

South Asian Diplomacy Highlights: 2025-2026 Holiday Exchanges and Regional

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1. Which South Asian nation's President exchanged warm greetings with Indian leaders on India's 76th Republic Day in January 2025, emphasizing enduring partnership despite recent diplomatic challenges?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Maldives**
- D) Nepal

2. In March 2026, India's Minister of State for External Affairs attended a high-profile reception in New Delhi to commemorate the 56th Independence and National Day of which South Asian country, highlighting shared heritage and renewed ties?

- A) Pakistan
- B) Bangladesh**
- C) Bhutan
- D) Myanmar

3. Which nation's National Day in December 2025 saw India's External Affairs Minister extend wishes, reiterating India's commitment to their special and unique partnership?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Nepal
- C) Bhutan**
- D) Maldives

4. In April 2026, the Permanent Mission of India to the UN, in collaboration with other nations including Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bhutan, convened a panel discussion on Vesak Day focusing on leveraging what for global peace and cooperation?

- A) Economic ties
- B) Buddhist heritage**
- C) Maritime security
- D) Trade agreements

5. During Buddha Jayanti in May 2026, the Indian Embassy in which South Asian country celebrated the occasion in Lumbini, featuring cultural events and prayers with local institutions?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Bhutan
- D) Nepal**

6. A brief but fierce conflict between India and Pakistan in May 2025 concluded with a ceasefire mediated by which country's President, as later acknowledged by Pakistan's Ambassador to the US?

- A) China
- B) Russia
- C) United States**
- D) United Kingdom