

## Japan minister calls on PM Modi

New Delhi: External affairs minister Sushma Swaraj and her Japanese counterpart Taro Kono held the 10th India-Japan Strategic Dialogue in the capital on Monday in which the partnership of the two countries in the crucial Indo-Pacific region was discussed. It may be recalled that both countries are part of the four-nation "quadrilateral" consultation mechanism which also involve the US and Australia.

Observers see the Quadrilateral as a mechanism to counter emerging Chinese dominance in the region. The Japanese foreign minister later called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, highlighting the close proximity of Indo-Japan relationship.