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Delhi Dialogue X

Strengthening India-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation

Ball Room, The Oberoi, Dr Zakir Hussain Marg, New Delhi

19-20 July 2018

Agenda

Day I: Thursday, 19 July 2018

09.00 – 09.45 **Registration, Tea and Coffee**

09.45 – 10.00 **Opening Words from Amb. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India**

10.00 – 11.00 **Special Plenary: Roundtable with Chief Ministers of North East India**
[This special plenary session will be attended by the Chief Ministers of all Northeastern states of India. They will present current progress in their respective states and the priorities in strengthening the economic and cultural linkages with the ASEAN member states.]

Chair: Gen V K Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, India

Speakers

- Mr Sarbananda Sonowal, Chief Minister, Assam
- Mr Conrad Kongkal Sangma, Chief Minister, Meghalaya
- Mr Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister, Mizoram*
- Mr Neiphiu Rio, Chief Minister, Nagaland
- Mr Pawan Chamling, Chief Minister, Sikkim*
- Mr Biplab Kumar Deb, Chief Minister, Tripura
- Mr Chowna Mein, Dy. Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh

11.00 – 12.30 **Plenary Session I: Role of North East in Act East: Forging Connectivity with ASEAN**

[The North Eastern Region (NER) of India is the bridgehead of India's connectivity with Southeast and East Asia. The NER is also central to India's Act East Policy (AEP). Given its strategic location, the NER can be developed as a base for India's growing economic links with Southeast Asia. NER has the potential to grow faster than its current pace, provided the region builds cross-border production links with Southeast Asian countries. However, the bottlenecks to cross-border production links are many, of which inadequate connectivity, logistics and trade facilitation, more particularly at the border areas, are the major ones. Connectivity is being strengthened through projects like India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway and the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project. However, given the wide geographical scope and the less developed transport infrastructure, it is also important to pay explicit attention to the connectivity within and beyond the Northeast India. Enhancing the connectivity between ASEAN and Northeast India would open up new opportunities for the development of the border areas, which in turn would contribute to narrow the development gaps. This session would evaluate the current state of progress in connectivity projects involving India and the ASEAN and explore the ways to enhance ASEAN-India connectivity, further deepening economic integration.]

Chair: Mr. P.D. Rai, Member of Parliament, and Chairman, Northeast MPs Forum

Special Address: Mr. Ram Madhav, Chairman, India Foundation

Speakers:

- Amb. Pradap Pibulsonggram, Advisor to the Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand
- Mr. Tarun Vijay, Former Member of Parliament, India
- Amb. Gautam Mukhopadhyay, Former Indian Ambassador to Myanmar
- Mr S. N Pradhan, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDONER), New Delhi

Open Discussion

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch

13.30 – 15.00

Plenary Session II: Strengthening Socio-Cultural Links

[ASEAN and India have strong civilization and cultural linkages, and thus socio-cultural issues in the ASEAN–India Strategic Partnership assume a special significance. At the Commemorative Summit held in January 2018, the Leaders of the ASEAN countries and India underscored the importance of cultural relations in building an inclusive and progressive society. Shared historical ties, culture and knowledge have continued to undergird sustained interactions between India and Southeast Asia. This affinity and civilisational connect between them constitute a special asset for furthering development of people- to -people relations. Act East Policy can be strengthened aptly in the areas like education (human resources development), archaeology, culture, etc. Both ASEAN and India aim to expand socio-cultural links through the variety of initiatives, such as through the exchange of artists, students, journalists, farmers and parliamentarians, as well as through multiplicity of the think-tank initiatives. This session aims to discuss ongoing socio-cultural engagements between ASEAN countries and India, and would assess different means to take the engagement forward to enhance people-to-people contact. The session would also discuss specific ways in which cultural engagements can contribute to future progress in India-ASEAN relations.]

Chair: Prof. Sunaina Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University

Special Address: Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Member of Parliament (MP) and President, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi

Keynote Address: Mr. M. J. Akbar, Minister of State for External Affairs

Speakers:

- Dr Thant Myint U, Chairman, Yangon Heritage Trust, Yangon
- Mr Rajesh Purohit, Director, Indian Museum, Kolkata
- Prof. Bernadette G.L. Abrera, Dean, University of the Philippines in Diliman, The Philippines
- Prof. Sabuj Koli Sen, Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati University, Shantiniketan

Open Discussion

15.00 – 16.30

Plenary Session III: India-ASEAN Partnership and Emerging Global Order [Venue: Nilgiri Hall]

[The recent global trading regime is experiencing unexpected shifts due to rising protectionism. The world is passing through a turbulent phase. The retaliating consequence of the rising tariff is adversely affecting the global trade; particularly the trade in the developing countries. India and ASEAN have to collaborate jointly in dealing with such adverse impacts on the trade. This is an 'Asia's Century', and therefore ASEAN and India should share responsibilities in shaping the global order. Enhanced regional connectivity in their various dimensions is a win-win collective endeavour that would be a key driver for regional cooperative frameworks, including the emerging Indo-Pacific. While the ASEAN-India Free Trade Area in goods is fully functional from January 2010; presently, we are actively engaged in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations, involving ASEAN and its six FTA partners, which, when finalized, would be the largest regional trading arrangement, accounting for about 40 per cent of the world trade. India has been working with ASEAN towards evolving regional security architecture in the Asia-Pacific that hinges on emphasising peaceful settlement of disputes, finding collaborative solutions to emerging and non-traditional challenges, and in supporting the centrality of ASEAN. There is an imperative need to eschew protectionism, nationalism and avoiding a return to great power rivalries. ASEAN and India together can play a constructive and vital role in the region and beyond. This session aims to deliberate on the larger geopolitical impulses at play in Asia and the emerging global order. The session may also present new challenges and opportunities for ASEAN and India, and may explore ways and means to strengthen the ASEAN-India strategic partnership.]

Chair: Ambassador Shyam Saran, Formerly Foreign Secretary of India and Chairman, RIS, New Delhi

Special Address: Prof Hidetoshi Nishimura, President, ERIA

Speakers:

- Dr. Le Luong Minh, Former Secretary-General of ASEAN
- Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director, Social Development Division, UN ESCAP, Bangkok
- Mr. Rajeev Kher, Distinguished Fellow, RIS, and Former Commerce Secretary of India
- Prof. C Rajamohan, Director, ISAS, Singapore
- Dr. Kuik Cheng-Chwee, Associate Professor, National University of Malaysia (UKM), Malaysia

Open Discussion

17.00 – 19.00

Ministerial Session

- Family Photo of EAM and Head of Delegations of ASEAN and ASEAN Secretariat
- Welcome by Ambassador Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS
- Keynote Address by Smt. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister of India
- Special Addresses by Head of Delegations of ASEAN and ASEAN Secretariat

- ❖ H.E. Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Abdul Mutalib Yusof, Minister of Communications of Brunei Darussalam
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Kyaw Tin, Union Minister, Ministry of International Cooperation, Myanmar
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Nguyen Quoc Dung, Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Thongphane Savanphet, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lao PDR
- ❖ Dr. A.M. Fachir, Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia.
- ❖ H.E. Ms. Maria Hellen B. de la Vega, Senior Official and Former PH SOM Leader to ASEAN, The Philippines
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Chaisiri Anamarn, Special Envoy / Advisor, Foreign Minister of Thailand
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Pickhun Panha, Ambassador of Cambodia to India, New Delhi
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Dato' Hidayat Abdul Hamid, High Commissioner of Malaysia to India
- ❖ H.E. Dr. Hoang Anh Tuan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Political Security Community, ASEAN

- Release of Publications - *Proceedings of DD IX*
- Presentation of Outcomes of 2nd ASEAN-India Blue Economy Workshop by Prof Hidetoshi Nishimura, President, ERIA
- Vote of Thanks by Amb. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), MEA
- Family Photo of EAM, ASEAN HODs, CMs & others

[Moderator: Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, DG, RIS]

19.00 – 19.30 Reception by Amb. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)

19.45 – 21.30 Dinner Banquet Hosted by Smt. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister of India
Cultural Programme by Ms. Madhavi Mudgal

Day II: Friday, 20 July 2018

09.00 – 10.30 Plenary Session IV: Maritime Cooperation: A New Framework for India-ASEAN Partnership

[India is the closest maritime neighbour of ASEAN in west, and shares both maritime and land boundary with ASEAN. Maritime cooperation is one of the most important aspects of the India-ASEAN strategic partnership. On the occasion to mark the 25th anniversary of ASEAN-India dialogue partnership, the leaders of ASEAN and India issued a Delhi Declaration of the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit on 25 January 2018 in New

Delhi. The leaders not only reaffirmed the importance of the maritime domain but also indicated the direction and the guidelines to strengthen maritime cooperation through existing relevant mechanisms and extended their full support for effective implementation of the Declaration. As maritime neighbours, sharing common maritime domain, common dependence on the oceans and the seas and common understanding of the importance of the sustainable exploitation of the ocean resources, ASEAN and India are very ideal as partners in taking further the Asia's maritime agenda. However, there are several challenges in the areas of maritime security and safety which are to be addressed to bring in new dynamism in maritime sector between ASEAN and India. A stronger maritime sector is essential in shaping Indo-Pacific architecture. This session would showcase ongoing ASEAN-India collaborations on the maritime sector, and would also discuss avenues that India and ASEAN can explore jointly to address the variety of challenges.]

Chair: Commodore Uday Bhaskar, Director, Society for Policy Studies (SPS), India

AV Presentation on ASEAN-India Maritime Cooperation

Special Address: Vice-Admiral G Ashok Kumar, AVSM, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, India

Speakers:

- Dr. Tang Siew Mun, Senior Fellow & Head, ASEAN Studies Centre (ISEAS), Singapore
- Capt. S S Parmar, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi
- Dr. Adina Binti Kamarudin, Deputy Director General, Maritime Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia
- Prof. Shankari Sundararaman, Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
- Mr. Siswanto Rusdi, Founder Director, National Maritime Institute, Jakarta

Open Discussion

10.30 – 10.45

Tea / Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.00

Plenary Session V: Development Cooperation: Strengthening the ASEAN-India Partnership

[Over the past few years, India's development assistance has started to cover large number of countries, and consequently, the projects being implemented by the Ministry of External Affairs have increased substantially. India's development partnership is based on the identified needs by the partner countries and the efforts of the Ministry are geared towards accommodating as many of the requests received from the partner countries as are technically and financially possible. India's development cooperation has facilitated expansion of economic and cultural linkages with ASEAN countries, especially in education, capacity- building and training, physical and digital infrastructure, science and technology, among others. On the financial front, Line of Credit (LOC) is an important tool for the development cooperation, which helps materialize projects and build capacity. India has made available a Line of Credit of US\$ 1 billion to promote projects that support physical and digital connectivity between India and ASEAN. In addition,

India has also set-up a Project Development Fund of US\$ 77 million to support manufacturing units in CLMV countries. The session would present India's development cooperation initiatives and achievements with particular reference to ASEAN countries. It would also deliberate upon to identify viable projects between India and ASEAN requiring LOC support. This session would also be discussing opportunities for private sector in the field of development cooperation.]

Chair: Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, DG, RIS

Special Address: Mr. David Rasquinha, Managing Director, EXIM Bank of India, Mumbai

Speakers

- Mr Prashant Agrawal, Joint Secretary (DPA I), MEA
- Mr. B. V. N. Rao, Chairman, Transportation & Urban Infrastructure, GMR Group, New Delhi
- Mr. Thach Sovanna, Deputy Director, Department of Water Resources Management and Conservation, Cambodian Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, Phnom Penh*

Open Discussion

12.00 – 13.30

Plenary Session VI: ASEAN-India Trade, Investment and Technology

[ASEAN-India region together represent a combined population of 1.85 billion, which is a quarter of global population with a GDP of over US\$ 3.8 trillion; thus creating one of the largest economic spaces in the world. Economic partnership between India and ASEAN is deepening day- by- day and is witnessing a dynamic phase. For the first time, bilateral trade between ASEAN and India has crossed US\$ 80 billion mark, a highest volume of the trade in goods that ASEAN and India witnessed ever since signing of the FTA in 2010. India is also partner of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), which, at present, is being negotiated. India has accorded preferential treatment to the Least Developed Countries (Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar) through Duty- Free Preference Scheme for import of goods, giving special treatment for Services, liberalized Market Access, including movement of natural persons, technical assistance and capacity -building. We are currently providing a visa- fee waiver for Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar personnel applying for Indian Business and Employment visas. At the same time, ASEAN and India are also witnessing relatively higher investment flows. Technology can play an important catalytic role to facilitate value chains between ASEAN and India. Regional value chains between ASEAN and India hold a great promise, and would act as the driver for regional economic integration. Adoption of an inclusive approach in RCEP would boost trade and investment further in the region, thereby building trade in Indo-Pacific. This session would discuss complementarities between India and ASEAN in goods, services and investment, would take a stock in the progress in the areas of trade and investments, and would discuss ways for enhancing trade and investment relations between ASEAN and India.]

Chair: Dato' Ramesh Kodammal, Co-Chair AIBC (ASEAN), Kuala Lumpur

Co-chair: Mr Rashesh C Shah, Co-Chair AIBC (India) and President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) & Chairman and CEO, Edelweiss Group

Special Address: Ms Rita Teotia, Commerce Secretary, India

Speakers:

- Mr Karan Singh Thakral, Executive Director, Thakral Group of Companies, Singapore
- Ms Shanti Shamdasani, President ASEAN International Advocacy and Council Member, AIBC, Indonesia

Open Discussion

13.30 – 14.30

Lunch

14.30 – 15.45

Parallel Sessions

| Parallel Session I: SMEs and Regional Development | Parallel Session II: e-Commerce and Digital Connectivity |
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| <p>[India is one of the fastest growing major economies in the world. In the last three years, the Government of India has undertaken a number of initiatives and introduced a series of reforms to improve business environment in India. SMEs are an integral part of the ASEAN and India partnership. They have contributed significantly in terms of employment, trade, entrepreneurial activities and economic empowerment, and have played an important role in the economic progress of ASEAN countries as well as India. Stronger and active SMEs are crucial to take forward the benefits of trade liberalization, thereby fostering regional development. As the ASEAN and India have become more interconnected, SMEs have greater possibilities to grow. SMEs can take the final product (services) to a larger market as producers, logistics services providers and financiers. To minimise the risks, guidance from government and private sectors is pivotal for the growth of SMEs, particularly ‘Start-ups’ units. To strengthen the networks between SMEs in ASEAN and India, India has set-up Project Development Fund of US\$ 77 million and also ASEAN-India Science and Technology Fund and ASEAN-India Green Fund. These funds would be facilitating commercialization of low -cost technologies, technology transfer and collaborative R&D projects. In addition, the Department of Commerce in India, under its Market Access Initiative, has financed over a dozen of promotional events in ASEAN countries in the last year and a half alone. Given above, this session aims to discuss scope and opportunities in fostering strong partnerships among SMEs between ASEAN and India, the challenges faced by SMEs, and the way ahead.]</p> | <p>[Digital infrastructure provides foundation for many new technologies, services, applications and business models. There is a strong need to upgrade infrastructure to support urbanization. Challenges to digital infrastructure investment include geographic differences, regulatory uncertainty, high capital expenditure, etc. Therefore, it is crucial that the digital infrastructure is improved and is made robust. Digital connectivity is the high-speed catalyst to ASEAN and India partnership. To build digital connectivity through the use of Gigabit-capable Passive Optical Network (GPON) technology has been welcomed by ASEAN. Besides, some of India’s projects in ASEAN will strengthen digital as well as science and technology capacity, including space Project envisaging establishment of a Tracking, Data Reception/Data Processing Station in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and upgradation of Telemetry Tracking and Command Station in Biak, Indonesia; Centres of Excellence in Software Development and Training in CLMV countries, to mention a few. Digital technologies in ASEAN and India may help facilitate trade, logistics and innovation. Cross-border e-commerce has a potential to benefit SMEs in both ASEAN and India. A stronger digital network is also essential for ‘Start ups’. India’s digital prowess may fit well in serving ASEAN’s digital needs. Capturing digital innovation requires establishment of regulatory frameworks for the delivery of new digital services; support for sharing of best practices on open data; and equipping micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) with capabilities to access these new technologies. Improving logistics competitiveness will ease movement of goods within the ASEAN community, and would increase business opportunities for ASEAN citizens. This session will discuss areas of collaboration on e-commerce and digital connectivity</p> |

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| <p>Chair: Mr Vijay Kalantri, President, All India Association of Industries (AIAI) and Vice Chairman, World Trade Centre (WTC) Mumbai</p> <p><i>Special Address:</i> Ms Pacita Juan, Chair AWEN and Co-Chair, India ASEAN Women Business Forum, Manila</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sunil Shukla, Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmadabad • Mr R. Ravindran, Chairman, SAEA Group Research, Singapore & Member AIBC <p>Open Discussion</p> | <p>between India and ASEAN, regulatory frameworks to support digital technologies, financing and development of digital infrastructure, technology adoption by MSMEs, etc. It will also guide to build a cohesive and future-ready ASEAN-India Digital economy.]</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Abhijit Das, Head, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi</p> <p><i>Special Address:</i> Mr Gagan Sabharwal, Senior Director, Global Trade Development, The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), New Delhi</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Vikram Singh, Country Manager, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), The Philippines • Mr U Minn Naing Oo, Managing Director, Allen & Glendhill Myanmar, Yangon • Mr Shouvik K Majumdar, Executive Director, QuantumLaMA Consulting, and Director, Vantedge Global Solutions, New Delhi <p>Open Discussion</p> |
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15.45 – 17.00

Parallel Sessions

| Parallel Session III: Tourism Cooperation | Parallel Session IV: Building Smart Cities |
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| <p>[Tourism has emerged as a primary development strategy for ASEAN countries and also a driving force for the regional integration. Tourism has been playing an important role in generating jobs in islands and remotest parts of ASEAN. Over one million Indians visit ASEAN countries every year for tourism purpose. However, tourists flow would grow up further once air connectivity between ASEAN countries and India is strengthened. To facilitate the tourism, the year 2019 has been declared as ASEAN-India Tourism Year. Tourism industry in ASEAN and India has been established and promoted predominantly through private-sector investment. Tourism cooperation between them, particularly private sector, would facilitate further investments, particularly in India, where inflow of ASEAN tourists has been comparatively limited. Areas which offer high tourism opportunities between ASEAN and India are cruise,</p> | <p>[Rapid urbanisation has implications on issues like city congestion, water and air quality, poverty, rising inequalities, urban-rural divide, citizen security and safety. Therefore, increasing urbanisation has posed both challenges and opportunities. ASEAN countries and India have taken several steps to deal with such challenges and have presented liveable and sustainable cities for their peoples. Both have been consistently working to achieve transformative, inclusive and sustainable urban development using technology and innovations. ASEAN has chosen 26 pilot cities from the 10 ASEAN countries for the ASEAN Smart Cities Network and India is developing 100 Smart Cities across the country to enhance quality and accessibility of services with the help of technology and digital solutions. ASEAN and India have common challenges in building smart cities. They also have the scope to</p> |

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| <p>heritage and culture, spiritual, to mention a few. At the same time, coordination between regional and national institutions in the tourism policy-making process and multi-stakeholder partnerships are needed while designing shared responsibilities in promoting tourism as a model of regional cooperation. A growing commitment to tourism as a pillar of regional development cooperation is a must. This session would discuss contours of the tourism development in ASEAN countries and India. This session will also explore avenues of cooperation for the development and promotion of tourism between ASEAN and India.]</p> <p>Chair: Ambassador Rajiv Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, Gateway House, Mumbai</p> <p><i>Special Address:</i> Ms. Rashmi Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, India</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Maria Hellen B. de la Vega, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Philippines • Mr Garish Oberoi, President, The Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI), New Delhi • Dr Gulshan Sharma, Director General, International Chamber of Services Industry (ICSI), New Delhi <p>Open Discussion</p> | <p>collaborate and share experiences to synergise efforts and build smart cities for the betterment of the people. This session would discuss possible ways for cooperation between India and ASEAN on building smart cities and would explore new avenues for the private sector to develop smart cities.]</p> <p>Chair: Amb. Amar Sinha, Distinguished Fellow, RIS, New Delhi</p> <p><i>Special Address:</i> Mr Kunal Kumar, Joint Secretary & Mission Director, Smart Cities, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, India</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof P.S.N Rao, Director, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) Delhi • Mr Jonathan Tow, Director-General (South Asia & Sub-Saharan Africa), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore* • Mr Sanjeev Sanyal, Urban Theorist and Principal Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance, India • Dato' Manikandamurthy Velayoudam, SkyBlue Media, Kuala Lumpur and AIBC Member <p>Open Discussion</p> |
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17.00 – 17.15 Tea and Coffee Break

17.15 – 17.45 Valedictory Session

Chair: Ambassador Mohan Kumar, Chairman, RIS

Valedictory Address: Ambassador Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, India

Vote of Thanks: Dr Prabir De, Professor, RIS & Coordinator, AIC

17.45 High Tea and End of the Programme