

Cozy, warm rapport at private meet Celebrate friendship built on sharing, cooperation Modi, Putin discuss ways to enlarge trade, energy, defence deals Diplomatic efforts win-win for mutual growth

Chennai, July 09 2024: On the second day of his visit to Russia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will co-chair the 22nd India-Russia annual summit alongside Russian President Vladimir Putin.

This highly anticipated summit will see discussions commencing around noon Russian time, featuring private conversations and formal talks over an official breakfast, according to Kremlin spokesman.

While the official meetings and statements are scheduled for Tuesday, there is widespread anticipation and speculation regarding the summit's agenda and key focal points.

The key areas of focus are expected to include trade, energy, and defence cooperation. The state-owned TASS news agency highlighted Peskov's comments, underscoring the significance of this high-level engagement.

In a casual exchange during the India-Russia Annual Summit in Moscow, President Putin warmly congratulated Prime Minister Modi on his recent electoral victory, securing a third consecutive term. Through his translator, Putin praised Modi's leadership and the positive impact of his governance on India.

"Congratulations on your re-election as Prime Minister. Your leadership and vision



have clearly benefited India and its people, demonstrating your ability to deliver tangible results," Putin remarked.

The casual exchanges between the two powerful leaders at

the India-Russia Annual Summit highlights a long-standing friendship built on mutual sharing and cooperation.

Modi's visit to Russia is seen as a pivotal moment for

India to expand its global outreach and access new markets. Both leaders are expected to deepen bilateral ties and address pressing international and regional issues, with a strong focus on defense

and energy cooperation. Under Modi's leadership, India has diversified its international relationships and trade partnerships, reducing dependency on any

single nation. Russia remains a crucial partner, particularly in the defense and energy sectors. In the 2023-24 financial year, India-Russia trade soared to nearly \$65 billion, driven by robust energy cooperation. Indian Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra recently announced that imports from Russia reached \$60 billion, while India exported goods worth \$4 billion during the same period.

To address the longstanding trade imbalance, Kwatra emphasized India's efforts to boost exports to Russia, targeting key sectors such as pharmaceuticals, iron and steel, marine products, and

machinery. India's imports from Russia, including crude oil, petroleum products, coal, pearls, precious stones, fertilizer, vegetable oil, gold, and silver, underscore the strategic economic ties between the two nations. This summit marks a significant step in strengthening the bilateral relationship between India and Russia, with both nations poised to explore new avenues of cooperation and mutual benefit.

The annual summit is the highest institutional dialogue mechanism in the strategic partnership between the two countries. The last summit saw both sides sealing 28 MoUs and agreements.

CM holds discussion on law & order

Chennai, July 09 2024: Chief Minister MK Stalin convened a high-level meeting with senior police officials to discuss the state's law and order situation. The meeting

at the state secretariat was attended by Chief Secretary Shiv Das Meena, Home Secretary P Amutha, DGP Shankar Jiwala, Chennai Police Commissioner A Arun,

and ADGP (Law and Order) Davidson Devasirvatham.

Earlier, CM Stalin, also the DMK president, visited the residence of K

Armstrong, the BSP state president who was brutally murdered on Friday. At Armstrong's Ayanavaram residence, the CM paid floral tributes to his



portrait and offered condolences to Armstrong's wife, Porkodi, and other family members. HR and CE Minister PK Sekarbabu accompanied him during the visit.

The Chief Minister listened to Porkodi's account of the events leading up to the murder and assured her that the culprits would be brought to justice. He also outlined the

steps the State government is taking to investigate the crime. Former DMK MLA B Ranganathan was present during the visit. The murder of Armstrong has sparked criticism of the DMK government, with allegations of deteriorating law and order. Opposition parties have particularly criticized CM Stalin, who holds the home portfolio.

BSP president Mayawati, who paid her respects to Armstrong's remains on Saturday, has demanded a CBI inquiry into the murder.

The CM had earlier expressed condolences over Armstrong's death, noting that eight individuals were arrested within hours of the incident. He promised that the culprits would be

punished. However, opposition leaders, including VCK president Thol Thirumavalavan, claimed that the real perpetrators had not yet been apprehended.

As a result of the incident, Chennai Police Commissioner Sandeep Rai Rathore was transferred on Monday, with A Arun appointed as the new Commissioner of Chennai city.

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Taiwan expo in Delhi features 24 renowned brands

Chennai July 09 2024: The Taiwan Excellence Pavilion made a significant impact on the opening day of Taiwan Expo India 2024, featuring products from 24 renowned brands.

The inauguration was attended by James C.F. Huang, chairman of the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA); Tih-Ju Chu, deputy mayor of New Taipei City Government; Pu Lalduhoma, Chief Minister of Mizoram; Sujeet Kumar, MP of Odisha; Manish Sharma, chair of FICCI, and Bollywood personality Shakti Mohan.

The pavilion showcases innovations in AI, ICT, industrial applications, lifestyle and medical technology from July 8 to 10.

Taiwan Expo, organised annually by the International Trade Administration MOEA in partnership with TAITRA, aims to enhance ties between India and Taiwan.

The pavilion's inauguration included a product launch session, unveiling HERO products from brands such as ADVANTECH, GIGABYTE, Mbran Filtra, MSI, and Zyxel.

Additionally, 19 other brands, including AVer, CHIMEI MOTOR, CyberPower, EverFocus, Everlight Chemical, CYBO, GW Instek, HCP, Plimates, Hua-Jie, KANFON, Lanner, Mean Well, MicroBase, MODERNSOLID, JUSTIME, Transcend, Waterson, and Wellell, are showcasing their offerings.



For more than a decade, Taiwan Excellence has promoted Taiwanese smart solutions in India. The Taiwan government is actively cultivating strong bilateral trade relations with India, evidenced by the growing interest among Indian

consumers and officials in Taiwanese innovations.

Brian Lee, director of the strategic marketing department at TAITRA, said, "India's rapid economic growth presents an exceptional market for Taiwan's government

and businesses.

There is increasing demand from Indian stakeholders for Taiwanese innovations, motivating us to bring the best of Taiwan to India. Taiwan can contribute to India's healthcare, ICT, and

transformation in India, where technology will continue to play a pivotal role."

Recent trade figures show a significant upward trajectory in bilateral ties between India and Taiwan, with preliminary talks on a free-trade agreement underway. Taiwanese enterprises have invested over USD four billion in India, spanning industries from footwear and machinery to automobile components, petrochemicals, and ICT products.

Visitors at the pavilion engaged in the ESG initiative, "Pedal for Progress," aimed at reducing the carbon footprint with a tree plantation drive.

Excellence has also introduced the "Go

Green with Taiwan" campaign, encouraging proposals integrating Taiwanese sustainable green products with innovative solutions.

The campaign offers \$ 20,000 prizes to the top three entries, with submissions open until August 31.

Beyond being a showcase platform, the TE Pavilion fosters international partnerships and facilitates market entry for Taiwanese brands, contributing to global innovation and sustainable development efforts.

The Taiwan Excellence mark is globally recognised as a prestigious symbol of quality and design, showcasing Taiwan's impressive product innovation.

Climate change major global crisis, says President

Chennai July 09 2024: Indian culture has always emphasised a lifestyle compatible with nature, said President Draupadi Murmu here on Monday.

Inaugurating the Divine Retreat Centre of Brahma Kumaris in Haridamada village near here, Murmu said, "Indian culture has always emphasized a lifestyle compatible with nature. In our philosophy, the earth has been called mother and the sky has been called father. The river has also been given the title of mother. Water has been called life. We worship rain as Lord Indra and the ocean as

Lord Varuna. In our stories, mountains and trees move and animals even talk to each other. This means that nature is not inert, it also has the power of consciousness within it. All these are beautiful thoughts of Indian philosophers for the protection of nature."

The President said, "Mother Nature is full of bounties. Forests, mountains, rivers, lakes, seas, rain, air - all are essential for the survival of living beings. But humans should remember that abundance in nature is for their needs, not for their greed. Human beings are exploiting nature for their



indulgence and by doing this, are becoming victims of nature's wrath. She stated that establishing harmony with nature and living nature-friendly life is the need of the hour."

The President said climate change, global warming and uncertainty of weather are big challenges that the world facing today. Natural disasters like floods, landslides,

avalanches, earthquakes, forest fires, and tsunamis are no longer occasional, and now these have become frequent incidents, she stated.

The President said,

gets wasted due to the taps being left open. Lights remain on even during the day."

She remarked, "Similarly, be it at home or office, we do not pay attention to switching off the fans or lights. We have not been able to free ourselves from the habit of leaving some food on plates. She emphasised that it is not enough to just discuss nature-friendly lifestyle, we have to make it a part of our daily life. She urged everyone to make a habit of saving natural resources to conserve it."

The President appreciated all

associated with the national campaign 'Lifestyle for Sustainability'. She said it is a praiseworthy step in the direction of connecting people with nature. She stated that this campaign should not be limited to meetings, committees, or conferences.

She urged all associated with the campaign to go to different parts of the country and make people aware, especially, the rural people about the environment. She also launched a national campaign 'Lifestyle for Sustainability' of Brahma Kumaris.

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) signs Memorandum of understanding (MoU)

Chennai July 09 2024: The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the M. S. A Research Foundation (MSSRF) entered an MoU to work together for livelihood generation among rural, tribal, and farming communities. The MoU was signed by Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, DG, CSIR and Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Chairperson, MSSRF. Senior officials from CSIR and representatives of MSSRF witnessed the signing of the MoU.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, DG, CSIR expressed that although

CSIR labs disseminate technologies developed in the labs to potential users, the outreach, especially in the societal sector, would be enhanced through joining hands with organizations such as MSSRF, which works at the grassroots level.

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Chairperson, MSSRF stated that the Foundation, in its efforts to reach out to the tribal and vulnerable communities, is seeking select low-cost, affordable and potential technologies and technical support from CSIR laboratories as a technology facilitating

partner under this umbrella MoU since the tribals or various other such groups are not able to directly approach CSIR labs due to many inherent reasons such as geographical location, language of communication and lack of required resources.

The MoU entails creating a framework and meaningful association for the transfer of affordable, proven and selected technologies with societal relevance available across the CSIR laboratories / institutes and mentoring the SHGs/NGOs/FPOs and other voluntary



organizations selected by MSSRF for livelihood generation and empowerment of women, tribal

population.

CSIR, with a vision to pursue science which strives for global

impact, technology that enables innovation-driven industry and nurture transdisciplinary

leadership thereby catalysing inclusive economic development for the people of India, undertakes R&D in outcome driven mode in diverse areas such as i) Healthcare; ii) Agri, Nutrition & Biotechnology; iii) Energy and Energy devices; iv) Chemicals, Leather and Petrochemicals; v) Mining, Minerals, Metals and Materials; vi) Civil infrastructure & Engineering; and vii) Aerospace, Electronics and Instrumentation & Strategic Sector; viii) Ecology, Environment, Earth Sciences and Water.

MSSRF, a non-profit

trust registered under the Indian Trusts Act 1882 and recognised by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, focuses specifically on tribal and rural communities with a pro-poor, pro-women and pro-nature approach. The Foundation applies appropriate science and technology options to address practical problems faced by rural populations in agriculture, food and nutrition through its Sub-Centres and Field Stations across the country.

Five Eyes accuses China of hacking Govt agencies



Chennai, July 09 2024: The Five Eyes spy alliance-Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States-accused China on Tuesday of orchestrating cyberattacks on Government agencies in Australia and beyond.

A report published by the Australian Signals Directorate in collaboration with security agencies in the Five Eyes partner states of Germany, Japan, and South Korea claimed that the Chinese Ministry of State Security was using the Advanced Persistent Threat 40 (APT40) cybergroup to hack up "networks of interest." "APT40 has repeatedly targeted Australian networks as well as government and private sector networks in the region, and the threat they pose to our networks is ongoing... This group conducts malicious cyber operations for the PRC [People's Republic of China] Ministry of State Security," it read.

The report, entitled "APT40 Advisory: PRC MSS Tradecraft in Action," claimed that the cybergroup regularly conducted reconnaissance against networks of interest to identify vulnerable, end-of-life, or no longer maintained devices and deploy exploits. APT40 has allegedly been scouring for vulnerabilities since 2017. China has continuously denied accusations of cyberattacks by state-backed actors and reportedly accused the US of conducting its own attacks.

Chennai, July 09 2024: Rotary Club of Mugapaire and the Goodwill Trust jointly organized a Road Safety Awareness program at Government Higher Secondary School, Villivakkam. Students were educated on traffic rules, seat belt usage, avoiding phone use while driving, speed control, pedestrian safety, and weather awareness. They also took oaths to follow traffic rules. A total of 90 students benefited from this awareness program.



25th Prime Minister's Science, Technology & Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC) Meeting Discusses Carbon Capture Utilisation & Storage (CCUS) and Carbon Credit in India

Chennai July 09 2024: The 25th Prime Minister's Science, Technology & Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC) meeting was chaired by Professor Ajay Kumar Sood today (July 9, 2024) at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe in New Delhi.



Along with the PM-STIAC members, the meeting brought together key government officials and industry players to discuss robust policy formulation for effective Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) in India. They discussed the reports prepared by inter-ministerial technical committees constituted by NITI Aayog's Advisory Committee on developing a policy framework for implementing CCUS initiatives in India. The meeting also discussed India's carbon market and carbon credit scheme to reduce emissions, pursue a low-carbon path, and provide market support for mitigation methods

and technologies. India has set a target to achieve a 45% reduction in emission intensity by 2030 and is aiming for Net Zero by 2070. This makes CCUS one of the important measures to achieve decarbonization from the hard-to-abate sectors.

The meeting was joined by Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member S&T, NITI Aayog, Scientific Secretary Dr. Parvinder Maini, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India and the Secretaries of all relevant departments including Secretary (Power) Shri Pankaj Agarwal; Secretary (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals) Ms. Nivedita Shukla Verma; Secretary (Earth Sciences) Dr. M Ravichandran; Secretary (Coal) Shri Amrit Lal Meena; Chairman (Indian Space Research Organisation) Dr. S. Somanath; Chairman (Defence Research and Development Organisation) Dr. Samir V Kamat; Secretary (Biotechnology) Dr. Rajesh Gokhale; and Secretary (Department of Health Research) Dr. Rajiv Bahl.

Representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, the Ministry of Steel, and the National Council of Cement and Building Materials also participated in the meeting.

In his opening address, Prof. Sood highlighted the government's prioritisation of CCUS as a solution for CO2 emission reduction. He discussed the opportunities for widespread adoption and large-scale deployment of CCUS technologies, focusing on economic feasibility, supportive policy measures, institutional arrangements, and technological feasibility for installing

CCUS projects in industries like Power, Iron & Steel, Cement, and Chemicals. He also emphasized the role of carbon markets in promoting CCUS by exploring options such as pricing on carbon emissions and driving investments in emission reduction technologies among others.

Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member S&T, NITI Aayog noted that technical committees were established by NITI Aayog for adopting CCUS technologies. He highlighted the need for prioritizing R&D, regulatory framework and the way forward to large-scale capacity plants. He asserted the significance of the carbon credit market, suggesting measures such as incentivization to industry to foster its development. Additionally, Dr. Saraswat recommended that hub and cluster approach may be adopted for development of the CCUS ecosystem in the country.

The first session of the meeting commenced with the presentation by Mr. Rajnath Ram, Advisor/Head, Energy, NITI Aayog outlining the findings of the inter-ministerial technical committees' reports on four identified areas of CO2 capture; CO2 utilisation; CO2 transportation and storage; and safety and technical standards development. He highlighted the need for the formulation of the CCUS policy framework in India.

It was followed by presentations by industry experts on synthesizing a complete CCUS value chain in the Indian context and the efforts of power generation companies to promote CCUS in India.

Representative from the Department of Science and Technology and Dr. Vikram Vishal, Professor, Department of Earth Science, IIT Bombay presented the various initiatives in the R&D sector of the CCUS landscape. They highlighted the R&D interventions and the Government of India's support aimed at promoting CCUS in India.

In the second session, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency presented on the Indian carbon market and carbon credit scheme. After the presentations, the Chair invited interventions from the representatives of the inter-ministerial technical committees. It was discussed that there is a need to identify adoptable technologies and life-cycle assessment of CCUS projects. It was also discussed that while standards for carbon capture and storage are in place, standards for carbon utilisation and transportation are being developed.

Thereafter, Secretaries and representatives of ministries gave their inputs on how various ministries and departments of Government of India can work together to address this important issue. It was suggested that a national portal for CCUS projects may be developed to bring all stakeholders on a common platform.

During their interventions, the PM-STIAC members emphasized the need for institutional mechanisms for CCUS R&D, implementation, and policy framework. Further, community awareness and outreach for CCUS were emphasized. The need for mapping of emission data was also discussed.

In his concluding remarks, Prof. Sood emphasised the need to foster nationwide adoption of CCUS technologies and take this initiative forward through a mission-mode approach. He echoed the suggestion made by many participants including Dr. Saraswat that the mission for CCUS may be led by the Ministry of Power as the nodal agency along with other relevant line ministries. This proposal was taken positively by the Secretary, Ministry of Power.

Murmu pens thoughts on communion with Nature



Chennai July 09 2024: A day after participating in the annual Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath and his siblings in Puri, President Draupadi Murmu spent sometime at the sea beach of the holy city on Monday morning.

Later, she penned her thoughts about the experience of being in close communion with Nature. On her X handle, the President wrote, "There are places that bring us in closer touch with the essence of life and remind us that we are part of nature. Mountains, forests, rivers, and seashores appeal to something deep within us." Murmu stated, "As I walked along the seashore today, I felt a communion with the surroundings - the

gentle wind, the roar of the waves, and the immense expanse of water. It was a meditative experience. It brought me a profound inner peace that I had also felt when I had a darshan of Mahaprabhu Shri Jagannath ji yesterday."

She continued, "I am not alone in having such an experience; all of us can feel that way when we encounter something far larger than us, that sustains us, and that makes our lives meaningful. In the hustle and bustle of the daily grind, we lose this connection with Mother Nature. Humankind believes it has mastered nature and is exploiting it for its own short-term benefits.

"The result is for all to see; this summer,

many parts of India suffered a terrible series of heat waves. Extreme weather events have become more frequent around the globe in recent years, and the situation is projected to be far worse in the decades to come. "More than seventy percent of the Earth's surface is made up of oceans, and global warming is leading to a rise in global sea levels, threatening to submerge coastal areas.

"The oceans and the rich variety of flora and fauna found there have suffered heavily due to different kinds of pollution. Fortunately, people living in nature's lap have sustained traditions that can show us the way.

"The inhabitants of

coastal areas, for example, know the language of the winds and waves of the sea. Following our ancestors, they worship the sea as God."

She opined, "There are two ways, I believe, to meet the challenge of protection and conservation of the environment: broader steps that can come from governments and international organisations, and smaller, local steps that we can take as citizens. The two are, of course, complementary." She called upon the people to pledge to do what they can do - individually and locally - for the sake of a better tomorrow. "We owe it to our children."

Madame Introduces Bridgerton Collection, Merging Netflix Regency with Contemporary Fashion

Bengaluru, July 09 2024: Madame, the premium womenswear fashion brand, has dropped yet another buzz for its customers with the unveiling of its collaboration with Shondaland at Netflix; the brand has launched their latest capsule collection inspired by the highly popular Bridgerton series. The announcement comes post the launch of Bridgerton's Season 3. One of its kind, this collaboration marks a celebration of the European elegance fused with the brand's contemporary allure. The Bridgerton Series has ignited among its viewers, a resurging preference for regal elements like embroidered dresses, empire waists, crystal encrustments, floral patterns, luxurious fabrics, corsets, flowy



cotton gowns, etc. In response to this regency trend, Madame has curated the collection exclusively for its customers to meet these regency fashion desires with a contemporary twist. Featuring a range of limited-edition styles, each piece exudes a luxurious feel reminiscent of historical splendor.

The offerings showcase dresses adorned with graceful A-line silhouettes in

premium fabrics and delicate floral prints, tailored for garden parties, soirées, and evening events. For a touch of regality in casual wear, t-shirts have been designed with golden-hued typography and rhinestone-like embellishments, perfect for the gen-Z customers looking to add a Bridgerton flair to their everyday outfits. The workwear shirts, designed with ornamentally adorned buttons, bring a

sophisticated touch to professional attires. Parika Rawal, Design Head of Madame, expressed: "Our Bridgerton Collection seamlessly blends the elegance of bygone eras with contemporary style, offering the wearers a stunning presence at any occasion. It's a unique opportunity for our customers to embrace Bridgerton's regency while making a modern statement in today's continuously evolving fashion scene."

Abbott Drives Vertigo Understanding With its New Survey and "Chakkar ko Check Kar" Campaign

Chennai July 09 2024: Coimbatore, 9th July 2024 Abbott, the global healthcare leader, launched its 'Chakkar Ko Check Kar' campaign in India to highlight an often-overlooked balance disorder, vertigo, which affects close to 70 million people in India. Vertigo is a condition that can make people feel like the world is spinning around them. Through this campaign, Abbott aims to help people take control of their health and better manage the condition.

To give the world a window into the disorienting reality of vertigo, Abbott kickstarted the campaign through a digital film, which features Bollywood actor and UNICEF India Ambassador, Ayushmann Khurrana. It paints a vivid picture of how vertigo's sudden spinning episodes can throw life off balance, urging those who resonate with these experiences to take action.

Ayushmann Khurrana, sharing his personal experience with vertigo, said, "Dealing with vertigo has been a challenge, but it taught me the power of resilience. Diagnosed in 2016, every sudden movement made the world spin around me. Amidst demanding film schedules, the constant fear of an impending dizzy spell was daunting. However, finding the right medication

and embracing meditation helped me manage my condition completely. While it



can feel like a tough condition to manage but it's crucial to remember that it's a battle you can win. I hope my journey inspires others to seek the help they need and navigate life with renewed confidence."

His experience is not uncommon. There are millions suffering from this condition silently and confusingly for a normal chakkar. Getting the right diagnosis and treatment at the right time and making key lifestyle changes is important to manage this condition and stay in control of your health.

Dr Jeje Karankumar, Medical Director, Abbott India added, "Around 70 million Indians experience vertigo. While this balance disorder can affect people's quality of life, it can be managed. Abbott aims to simplify the journey of people living with vertigo by raising awareness and empowering them with knowledge and tools that can help recognize signs of the condition, to get timely medical advice and support and live fulfilling lives."

An integral part of the campaign is the survey conducted by Abbott in collaboration with IQVIA. The survey findings help understand the

bring a range of symptoms, including headaches (52%), double vision (43%), a blackout feeling (40%), heaviness in the head (37%), and neck pain (28%).

Family Life and Travel: Vertigo can affect patients' abilities to look after their family (23%) and reduces family quality time (23%). It also creates discomfort when using public transport or air travel (19%).

Despite its effects, only 48% of people reporting dizziness get tested for symptoms. On average, vertigo is diagnosed at 38 years of age, with around one fourth of patients experiencing an attack once a month. Certain myths persist around vertigo, with 21% of patients believing that this condition only affects the elderly, and 15% feeling that it is untreatable and contagious. Only half of vertigo patients take medication, despite the far-reaching impact on their personal lives, which can include avoiding to travel in vehicles (34%), and reducing screen time (30%) to minimize the likelihood of a vertigo episode. This data paints a vivid picture of the hidden struggles faced by those living with vertigo.

As part of this awareness initiative, Abbott has also initiated an online assessment tool. This is a chatbot based survey, to help people identify vertigo symptoms and support early detection.

Symptoms: Each vertigo episode can



The President Rtn PHF Sathish and Secretary Rtn PHF Sivashanmugam from Rotary Club Of Nanganallur Elite participated in the District Event organized by RID 3234 and distributed the above kit to 100 students.