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(SBU) S.M. Krishna has been officially named Indian Minister of External Affairs, succeeding Pranab Mukherjee, Embassy New Delhi reports. Mukherjee, who had been dual-hatted as Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Finance, will keep the finance portfolio.