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■ **Philippines ratifies updated Air Services Agreement with India**

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Foreign Secretary of the Philippines Mr. Enrique A. Manalo on June 29 co-chaired the 5th India-Philippines Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation in New Delhi. During the meeting, both the leaders discussed a number of issues including defence, maritime security, counter-terrorism and transnational crimes. Dr Jaishankar said, the discussion also took place on growing economic ties, including in trade and investments, development cooperation, health and pharma, tourism, agriculture and space cooperation.