

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-81
ANSWERED ON- 20/07/2023

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Prime Minister visited various foreign countries and met U.S. President and made progress in the strengthening of the strategic partnership and made the point that both countries share democratic values, and also signed many vital agreements for a stronger bond between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made till now since 2018 onwards along with the foreign countries visited, issues discussed/ decisions arrived/ MoUs signed from each country till now and funds attracted?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a & b) Relations between India and the United States of America had witnessed a steady growth and development over the years and have been elevated to a Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership. Both countries are also working together in plurilateral and multilateral platforms to address a range of global challenges of mutual concern. The bilateral relations are on a strong footing, given the shared democratic values, deep rooted cooperation across domains, strategic convergences and strong people-to-people linkages. The list of MoUs signed between India and United States of America since 2018 is placed at Annexure-1.

MoUs signed with USA between 2018 and 2023

1. Memorandum of Intent between Innovations for Defense Excellence (iDEX), Ministry of Defense, GOI and Defense Innovation Unit(DIU), Department of Defense, USA concerning Defense Innovation Cooperation.
2. Agreement between The Department of Defense of the USA and MOD, GOI concerning Communication Compatibility and Security Memorandum Agreement (COMCASA)
3. Agreement for cooperation on the Chandrayaan-2 mission
4. Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and The Government of the Republic of India For cooperation on the Airborne Synthetic Aperture Radar Airborne Campaign
5. The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) of the Department of Science & Technology concluded a tripartite MoU with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) and Rowan University for cooperation in technological innovation, industrial research and development
6. Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement between India and the U.S.
7. The Implementing Arrangement between Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) on the Airborne Synthetic Aperture Radar Airborne Campaign
8. Implementing agreement between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of India and The Department of Defense of the United States of America concerning Industrial Security
9. MoU between the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Ministry of Jal Shakti of the Republic of India and the U.S. Geological Survey concerning Scientific and Technical Cooperation in the Field of Water Resources
10. Letter of Consent from International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration, USA for use of their standards for Development of India Standards for Closed-Circuit Ammonia Refrigeration System
11. INSPIRESat agreement on design, fabricate, assemble and demonstrate in space the INSPIRESat-1 between Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology and University of Colorado, Boulder, USA
12. MoU between Indian Space Research Organization Bangalore, India and the University of Texas at Austin United States of America (SSA Activities)
13. MoU on "Mental Health between Dept Of Health and Family Welfare (Min Of Health &Family Welfare, GoI) & Dept of Health and Human Services, US Govt
14. MoU on the safety of Medical Products between the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health

and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) of the United States Of America (USA)

15. MoU between MAYO clinic, USA and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, India

16. MOU between the U.S. Department of Energy and the Indian Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on cooperation on Strategic Petroleum Reserves

17. Letter Of Intent between the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, New Delhi, Ministry Of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha And Homeopathy, Government of the Republic of India and the office of Cancer Complementary and Alternative Medicine, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, government of the United States of America for cooperation in the field of Ayurveda and Cancer Research

18. MoU for technical cooperation in Earth Observations And Earth Sciences between the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) of the Republic Of India and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of The United States Of America

19. Agreement for the electronic exchange of customs data between the postal operators (India Post, and United States Postal Service)

20. Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) between the Ministry of Defence Government of India and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Department of Defense of United States of America

21. MoU between Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of the Republic of India and United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Department of Commerce of the United States of America

22. Project Agreement for Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle under the Joint Working Group Air Systems under the Defence Technology and Trade Initiative.

23. MOU between Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the US Department of Health and Human Services for expanding cooperation and partnership in the healthcare sector.

24. MOU between Indian Council of Medical Research and the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease to continue joint support for the highly productive Indo-U.S. International Center of Excellence in Research (ICER) program – an infectious disease research partnership located at the National Institute for Research on Tuberculosis in Chennai.

25. MOU between Geological Survey of India and the Florida International University, USA to promote cooperation in the field of Geology.

26. The Updated Partnership Agreement between the Ministry of Earth Sciences and the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was signed in August, 2021 to mark more than 12 years of partnership in ocean and atmospheric observations for improved weather and climate prediction. A new joint oceanographic data portal was also launched.

27. MoU on extension of five-year to the statement of Guiding Principles on Triangular Cooperation for Global Development (SGP) between India and USA
28. Agreement between National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of the United States of America (USA) for Deep Space Network (DSN) support for ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 Lunar Lander and Chandrayaan-2 Lunar Orbiter Missions
29. Implementing Arrangement with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of the United States of America (USA) for 'Cooperation on the Chandrayaan-3 Mission
30. MoU between The Department of Space of the Government of the Republic of India and The Department of Defense of the United States of America for cooperation in Safety of Spaceflight and the Provision of Space Situational Awareness Services and information.
31. Investment Incentive Agreement between Government of the United States of America and the Government of India.
32. Agreement between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for Deep Space Network (DSN) Support For ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 Lunar Lander and Chandrayaan2 Lunar Orbiter Missions
33. Artemis Accords – the Principles for Cooperation in the Civil Exploration and Use of the Moon, Mars, Comets, and Asteroids for Peaceful Purposes- on 21 June 2023 in Washington D.C.
