

Visit of H.E. Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs to Cambodia from 20-22 June, 2022

As part of celebrations to commemorate 70th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Cambodia in 2022 and also to commemorate 30th Anniversary of establishment of India-ASEAN dialogue relations, H.E. Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India, visited Cambodia from 20 to 22 June, 2022.

2. On his arrival in Cambodia on 20th June, 2022, H.E. Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs and H.E. Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Minister of Women's Affairs, Kingdom of Cambodia, inaugurated two school buildings for children studying Grade 1-3 and Grade 4-6 at Kambol Primary School, Phnom Penh. The event was also graced by H.E. Dr. Devyani Khobragade, Ambassador of India to Cambodia besides Principal, teachers, school children, parents and media personnel. The school buildings were constructed with the grant assistance provided by the Government of India under its Quick Impact Project (QIP) scheme under the framework of Mekong Ganga Cooperation Initiative. With the completion of these two buildings, out of 46 QIPs approved by Government of India, 23 projects (including these 2 projects) have been completed and 23 other projects are at various stages of execution.

3. During his stay in Siem Reap area from 20 to 21 June, 2022, Hon'ble Minister participated in the 8th International Day of Yoga celebrations held on 21st June, at Elephant Terrace in Angkor Park, Siem Reap. Other prominent dignitaries present at the event were senior officials from the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture & Fine Art, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, APSARA authority, Siem Reap Governor office.

5. During his stay in Siem Reap, Hon'ble Minister visited the world renowned Angkor Wat temple (restored by India from 1986-1993) and Ta Prohm Temple (India completed 2 phases of restoration and the third phase, which started in 2016, is expected to complete in 2026) to review the restoration and preservation work, being undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

6. On 21st June, H.E. Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Minister, along with Senior Minister and Vice Chairman of Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA), H.E. Mr. Ly Thutch, witnessed signing ceremony of a MoU for a Project on Development of Mine-free villages in Koh Kong Province, held at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Phnom Penh. This project is also being undertaken by the Government of India under its Quick Impact Project (QIP) Scheme under the framework of Mekong Ganga Cooperation.

7. In the evening of 21st June, 2022, as part of 70th Anniversary of Establishment of Diplomatic Relations, a joint logo was inaugurated by H.E. Mr. Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and H.E. Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs.
