

Putin greets Kovind, Modi on New Year

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The renewed accent on India-Russia ties witnessed at the Sochi informal summit was on display on Monday with Russian President Vladimir Putin greeting President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on New Year.

In his message, President Putin emphasised that bilateral relations are developing in a constructive and dynamic manner, underscoring that agreements reached at the October annual bilateral summit contribute to strengthening privileged strategic partnership between the two countries, the Russian Embassy said here in a release.

“Vladimir Putin expressed

confidence that joint efforts will lead to further growth of mutually beneficial cooperation in various areas and greater coordination of efforts on key issues on the regional and global agenda within the UN, BRICS, the SCO, the G20 and other multilateral bodies,” it said.

At the annual meet, India signed an agreement to procure \$5 billion worth S-400 air defence system from Russia even as the US suggested it could attract sanctions. Earlier, the embassy said both countries also joined their efforts for achieving democratic, inclusive and transparent UN negotiation process on security in the use of information and communication technologies. — TNS