

Visit of External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar to the United Arab Emirates (27-29 January 2025)

Press Release

External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar visited the United Arab Emirates on an official trip from 27-29 January 2025.

2. During the visit, Dr. S Jaishankar called on President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed on January 28. They discussed the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries and regional and international developments of mutual interest.

3. Dr. S Jaishankar met with Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi His Highness Sheikh Khaled Bin Mohamed Bin Zayed on January 28. He recalled the landmark visit of the Crown Prince to India in September 2024 and discussed avenues for future partnership between India and UAE.

4. Dr. S Jaishankar also held a meeting with Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum on January 29. They commended India's strong and ever-growing economic and people-to-people ties with Dubai. Dr. S Jaishankar reiterated Prime Minister's invitation to Crown Prince to visit India at an early date.

5. Dr. S Jaishankar and his counterpart Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister His Highness Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed held a bilateral meeting on January 27. The meeting provided an opportunity to review the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation, including technology, defence and security, education, culture and connectivity. The two leaders also exchanged views on regional and global issues.

6. Dr. S Jaishankar was the Chief Guest at the first edition of the Raisina Middle East Conference organised by Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in Abu Dhabi and delivered the keynote address at the inaugural session of the event on January 28. He highlighted the importance of India – UAE engagement and the significance of this partnership in an increasingly turbulent world. EAM and HH Sheikh Abdullah participated in a conversation on 'The World in 2025' at the Conference on January 28.

7. During the visit, Dr. S Jaishankar participated in India's 76th Republic Day Celebrations in Abu Dhabi on January 27. In a special gesture, HH Sheikh Abdullah graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Minister of Tolerance His Excellency Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak (Guest of Honor), Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology Dr. Sultan Jaber, Minister of State for Foreign Trade Dr. Thani Zeyoudi, and several high ranking

government officials, members of diplomatic corps and prominent members of Indian diaspora in the UAE also joined the celebrations.

8. This was Dr. S Jaishankar's third official visit to the UAE, since his re-appointment as External Affairs Minister in June 2024. Closely following the visit of HH Sheikh Abdullah to India in December 2024 for the bilateral Joint Commission Meeting and Strategic Dialogue, the visit reflects the commitment of both sides to maintain regular and sustained high-level engagements. The visit has further strengthened the India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

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