



Vladimir Putin

## Putin to visit India in October

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Ahead of Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit here next month, India has conveyed to Russia that its engagement in the Indo-Pacific region is not directed against any country and it was keen on having a broad framework to ensure peace and stability in the strategically key area, official sources said.

The US has been pushing for a greater role for India in the Indo-Pacific which is seen by many countries as an effort to contain China's growing clout in the region.

The issue of India's involvement in the Indo-Pacific figured prominently during talks between external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj and her Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov.

The sources said while acknowledging Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "inclusive vision", the Russian side felt that there may be countries which could be trying to "manipulate" the Indo-Pacific concept to serve their own interests.