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Visit of MoS, Shri Pabitra Margherita to Dominican Republic, 15 to 16 August 2024)

Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles, Shri Pabitra Margherita (MoS) paid an official visit to the Dominican Republic from 15 to 16 August 2024. This visit was the first official engagement after MoS assumed office in June 2024. The visit also comes closely on the heels of the visit of the External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar in April 2023.

- 2. MoS participated in the formal swearing-in-ceremony of H.E. Luis Abinader, President-elect of the Dominican Republic. He also called on H.E. Roberto Álvarez, Foreign Minister of Dominican Republic and held in depth discussions on diverse aspects of the bilateral ties covering political, economic, cultural, pharma, developmental Partnership sectors among others.
- 3. MoS paid floral tributes to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Mahatma Gandhi Plaza in Santo Domingo which was inaugurated by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar. MoS also interacted with members of the Indian diaspora at the Embassy urging them to continue playing an active role in transforming India as a developed country.
- 4. The visit is another step forward in fortifying India's engaging bilateral relationship with Dominican Republic.

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