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6TH INDIA-LESOTHO JOINT BILATERAL COMMISSION FOR COOPERATION

The 6th JBCC session was held in New Delhi (July 30, co-chaired by Janesh Kain and Thabang Lekhela), reviewing development partnership, capacity building, HADR, and multilateral coordination. India invited Lesotho to join ISA and CDRI. The Lesotho delegation also met Secretary (ER) Dalela. Several MoUs advanced; next session set for Maseru, 2027.

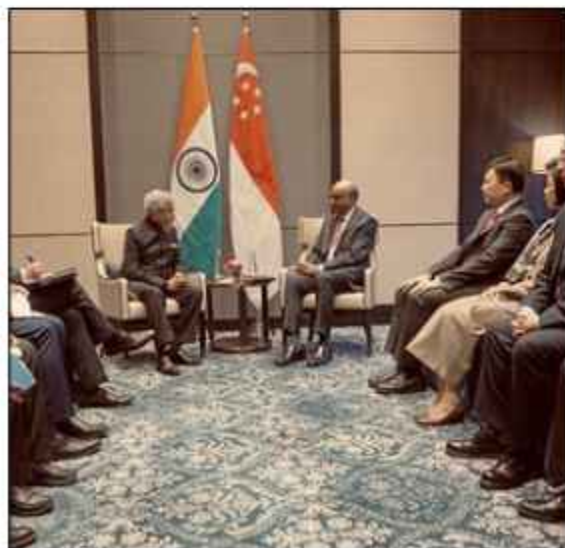


VISIT OF FOREIGN SECRETARY OF INDIA TO SRI LANKA

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's first standalone Sri Lanka visit on August 5 reviewed cooperation under Neighbourhood First and Vision MAHASAGAR. Discussions covered the USD 450 million cyclone reconstruction package, INR credit lines, Deniyaya Hospital equipment, and expansion of the Suwa Seriya ambulance service, alongside capacity-building progress.

19TH INDIA-SINGAPORE FOREIGN OFFICE CONSULTATIONS

Held August 6 in New Delhi, led by Rudrendra Tandon and Luke Goh, reviewing the eight-pillar CSP Roadmap ahead of the ISMR. Sides discussed manufacturing, technology, food security and energy cooperation, plus regional/global developments and ASEAN coordination.



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36TH WMCC MEETING ON INDIA-CHINA BORDER AFFAIRS

Sujit Ghosh and Hou Yanqi co-chaired talks in New Delhi (August 6), reviewing the LAC situation and reaffirming peace and tranquility as essential to bilateral ties. India pressed for early convening of the Expert Level Mechanism on trans-border rivers and technical data-sharing on China's upstream projects.



9TH INDIA-US CIVIL SPACE JOINT WORKING GROUP

Hosted at ISRO, Bengaluru (August 5-6), co-chaired by M. Sankaran and US officials Wesley Brooks and Kathleen Karika. Advanced civil/commercial space cooperation under the TRUST Initiative, building on NISAR's success, with discussion of future science and human spaceflight partnerships.

VISIT OF MOS KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH TO CÔTE D'IVOIRE

MoS Singh attended Côte d'Ivoire's 66th National Day (August 6-8) as Guest of Honour, with an Indian Armed Forces contingent in the parade. He held talks with FM Niale Kaba and called on President Ouattara, covering economic, defence and people-to-people ties, and engaged the Indian diaspora in Abidjan.



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VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER OF LIBERIA TO INDIA

Liberian FM Sara Beysolow Nyanti visited New Delhi (August 14) as Liberia inaugurated its resident mission. EAM Dr. Jaishankar discussed shipping security, health, mining, agriculture, water and skilling, plus UNSC reform, alongside a separate IBSA-funded parliamentary delegation exchange.



VISIT OF AMBASSADOR SRIPRIYA RANGANATHAN TO EGYPT, PALESTINE AND LEBANON

Secretary (CPV&OIA) Ranganathan's maiden regional visit (August 16-21) included keynoting the India-Egypt BRICS Partnership Conference in Cairo, meetings with the League of Arab States on the Executive Programme 2026-28, and engagement on regional developments across all three countries

INDIA-MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN OFFICE CONSULTATIONS

The 3rd FOC was held in Maputo (August 18), led by Janesh Kain and Jose Antonio Matsinhe, reviewing political, trade, defence, agriculture, health, DPI and consular cooperation. Both sides agreed to hold the next round in New Delhi.



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4TH INDIA-SINGAPORE MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE

Held in Singapore (August 20) with Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Dr. S. Jaishankar, Shri Piyush Goyal, and Shri Jitin Prasada meeting Singaporean counterparts, reviewing CSP pillars including manufacturing, semiconductors, digital, fintech and green energy. Concurrent Business Roundtable focused on ease of doing business and AI cooperation.



VISIT OF EAM DR. JAISHANKAR TO RUSSIA

EAM Dr. Jaishankar's two-day visit (August 23-24) saw him co-chair the 27th IRIGC-TEC session, meet FM Lavrov on regional/global issues, and call on President Putin, reinforcing the India-Russia strategic partnership across trade, technology and cultural cooperation.

25TH ROUND OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES TALKS ON INDIA-CHINA BOUNDARY QUESTION

India's NSA Ajit Doval and Chinese FM Wang Yi held candid talks in Beijing (August 25), reaffirming peace and tranquility, continuing work toward a political settlement, and noting resumption of the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra and border trade; the 26th round was agreed to be hosted in India.



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EIGHT POINTS OF OUTCOMES AND CONSENSUS (25TH SR TALKS)

The negotiated eight-point outcome document detailed new SHMC meeting points, two additional military hotlines, work toward an "early and substantial harvest" on boundary delimitation via an Expert Group, and plans for the Expert-Level Mechanism on trans-border rivers.



PM'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT AHEAD OF UZBEKISTAN AND KYRGYZ REPUBLIC VISIT

PM Modi's statement ahead of his August 29-September 1 tour outlined a state visit to Tashkent (talks with President Mirziyoyev on trade, AI, DPI, energy) followed by the 26th SCO Summit in Bishkek and the World Nomad Games opening ceremony.

INDIAN RESPONSE AND RELIEF EFFORTS AFTER NEPAL FLASH FLOODS

Following devastating flash floods with a rising death toll, EAM Dr. Jaishankar spoke with Nepalese counterpart Shisir Khanal, offering assistance; India extended relief support consistent with its "first responder" role in regional disasters.



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PM MODI CONFERRED WITH UZBEKISTAN'S HIGHEST HONOUR

President Mirziyoyev conferred the "Oliy Darajali Do'stlik" Order on PM Modi in Tashkent (August 30) for strengthening bilateral friendship. PM Modi dedicated it to India's 1.4 billion people, framing it as symbolizing civilisational ties and Global South partnership.



MOS PABITRA MARGHERITA'S VISIT TO VIETNAM, LAO PDR AND PALAU

A three-nation tour (August 26-September 2) covering Vietnam (meetings with PM Le Minh Hung, reviewing the Enhanced CSP), Laos (70th anniversary of ties, Deputy PM meetings, Phlak-Phlam dance project), and Palau (Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting), reinforcing India's Act East Policy and ASEAN centrality.



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