

Mauritius & India discuss ways to boost ties

Varanasi, Jan. 22: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday held talks with his Mauritian counterpart Pravind Jugnauth here on ways to boost bilateral trade and investment, including finalisation of a comprehensive economic partnership agreement, and expand cooperation in "blue economy" sectors.

The two leaders met on the sidelines of the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas after the inauguration of the event, where Jugnauth was the chief guest and keynote speaker.

The two Prime Ministers reviewed the entire gamut of the long-standing and time-tested strategic relationship between both countries, based on deep emotional bonds of kinship and culture, according to a ministry of external affairs statement.

The discussions between Modi and Jugnauth focussed on initiatives to further strengthen the bilateral ties, including finalisation of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, it said.

The two leaders also discussed ongoing bilateral development cooperation projects and new proposals for critical partnership projects in health, disaster management and energy sectors were agreed upon.

The leaders also discussed ways to expand further cooperation in areas of 'blue economy' and collaboration in Africa, the statement said.

India is the largest trading partner of Mauritius and has been the largest exporter of goods and services to the Indian Ocean island nation since 2007.

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