

Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India participates in the Second 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in Washington DC, USA

Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India participated in the Second 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in Washington DC, USA. He said this particular dialogue was created by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi and US President Mr. Donald Trump as the first, in India's case, with any country, to provide a positive and forward-looking vision for the strategic partnership.

He said that India-USA bilateral trade has registered double-digit growth of late and bilateral relations have noted very good progress. There are ongoing negotiations on the subject of trade. He said that he is confident that both India and USA will find a balanced outcome that satisfies both sides.

India and USA have an excellent cooperation in science and technology and the two countries have concluded and brought into effect a new agreement that facilitates science and technology cooperation. **Both the nations have also reached agreement through an MOU on water resources between India's Ministry of Jal Shakti and the U.S. Geological Survey for collaboration in quality assessment of the management of water.**

People-to-people ties have been one of the defining elements of India-USA friendship. Creating services including the movement of natural persons in a fair and non-discriminatory manner has contributed significantly to the deepening of ties.

Both the nations have agreed to take steps to promote better understanding and awareness among each other's stakeholders. Both India and USA have arrived at a common intent to facilitate regular exchanges between their parliamentarians and also to provide short-term internship opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs through dedicated programs.

Further, he said that the content and quality of these discussions will commensurate with and reflective of the broad expanse of India-USA ties. The two nations have reviewed ongoing cooperation in all areas of the interface of foreign policy and defense and outlined new priorities.

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