

1. H.E. Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman, the Defence Minister of India met H.E. Mr. Dmitry Rogozin, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation on 04th April 2018. The two leaders reviewed Military Technical Cooperation between both the Countries.



Address by Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman, Defence Minister of India at the Seventh Moscow Conference on International Security (MCIS) on “Global Security in a Polycentric World”:
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3. DefExpo 2018: Indian and Russian firms sign 7 deals for defence hardware:
7 MoUs were signed during India Russia Military Industrial Conference during Defence Expo India 2018 paving way for a new era of B2B defence cooperation between 2 countries. The new deals would pave way for transfer of technology for some identified spares and there would be concerted effort for more such initiatives.



Visitors look at a model of the Sukhoi Su-30 military jet on the third day of Defexpo 2018 in Chennai, India.

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4. 3rd International Conference of Indologists at St.Petersburg: Third International Conference of Indologists with the theme: 'India-Russia: Past, Present and Future in the Context of Indological Studies' was held at St. Petersburg State University in St. Petersburg, Russia from April 26 – 28, 2018. The conference saw participation of a large number of Indian, Russian and International scholars and Indologists. The conference brought out the uniqueness and spectrum of the study of Indology across the countries and particularly in Russia. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Shri Pankaj Saran emphasised the need to challenge & counter false & imposed narratives. Deputy Minister of Culture, Mr. Alexander Zhuravasky was present when ICCR President, Dr. Vinay Prabhakar Sahasrabuddhe met JNCC students.

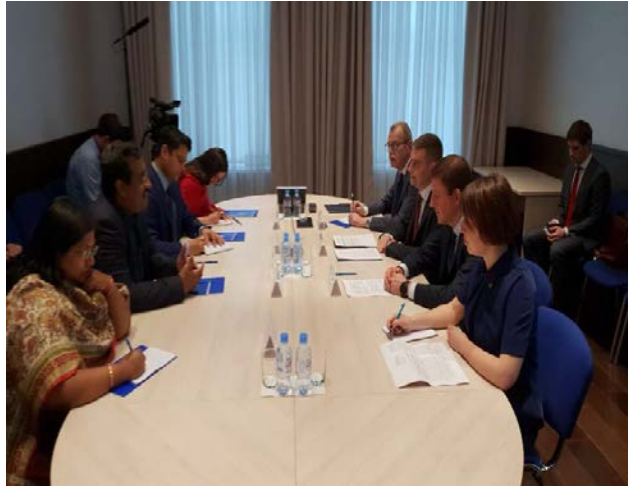


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5. Visiting delegation from Maharashtra Legislative Assembly met with the Chairperson of the committee on regional policy of the Federation Council of Russia. The delegation also met Mr. Alexei Shaposhikov, speaker of the Moscow City Duma and Mr. Pavel Dorokhin, head of the India- Russia Friendship group.



6. National General Secretary of BJP Mr. Ram Madhav met the Secretary of the General Council of United Russia Party, Mr. Andrei Turchak at the Party Headquarter Office. Discussions were held on increasing party to party and people to people contacts and on other bilateral matters.



7. President of India H.E., Shri Ram Nath Kovind presented Padma Bhushan to Alexander Kadakin (Posthumous) for Public Affairs. One of the longest serving Russian ambassadors to India, Mr Kadakin was an Indophile who played an important role in furthering India-Russia relations.



8. External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj expressed condolences on death of Padma Shri Gennady Pechnikov, people's artist of Russia and a veteran of Moscow State Academic Children's Theatre. Pechnikov was a man devoted to development of arts and bringing it closer to people. The people of India will always remember him as their beloved "Ram" - the immortal hero of the epic Ramayana – a role Pechnikov played with utmost sincerity and passion.

He was awarded the “Padma Shri”, one of the coveted Civilian Awards in India, in 2008 for his contribution in strengthening the cultural ties between India and Russia.



9. Celebration of everlasting friendship:

Gala closing ceremony of year-long celebrations of 70 years of establishment of India-Russia diplomatic relationship was held in Delhi.

Minister of State for External Affairs MJ Akbar and Member of Parliament Hema Malini joined in the festivities



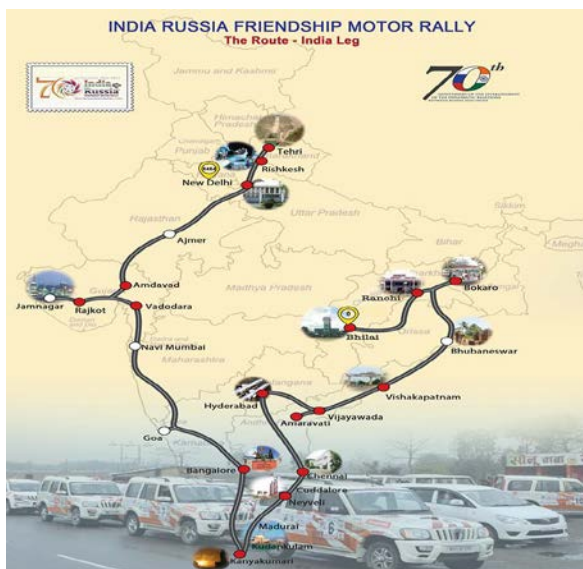


Similar celebrations were held in Russia with a joint concert of Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and the State Academic Chamber Orchestra of Russia under Alexei Utkin.





10. India-Russia Friendship Motor rally 2018 : In the framework of 70th Anniversary of establishment of Indo-Russian diplomatic relations, India-Russia Friendship Motor rally 2018 is being conducted to strengthen the existing friendship between the two countries. The event is likely to foster trade, scientific and cultural cooperation, form up new joint ventures and expand the tourism industry. The first phase culminated at the Embassy of the Russian Federation in New Delhi. In the next phase, the motor rally is to cover the route of International North-South Transport Corridor.



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11. A group of Indian school children had the experience of their lifetime on Thursday when they got to hear from two Russian astronauts orbiting the earth aboard the International Space Station (ISS).

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Oleg Artemyev and Anton Shkaplerov said they received more than 12000 letters from students of the Atomic Energy Central School of Kudankulam in India's southern state of Tamil Nadu seeking answers about space technology.



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