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India and Singapore are partners in progress and sustainable development: Vice President

Interacts with Singapore Minister of Trade and Industry

The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has said that India and Singapore are partners in progress and sustainable development. He was interacting with the Minister of Trade and Industry, Singapore, Mr. S. Iswaran, who called on him, here today.

The Vice President said that India admires Singapore's emergence as a shining example of a harmonious, multicultural and multiracial society. He further said that a number of Indian states have developed productive partnership with Singapore. We believe in cooperative and competitive federalism and states are focussing on socio-economic development in a concerted manner, he added.

The Vice President said that that both India and Singapore are important to each other's progress and prosperity. He further said that Singapore is an important partner in India's development priorities. India is at the cusp of a major transformation in all spheres including the ease of doing business, he added.

The Vice President expressed his happiness that a Singapore consortium has started developing the start-up area in the new capital city Amaravati of Andhra Pradesh. This can very well develop as a future model for new projects all over India.

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