consultations were held in Helsinki and co-chaired by Secretary (West) Shri Sibi George and H.E. Mr. Jukka Salovaara, Permanent State Secretary of Finland’s MFA.

The consultations reviewed bilateral cooperation in areas such as technology, education, innovation, sustainability, and clean energy. Both sides also exchanged views on regional, global, and multilateral issues, reaffirming their shared commitment to rules-based international order and sustainable development.





11TH INDIA–ARMENIA FOREIGN OFFICE CONSULTATIONS

The 11th round of India–Armenia Foreign Office Consultations was held in Yerevan under the co-chairmanship of Secretary (West) Shri Sibi George and Deputy Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Mnatsakan Safaryan.

Discussions focused on enhancing political dialogue, trade and economic cooperation, and cultural exchanges. Both sides also discussed regional developments and agreed to strengthen collaboration in international and multilateral platforms.





PRESIDENT OF INDIA MEETS ANGOLAN PRESIDENT



President Smt. Droupadi Murmu held bilateral discussions with H.E. Mr. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola, at the Presidential Palace in Luanda.

The meeting reviewed India–Angola relations, particularly in the areas of energy, defence, capacity building, and development cooperation. The interaction underlined India’s commitment to deepening engagement with Africa and strengthening mutually beneficial partnerships with African nations.



PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE KING OF BHUTAN



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the King of Bhutan, in Thimphu.

The meeting reaffirmed the unique and time-tested relationship between India and Bhutan, characterised by mutual trust, close cooperation, and shared developmental goals. Both leaders reviewed ongoing bilateral projects and emphasized strengthening cooperation in energy, connectivity, and people-to-people ties.



EAM'S MEETING WITH UK FOREIGN SECRETARY

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met H.E. Ms. Yvette Cooper, UK Foreign Secretary, on the sidelines of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Canada.

The meeting reviewed progress in India-UK relations, including strategic cooperation, trade negotiations, and global partnerships. Both sides exchanged views on international issues and reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral ties.





EAM'S MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met H.E. Mr. Ronald Lamola, South Africa's Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, in Niagara, Canada.

Discussions focused on bilateral relations, cooperation in multilateral forums such as the G20 and BRICS, and shared perspectives on global challenges. The meeting reaffirmed strong India-South Africa ties.





EAM'S MEETING WITH EU HIGH REPRESENTATIVE



External Affairs
Minister Dr. S.
Jaishankar met H.E. Ms.
Kaja Kallas, EU High
Representative and
Vice-President of the
European Commission.

The meeting focused on strengthening India–EU strategic ties, advancing economic cooperation, and addressing global challenges such as climate change and geopolitical stability.



EAM'S MEETING WITH US SECRETARY OF STATE



External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met H.E. Mr. Marco Rubio, US Secretary of State, on the sidelines of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Canada.

The meeting reviewed the India–US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and discussed cooperation in defence, technology, trade, and global security. Regional and international developments were also discussed.



8TH INDIA–SPAIN FOREIGN OFFICE CONSULTATIONS

The 8th round of India–Spain Foreign Office Consultations was held in New Delhi under the co-chairmanship of Secretary (West) Shri Sibi George and H.E. Mr. Diego Martinez Belio.

Discussions covered political dialogue, economic cooperation, cultural ties, and coordination on global issues.





PRESIDENT OF INDIA'S STATE VISIT TO BOTSWANA

President Smt. Droupadi Murmu arrived in Gaborone, marking the first-ever State Visit by an Indian Head of State to Botswana.

The visit signifies a major step in strengthening India's engagement with southern Africa and enhancing cooperation in governance, education, and development.





EAM CALLS ON AMIR OF QATAR



External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar called on His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Amir of Qatar, in Doha.

The meeting reaffirmed the close and multifaceted India–Qatar partnership and discussed cooperation in energy, trade, and regional stability.



8TH INDIA–DENMARK FOREIGN OFFICE CONSULTATIONS



The 8th round of India–Denmark Foreign Office Consultations between India and Denmark co-chaired by Secretary (West) Shri Sibi George and H.E. Ms. Lotte Machon, State Secretary for Foreign Policy of the Kingdom of Denmark held in New Delhi focusing on green energy, sustainability, and innovation, along with global and multilateral issues of mutual interest.



EAM CALLS ON PRESIDENT OF RUSSIA

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar called on President Vladimir Putin in Moscow during the SCO meeting.

The interaction reaffirmed the importance of the India–Russia strategic partnership and exchanged views on regional developments.





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