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External Affairs Minister (EAM) of India H.E. Dr. S Jaishankar visited Doha on 09 February 2022. He held a bilateral meeting with Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister (DPM & FM) of State of Qatar H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani and discussed strengthening the India-Qatar bilateral relationship and expanding political, digital economic and security partnership. The two ministers also exchanged views on global and regional situation, including developments in Afghanistan. EAM reiterated Prime Minister H.E. Narendra Modi's invitation to Amir His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani to visit India. He also invited DPM& FM to India for the inaugural meeting of the India-Qatar Joint Commission Meeting. The meeting follows the telephone conversation between the two Ministers on 22 January 2022.

2. During the day, EAM and DPM & FM jointly unveiled the foundation stone at the new site of the Indian Embassy located at the Diplomatic Enclave in the West Bay area of Doha. In his remarks, EAM appreciated DPM & FM's special gesture to join him at the ceremony and viewed it as a sign of the growing strength and mutual trust of the India-Qatar relationship. He also conveyed his gratitude to His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Father Amir for their continued support to the Indians living in Qatar.

3. EAM expressed his satisfaction with the contribution of the vibrant Indian community to the socio-economic development of Qatar and welcomed their enthusiastic participation in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to mark India's 75 years of Independence. EAM also highlighted the Government of India's measures implemented for the welfare of the Indian community.

4. Ambassador of India to Qatar Dr Deepak Mittal, Director of Protocol of Qatar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Ibrahim Fakhro and members of the Indian community were also present at the ceremony.

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