

**Recent Ministerial Visits**

**India to Saudi Arabia**

**Hon'ble Minister of Law and Justice** Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal visited Riyadh on February 22-23, 2025 to attend the Symposium on 'Arbitrating Indo-Saudi Commercial Disputes' at the Riyadh International Disputes Week.

**Hon'ble Minister of Coal & Mines** Shri G. Kishan Reddy visited Riyadh on January 14-15, 2025 to participate in the Future Minerals Forum 2025. Hon'ble Minister met Saudi Minister of Industries and Mineral Resources Bandar Alkhorayef.

**Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs & Minority Affairs** Shri Kiren Rijiju visited Riyadh, Jeddah and Madinah on January 11-14, 2025. During his visit, he met Saudi Minister of Transport & Logistic Services Mr. Saleh bin Nasser Al-Jasser, Saudi Minister of Hajj & Umrah Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah, Deputy Governor of Madinah Region Prince Saud bin Khalid bin Faisal, Secretary-General of the Muslim World League Sheikh Dr. Mohammed Al-Issa, and Chairman of the Saudi-India Parliamentary Friendship Committee of Saudi Shura Council Maj. Gen. Abdulrahman Snitan A. AlHarbi. He and Saudi Minister of Hajj & Umrah signed the Bilateral Agreement for Indian Haj pilgrims for 2025.

**Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance** Shri Pankaj Chaudhary visited Riyadh on December 4, 2024 to attend the Zakat, Tax, and Customs Authority (ZATCA) Conference 2024.

**Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** Shri Bhupender Yadav visited Riyadh on December 2-3, 2024 to participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP16) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

**Hon'ble Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare** Ms. Anupriya Patel visited Jeddah on November 15-16, 2024 to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR). She also met Saudi Minister of Health Fahad bin Abdulrahman Al Jalajel.

**Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry** Shri Piyush Goyal visited Riyadh on October 29-30, 2024. HCIM participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the Future Investment Initiative (FII). On the sidelines, HCIM met Saudi Minister for Industry and Mineral Resources Mr. Bandar bin Ibrahim Alkhorayef and Minister of Investment Mr. Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih. HCIM co-chaired the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Meeting of the Economy and Investment Committee under India-Saudi Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) alongwith Saudi Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud. Both Ministers witnessed signing of a Feasibility Agreement between Central Transmission Utility of India Ltd. and Saudi National Electricity Transmission Company (National Grid), Saudi Arabia.

**Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs** Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Riyadh on September 8-9, 2024. During the visit, EAM attended the first ever India-GCC Joint Ministerial Meeting for

Strategic Dialogue. A Joint Action Plan 2024-28 was adopted at the meeting. He also held a bilateral meeting with Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud.

**Comptroller and Auditor General of India** Shri Girish Chandra Murmu visited Riyadh on August 28-31, 2024 for bilateral meetings and signing of MoU with the General Court of Audit of Saudi Arabia for cooperation in the field of audit.

**Hon'ble Minister of State for Defence and Tourism** Shri Ajay Bhatt visited Riyadh on February 4-8, 2024 and led the Indian delegation to the World Defence Show 2024.

**Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs** Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani visited Jeddah on January 6-8, 2024. She attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Haj and Umrah Conference organised by the Saudi Ministry of Haj and Umrah Affairs. She also met Saudi Minister of Haj and Umrah Affairs Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al Rabiah. The two Ministers signed the Bilateral Haj Agreement 2024. Hon'ble Minister of State for External and Parliamentary Affairs Shri V. Muraleedharan also accompanied the Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs.

**Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industries and Textiles and Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution** Shri Piyush Goyal visited the Kingdom on October 24-25, 2023 to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Future Investment Initiative Forum 2023. During the visit, the Hon'ble Minister met the Saudi Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud, Minister of Investment Mr. Khalid Al Falih, Minister of Industry & Mineral Resources Mr. Bandar Alkhorayef, and Minister of Commerce Mr. Majid bin Abdullah Al Qasabi.

**Hon'ble Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy** Shri Raj Kumar Singh visited Riyadh on October 8-9, 2023 to participate in the Middle East North Africa Climate Week 2023 at an invitation from the Saudi Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al-Saud. Hon'ble Minister also met the Saudi Minister of Energy and later held bilateral discussions with Saudi Minister of Investment, Khalid Al-Falih. During the visit, the two sides signed an MoU in the field of Electrical Interconnection, Green/Clean Hydrogen and Supply Chains.

**Hon'ble Minister of State for Tourism and Ports, Shipping and Waterways of India** Shri Shripad Yesso Naik visited Riyadh on September 27-29, 2023 to attend the World Tourism Day 2023 celebrations organised by the UNWTO and the Saudi Ministry of Tourism in Riyadh. He also had interaction with Saudi Minister of Tourism Mr. Ahmed Al Khateeb during the visit.

**Hon'ble Minister of State for External and Parliamentary Affairs** Shri V. Muraleedharan paid an official visit to Riyadh on May 1-3, 2023. Prior to this, he had also visited Jeddah on April 25-28, 2023 to lead the evacuation exercise under Operation Kaveri.

**Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industries and Textiles and Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution** Shri Piyush Goyal visited Riyadh on September 18-19, 2022. During the visit, Hon'ble Minister co-chaired the inaugural Ministerial meeting of the Economic and Investments Committee, along with the Saudi Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al-Saud. In addition, he also met Saudi Minister of Commerce Majid bin Abdullah Al Qasabi. He also held detailed discussions on avenues of commercial cooperation with the heads of

Royal Commission for Riyadh City (RCRC), Saudi Exim bank and with prominent business persons in the Kingdom.

**Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs** Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Saudi Arabia on September 10-12, 2022. During the visit, EAM called on Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and co-chaired the inaugural Ministerial meeting of the Committee on Political, Security, Social and Cultural Cooperation (PSSC) with the Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud. He also met the Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council Dr. Nayef Falah Mubarak Al-Hajraf – during which the two sides also signed an MOU on Mechanism of Consultations between India and the GCC.

**Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers** Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya visited Riyadh on August 25-26, 2022. During his visit, he held bilateral consultations with the Saudi Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Abdulrahman Abdulmohsen A. AlFadley and Saudi Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources Bandar AlKhorayef. He also held discussions, with the heads of SABIC and Maaden, regarding India-Saudi cooperation in the field of chemicals and fertilizers.

#### Saudi Arabia to India

**Saudi Minister of Industries and Mineral Resources** Bandar Alkhorayef visited New Delhi and Mumbai on February 3-6, 2025. He met Minister of Commerce & Industry, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Minister of Heavy Industries, and Minister of Coal & Mines.

**Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs** Prince Faisal bin Farhan visited New Delhi on November 12-13, 2024. EAM and Saudi Minister co-chaired the ministerial meeting of the PSSC committee of India-Saudi SPC. Both sides discussed avenues to strengthen the strategic partnership between India and Saudi Arabia in the areas including trade, investment, energy, defence, security, culture and consular matters. They also exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest.

**Admiral Fahad Abdullah S. Al-Ghofaily, Chief of Staff, Royal Saudi Naval Forces** visited New Delhi on January 10-13, 2024. Al-Ghofaily called on Admiral R. Hari Kumar, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and held discussions on mechanisms and measures to further strengthen Navy to Navy cooperation. He met with the Chief of Defence Staff, Defence Secretary, Chief of Air Staff, Vice Chief of Army Staff, and the Secretary (CPV & OIA), MEA.

**Saudi Minister of Hajj and Umrah** Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah visited India on December 5, 2023.

**President of the Saudi Shura Council** Dr. Abdullah Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Sheikh visited India in October 2023 to participate in the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit.

**Visits of Saudi Ministers to India as part of the G20** - During India's Presidency of the G20, numerous Saudi ministers have visited India for the sectoral meetings and have also held bilateral meetings with their counterparts on the sidelines.

- Minister of Finance, Mohammed Al-Jadaan in December 2022, February 2023, July 2023 and August 2023
- Minister of Foreign Affairs, Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah bin Al Saud in March 2023
- Minister of Tourism, Ahmed bin Aqil al-Khateeb in June 2023
- Minister of Education, Yousef bin Abdullah Al-Benyan in June 2023
- Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Abdulrahman bin Abdulmohsen Al-Fadhli in June 2023
- Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, Ahmad bin Sulaiman AlRajhi in July 2023
- Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al-Saud in July 2023
- Minister of Health Fahd bin Abdurrahman Al-Jalajel in August 2023
- Minister of Communications and Information Technology Abdullah Alswaha in August 2023
- Minister of Commerce Majid bin Abdullah Al Qasabi in August 2023

**Saudi Minister of Energy** Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman visited India on October 21, 2022. During his visit, Prince Abdulaziz held meetings with Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Petroleum Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Power Shri Raj Kumar Singh and a number of leaders of the Indian business sector.

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