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1. Foreign Office consultations between India and Ghana held in New Delhi (July 23, 2022)

The third round of Foreign Office consultations between India and Ghana was held in New Delhi on 22 July.

Important facts

- Both sides discussed the bilateral relations related to political, economic, defence, cultural and capacity building.
- The two sides also discussed further strengthening of bilateral ties between India and Ghana.
- The two countries exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest and agreed to enhance cooperation in multi-level fora.
- Both sides agreed to hold the next round of talks in Accra, Ghana on a date as per mutual convenience.
- The second edition of the India-Ghana Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) was held on 2 July, where both sides agreed to take steps for mutual benefit.

Bilateral trade between India and Ghana

- Bilateral trade and Indian investments in Ghana have been steadily increasing.
- Bilateral trade between India and Ghana stood at US\$ 2.60 billion during 2021-22.
- India is one of the largest investors in Ghana.
- Indian companies have invested more than USD 1.7 billion in Ghana in over 730 projects in various sectors like construction, manufacturing, trade, pharmaceuticals, agro-processing, tourism, etc.

About Ghana

- President - Nana Akufo-Addo
- Capital - Accra
- Official Language - English
- Official Name - Republic of Ghana
- Currency - Ghana Cedi

2. India and Britain to launch joint Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy program (June 28, 2022)

Recently a joint India-UK Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy program was announced by the Foreign Ministers of UK and India.

- It aims to equip diplomats from all Commonwealth member states with the expertise and skills required to deal with emerging challenges that have a global impact.
- This Academy event will be held in New Delhi.
- This was announced during the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held in Rwanda, East Africa from 24 to 25 June.
- The academy will be meant to jointly promote the values of the Commonwealth.
- **About the United Kingdom or Britain -**
- The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy and unitary state consisting of four countries: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- It is governed by a parliamentary system whose government sits in the capital, London.
- It was the first industrialised country in the world.
- The United Kingdom is one of three countries in the world that do not have a well-organised constitution.
- The United Kingdom is today the sixth largest economy in the world based on market exchange rates and the third in Europe after Germany and France.
- Queen Elizabeth II
- Prime Minister - Boris Johnson
- Currency - Pound Sterling

3. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hold bilateral talks with Australian Deputy PM in New Delhi (June 22, 2022)

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held bilateral talks with Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles in New Delhi on 22 June.

- During the bilateral talks, the two ministers reviewed the defence cooperation between the two countries and discussed new initiatives to further strengthen bilateral ties.
- They also exchanged their views on regional and global issues of shared interest.
- India and Australia have been sharing a comprehensive strategic partnership since June 2020 and are a key pillar of this defence partnership.
- This partnership is based on a shared vision of a free, open, inclusive and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.

- Australia and India, along with America and Japan, are part of the **Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad)**, which promotes a free and open Indo-Pacific.
- The four countries are also participants in the **Malabar naval exercise**.
- **About Australia**
 - It is the smallest continent by area on Earth after Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia.
 - It is the 6th largest country in the world after Russia, Canada, China, United States, and Brazil.
 - Australia has been called “the Oldest Continent,” “the Last of Lands,” and “the Last Frontier.”
 - Its unique flora and fauna include the only egg-laying mammals on Earth, the Platypus and Echidna. It is also famous for its Kangaroos, Koala bears.
 - It is the second driest continent after Antarctica.
 - Its highest peak, Mount Kosciuszko, rises to only 7,310 feet (2,228 meters).
 - Capital : **Canberra**
 - Currency : **Australian Dollar**
 - Prime Minister : **Scott Morrison**
 - The United Kingdom **Queen Elizabeth II** is the Head of the State of Australia.

4. Israel, Haryana Government Sign Joint Declaration On Water Cooperation (June 21, 2022)

Recently, the Government of Israel and Haryana signed a Joint Declaration on Capacity Building and Integrated Water Resource Management.

- Under this agreement, Israel will share its most advanced and state-of-the-art water technologies, expertise and know-how with the Government of Haryana.
- Through this joint declaration, the Government of Israel and Haryana will endeavour to strengthen existing ties in the water management sector, improve public health in the region and conserve water resources in public water areas in Haryana.
- **India-Israel Diplomatic Relations**
 - India officially recognized Israel in 1950, but the two countries established full diplomatic relations on January 29, 1992.
 - India was one of the 164 members of the United Nations that had diplomatic relations with Israel.
- **Economic relations**

- During April 2020-February 2021, the bilateral trade between the two stood at \$4.14 billion, with the balance of trade in favour of India.

- India is Israel's third largest trading partner in Asia, while the 7th largest worldwide partner.

- **Defence relations**

- India is the largest buyer of military equipment from Israel. Israel is India's second largest defence supplier, Russia's largest defence supplier.

- **Agriculture relations**

- India and Israel signed a three-year work program agreement for agricultural cooperation in May 2021.
- The program seeks to develop existing Centres of Excellence, bring Centres of Excellence into self-sustaining mode and encourage private sector companies and collaborations.

- **About israel**

- Israel is a country located in Southwest Asia.
- Capital - Jerusalem,
- Israel's Tel Aviv city is the most expensive city in the world
- President- Isaac Herzog
- Prime Minister- Naftali Bennett
- Currency- Israeli shekel

5. India-Bangladesh holds 7th Round of Joint Consultative Commission in New Delhi (June 20, 2022)

The seventh round of the India-Bangladesh Joint Consultative Commission was held in New Delhi on 19 June.

- It was co-chaired by External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar and his Bangladesh counterpart Dr AK Abdul Momen.
- The previous edition was held virtually in 2020.
- The Ministers welcomed the further strengthening of bilateral ties with the unprecedented visits of the President and Prime Minister of India last year.
- These visits were made in memory of three epoch-making events -

1. The birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
2. The 50th anniversary of the independence of Bangladesh
3. The golden anniversary of India-Bangladesh diplomatic ties.

- The Ministers appreciated that the trust and mutual respect shared between the two countries has strengthened over the past decade.
- The latest proof of this was the launch of the trailer of 'Mujib-Making of a Nation' at the Cannes Film Festival in May this year.
- It was a jointly produced biopic on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
- The two ministers agreed to work together to further strengthen cooperation in the areas of shared rivers and water resources management, IT and cyber security, renewable energy, agriculture and food security, sustainable trade, climate change and disaster management.

6. India-Japan hold finance dialogue in New Delhi (June 17, 2022)

India and Japan held a Finance Dialogue on 16 June 2022 in New Delhi to exchange views on the macroeconomic situation, financial system, financial digitization and investment environment in both the countries.

- Japan's Finance Minister for International Affairs Masato Kanda and Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, held the first India-Japan Finance Dialogue.
- The Japanese delegation included representatives from the Ministry of Finance, the Financial Services Agency and financial institutions.
- On the Indian side, representatives from the Ministry of Finance, Reserve Bank of India, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, Securities and Exchange Board of India and financial institutions participated in the discussion.
- Participants confirmed that the two sides will continue to work closely together as they preside over the G20 and G7 next year.
- The two sides agreed to continue discussions to promote financial cooperation and strengthen bilateral ties, and agreed to agree on the possibility of holding the next round of talks in Tokyo.

• Importance of Japan for India

- Japan is the fifth largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India after Singapore, USA, Mauritius, Netherlands (April 2014 to August 2021).
- It has invested \$36.2 billion in India since 2000.
- Japan is the largest provider of assistance to India amongst all countries.
- There are 1,455 Japanese companies in India. Eleven Japan Industrial Townships (JIT) have been established, with Neemrana in Rajasthan and Sri City in Andhra Pradesh having the maximum number of companies.
- Japan is helping in setting up a High Speed Rail corridor between Mumbai and Ahmedabad.

• Important fact about Japan

- Japan is also called as Nihon or Nippon
- It is an archipelago in the western pacific ocean in East Asia.
- It is composed of four main islands Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu. Honshu is the largest island of Japan.
- It is separated from the Asian mainland by the Sea of Japan.
- Its highest mountain is Mount Fuji.
- It is the third largest economy in the world after the United States and China.
- It is the only country in the world where atom bomb was dropped. In 1945 the U.S. dropped atomic bomb on Hiroshima on 6 August (bomb name Little Boy) and Nagasaki on 9 August (Bomb name Fat Man).
- The capital of Japan : **Tokyo**
- Currency of Japan : **Yen**

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7. 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol in Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca (June 14, 2022)

The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) is being conducted from June 13 to 24 2022 in the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca.

• About India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol

- It is the first post pandemic Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the two countries.
- The navies of both the countries have been operating CORPAT along their International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) since 2002.
- This has helped in building understanding and interoperability between the two navies.
- It has facilitated measures to prevent and suppress illegal fishing, drug trafficking, maritime terrorism, armed robbery and piracy etc.
- India and Indonesia have enjoyed particularly close ties, which include a broad spectrum of activities and interactions that have strengthened over the years.
- This CORPAT contributes to the strong ties between the two countries in the Andaman Sea and the Straits of Malacca.

• Aim of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol

- Keeping the Indian Ocean Region safe for commercial shipping, international trade and conduct of legitimate maritime activities.

• Other Exercises between India and Indonesia

- **Garuda Shakti** - A joint military exercise

Samudra Shakti - A bilateral maritime exercise**8. India, Vietnam sign joint vision statement on defence partnership for 2030 (June 8, 2022)**

India and Vietnam signed a 'Vision' document to further widen the "scope" of defence ties by 2030 and a 'Logistic Support' agreement to allow the armies of the two countries to use each other's installations.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh is on a three-day visit to the south-east Asian country.

- The MoU on mutual logistics support was inked by both sides.
- The two countries also agreed to expeditiously finalise India's defence line of credit of \$500 million to Vietnam.
- Implementation of the projects through the LoC will significantly enhance Vietnam's defence capabilities and help in taking forward Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Make in India, Make for the world'.
- India also announced two 'simulators' and funding to set up a language and IT laboratory at the Air Force Officers Training School to improve the capabilities of the Vietnamese Armed Forces.

• India, Vietnam relation

- Vietnam is an important member of ASEAN (Organisation of Southeast Asian Nations) and has territorial disputes with China in the South China Sea region.
- India is undertaking oil exploration projects in Vietnamese waters in the South China Sea.
- India and Vietnam have been working together to enhance their maritime security cooperation over the years to protect common interests.
- Vietnam has become an important partner in India's 'Act East Policy' and 'Indo-Pacific Vision'.
- The two countries share a rich history of civilizational and cultural ties dating back more than 2,000 years.
- The relations between the two countries were accorded the status of "strategic partnership" during the visit of the then Prime Minister of Vietnam Nguyen Tan Dung to India in July 2007.
- During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Vietnam in 2016, this status was raised to a "Comprehensive Strategic Partnership".

9. India-Senegal sign three MoUs (June 3, 2022)

India and Senegal signed three MoUs for cultural exchange, cooperation in youth affairs and visa-free arrangement for officials.

- This is the first ever high level Indian visit to Senegal.
- The visit comes at a time when both the countries are celebrating 60 years of their diplomatic ties.
- The Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu, who is on a three-nation tour, arrived in Senegal (West Africa) on June 2.

- **Three MoUs were signed by both sides**

1. Visa-free arrangement for holders of diplomatic and official passports which will strengthen cooperation between the two countries through seamless travel of officials/diplomats.
2. Renewal of Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP) for the period 2022-26.
3. To enhance bilateral cooperation in youth matters.

- **India-Senegal Bilateral Relations**

- Diplomatic relations between the two countries were established in 1962 at the ambassadorial level in Dakar.
- Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, India-Senegal trade grew by 37% to US\$1.5 billion during the last one year.
- A significant amount of phosphate, an important component of fertilizers, is imported into India from Senegal.
- Senegal is a member of the International Solar Alliance (IAS).
- Phase II of the upgrade of the Center for Entrepreneurship Training and Development (CEDT) in Dakar has been approved and its implementation will begin soon.
- Senegal has supported India for permanent UNSC membership.

- **About Senegal**

- Senegal is a country in western Africa
- It is known as the "Gateway to Africa"
- Head Of State And Government - President, Macky Sall
- Capital - Dakar
- Official Language - French
- Literacy - Male (2017) 64.8%, Female (2017) 39.8%

10. India and Sweden Host Industry Transition Dialogue In Stockholm (June 2, 2022)

India and Sweden hosted the Industry Transition Dialogue on 2 June in Stockholm as a part of their joint initiative, Leadership for Industry Transition (LeadIT).

- The LeadIT initiative focuses on areas that are major stakeholders in global climate action and require specific interventions.
- This high level dialogue has made a significant contribution to the United Nations Conference 'Stockholm+50'.
- Stockholm +50 is a World Environment Assembly held on 2 and 3 June to commemorate the first United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in 1972.
- It sets the agenda for COP27.
- Japan and South Africa are the latest members of the initiative.
- At present, the total number of LeadIT members is 37, including countries and companies.
- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav addressed the event.
- He said it is a time to celebrate 50 years of collaborative action, as well as a time to introspect on what we have achieved so far and what remains to be achieved.
- During the event, India chaired the Round Table Talks on priorities for implementation for 2022-23.
- Countries and companies share their initiatives, success stories and plans for the future.

- **About Sweden**

- Capital - Stockholm
- National Day - 6 June
- Parliament - Called 'riksdag'
- Members of parliament - 349 in a single chamber
- Head of state - King Carl XVI Gustaf; heir to the throne is Crown Princess Victoria
- Total area - 528,447 sq km (fifth largest country in Europe)
- Highest mountain - Kebnekaise (2,099 m)
- Biggest lake - Vänern (5,650 sq km)
- Currency - Swedish krona