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Union Home Minister describes Russia as India's one of the most credible friends

Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh met the Indian diaspora in Moscow yesterday. Addressing the gathering, the Home Minister expressed satisfaction with his visit to Russia and his talks with the various Russian leaders. He said that his visit had led to concrete outcomes to strengthen cooperation between India and Russia in the field of Security, Counter-terrorism, counter-radicalization, anti-drug trafficking, Counterfeit currency, Information Sharing and on training specialists in these fields.

Shri Rajnath Singh spoke about the long history and foundation of the relationship between India and Russia, and described Russia as 'one of the most credible friends of India'. He praised the work that individually every Indian was doing in Russia and called them as the "Cultural Ambassadors" of India. He said that while physical distance between them and India could be large, there can never be an "emotional distance".

He informed the gathering about the efforts of the Government of India in controlling terrorism and neutralizing the infiltrating terrorists as well as about the determination of the Indian Armed Forces in responding to various provocations. He identified terrorism and radicalism as the two greatest threats facing the world.

He apprised the gathering about the initiatives of the Government of India in developing the country in various fields via. Jan Dhan Yojana, Make in India, Aadhar implementation to take India on a fast-track of economic progress. He said India is on its way to becoming one of the leading economic powers of the world. He talked about the strength of Indian culture that termed the whole world as one family – "Vasudeva Kutumbakam", which forms the basis for India to become a benevolent power in future. From development of infrastructure to bringing in manufacturing into India, the Government of India has in the past three years contributed immensely, earning the goodwill of the people of India.

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