

‘Defence ties with Russia intact’

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Ahead of Russian President Vladimir Putin’s India visit next month, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has clearly indicated that India will not allow its time-tested

defence and security ties with Russia to be impacted by the US sanctions on military transactions with Moscow. She also said negotiations on the S-400 missile deal with Russia are almost complete, hinting that India is on course to finalise it soon. “India has maintained its sovereignty as regards to its relationship with countries. We shall maintain it in all earnestness,” she told PTI. PTI