

Egyptian President Sisi to be chief guest at Republic Day celebrations

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Egyptian President Abdel Fateh el-Sisi will be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations in January 2023, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced on Sunday.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar visited Egypt in October when he referred to the “very good personal relationship” between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Sisi.

“India and Egypt enjoy warm and friendly relations based on civilisational and deep-rooted people-to-people ties.

Both countries are celebrating the 75th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations this year,” an official press release from the Ministry

Republic Day guests

Egyptian President Abdel Fateh el-Sisi will be India’s chief guest for the 2023 Republic Day celebrations. A look at chief guests down the years

Year	Guest
2023	Egyptian President Abdel Fateh el-Sisi
2020	Brazilian President Jair Messias Bolsonaro
2019	South African President Cyril Ramaphosa
2018	10 heads of state of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) members
2017	UAE Crown Prince Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
2016	French President Francois Hollande

pointed out.

Egypt and India were founding members of the movement for non-alignment in international affairs during the 1950s and Egyptian leaders have traditionally maintained cordial ties with New Delhi. Mr. Sisi attended the India

Africa Forum Summit along with other heads of states and governments of Africa from October 26 to 29 in 2015.

The two countries are reinventing a trusted bilateral relationship through newer initiatives such as green energy. In July this

year, Egypt signed a Memorandum of Understanding with India’s ReNew Power for \$8 billion to build a clean hydrogen facility in the Suez Canal Economic Zone.

The Indian entity, backed by the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority and Goldman Sachs, is expected to produce 2,20,000 tonnes of clean fuel annually at the Egyptian facility.

Egypt, along with Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, Mauritius, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore and Spain, is among the guest countries invited to attend next year’s G-20 summit that will be conducted under India’s presidency.

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