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PRESS RELEASE

Visit of Minister of State for External Affairs and Minister of State for Culture, Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi to Honduras

Minister of State for External Affairs and Minister of State for Culture, Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi visited Honduras from 1-3 May 2022. During the visit, Hon'ble Minister called on the President of Honduras, H.E. Mrs. Iris Xiomara Castro Sarmiento, and met with the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Honduras, H.E. Mr. Antonio Garcia and discussed various bilateral, regional and international issues. Both the Ministers reviewed the entire bilateral relations which spans to political, economic, cultural and developmental cooperation areas and decided that the next FOCs would be held on a mutually convenient date in New Delhi.

2. On 2 May 2022, Hon'ble Minister laid the foundation stone for the Jamastran Valley Irrigation project funded through Exim Bank of India's Lines of Credit (LOCs) in Honduras. Hon'ble Minister also addressed the Indian community at a Reception hosted by the Diaspora at San Pedro Sula on 1 May 2022.

3. Under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (India@75 celebrations), Hon'ble Minister delivered talks on '75 years of India's Growth Story' at the Central American Technological University (UNITEC) on 2 May 2022. Hon'ble Minister participated in a tree plantation drive under the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (India@75 celebrations) at the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH) on 3 May 2022. Hon'ble Minister also participated in a Yoga curtain-raiser event with the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH).

4. India shares close, warm and friendly relations with Honduras which are

cemented by mutual trust and development partnership. In the recent past, India's engagement with Honduras has intensified in various fields. Honduras is also a significant beneficiary of Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme. The bilateral trade between the two countries was US$ 310.81 million in 2021-22 (April-February).

5. India is playing an important role in helping countries across world to effectively manage Covid 19 crisis. As part of this commitment India donated medical aid to Honduras during the pandemic.

6. The visit of the Hon'ble Minister shows the importance India attaches to the bilateral relations with Honduras. The visit is expected to provide further momentum to our bilateral partnership and enhance the mutual goodwill among our people.

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