

1. Prime Minister's congratulatory call to President Putin on latter's victory in the Presidential elections: The Prime Minister had a telephone call with the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin to congratulate him on his victory in the Presidential elections held in Russia yesterday. Conveying his compliments on Mr. Putin's success, the Prime Minister expressed the hope that under Mr. Putin's leadership, the 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership' between India and the Russian Federation will continue to grow from strength to strength. The Prime Minister also stated that he looked forward to welcoming President Putin in India for the Annual Summit later this year.

President Putin thanked the Prime Minister for the phone call. He conveyed his commitment to further strengthen India-Russia relations in all spheres, and also his good wishes for the continued progress of India and her people.

2. International Solar Alliance, New Delhi: India was proud to host conference of International Solar Alliance, attended by leaders of friendly countries and high representatives from 58 states. The activities of the alliance demonstrate our commitment to multilateral cooperation and global efforts.



3. Russia's Economic Development Minister Maxim Oreshkin visited India for a wide-range of talks including on the International North-South Trade Corridor (INSTC) and upgrading fighter-jet technology. A mechanism to remove barriers to trade and economic and investment areas of Russia and India was discussed.



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4. Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation His Excellency Pankaj Saran met with the Governor of the Belgorod Region, His Excellency Mr. Yevgeny Savchenko and inaugurated the Indian Pharmaceutical facility of Advanced Group.



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5. Mr. Nikolay Rishatovich Kudashev, Ambassador of Russian Federation calls on Lok Sabha Speaker Smt. Sumitra Mahajan in Parliament House. Issues of mutual interests were discussed.



6. Ambassador Pankaj Saran inaugurated India Russia round table conference on timber. Issues of mutual interests were discussed.



7. Mr. Arun Kumar Panda, Secretary of the ministry of India for small and medium-sized business, met with the vice president of "Business Russia" Nona Kagramanân. They discussed the development of a partnership in the small and medium-sized business of the two countries under the "make in India" programme.



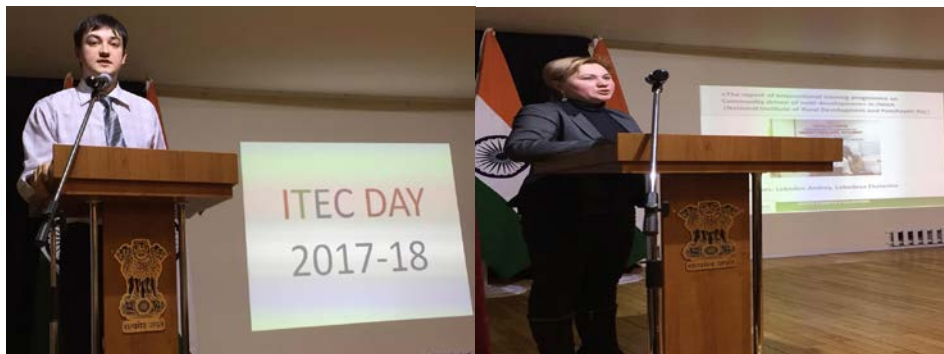


8. ROSATOM, the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Department of Atomic Energy of the Government of the Republic of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the implementation of the Rooppur NPP construction project in Bangladesh.

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9. ITEC day was celebrated in Embassy of India, Moscow. Ambassador Pankaj Saran addressed the ITEC alumni and ITEC alumni shared their experiences. A facebook page for connecting ITEC alumni was launched during the event.



10. Mr. Pankaj Saran, Ambassador of India to Russia, met with Mr. Andrei Evghenievich Klyčkovym, Acting Governor of the oblast region. The delegation discussed opportunities for business development as well as ways to increase contacts and strengthen economic cooperation with India and the Indian business community. The

Ambassador of India to Russia also held a bilateral meeting with the governor of the oblast region, which discussed directions on which cooperation between the kaliningrad region and India could be strengthened.



11. Ambassador Saran met the Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Alexander Pankin and discussed matters related to cooperation between India and Russia in the United Nations, developments in the Eurasian Region and early implementation of the International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) project.



12. India Russia Motor Rally: After completing India leg, it goes to Russia via International North–South Transport Corridor (INSTC). The idea is the product of bilateral meet of heads of the nations during BRICS-Goa Summit.



13. Ambassador of India to Russian Federation, H.E. Pankaj Saran visited to Rostov-VVER Nuclear Power Plant and "Atomash" Production Facility, Volgodonsk. Both these facilities of the "Rosatom" State Atomic Energy Corporation have strong links with the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project in India, including manufacturing of equipment.

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14. Mathrubhumi Books, a Kerela based publishing house, has come out with *Soviet Nattile Balakathakalum Nadodi Kathakalum* – a beautiful collection of classic Russian bedtime stories spread across two volumes. It is a compilation of some of the most beloved stories from the USSR. The Russian Cultural Centre in Thiruvananthapuram has also recently opened a library that contains all the Russian classics that were popular during that period. Nostalgia for those who grew up on that literature and a whole bunch of new books for the current generation of Indians to enjoy.



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