

Rwandan and Indian governments on Monday pledged to deepen and improve bilateral and foreign relations in the future.

Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs of Rwanda, Dr Vincent Biruta and the India's Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri V. Muraleedharan said talks held were aimed at reviewing the state of relations and cooperation between the two countries and what can be done to improve the situation.

Minister Biruta said Rwanda and India have good relations and mutual bilateral support in different sectors of health, agriculture and energy.

"India is the first country to have provided us (Rwanda) with 50,000 COVID-19 vaccines. We have also been looking at various projects together to see how they can be implemented and what we can do to rectify the shortcomings besides what we can do in the future."

In a bid to see where the two countries can consolidate ties, Minister Biruta said they discussed a number of issues, including India's assistance to Rwanda in its special program to launch various vaccines, including COVID-19.

"We have talked about technology in making various vaccines that include; COVID-19, Malaria, tuberculosis and we also acknowledge that India is a right partner given their experience and expertise in the field of medicine and vaccines," Biruta said.

On his part, Shri V. Muraleedharan commended Rwanda for hosting the talks after it was postponed due to COVID-19.

"India will continue to work for good relations with Rwanda," he said