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12th Session of India-Russia Working Group on Modernization & Industrial Cooperation Held in New Delhi

Talks Highlight Deepening Bilateral Cooperation in Vande Bharat project, Rail Infrastructure, SJ-100 Aircraft, Critical Minerals, and UAVs

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The 12th Session of the India-Russia Working Group on Modernization and Industrial Cooperation under the Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation was held on August 7, 2026, at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi.

Shri Amardeep Singh Bhatia, Secretary, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, co-chaired from the Indian side, while H.E. Mr. Alexey Gruzdev, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of Russia, co-chaired from the Russian side.

The meeting reviewed progress since the 11th session and discussed collaboration across the identified sub-groups on modernization, mining, fertilizers and railway transport. Key areas in the 12th Session included cooperation in the field of modern industrialisation, science and technology, aerospace, railway infrastructure, mineral fertilizers and chemicals, rare earths and critical minerals, exploration and capacity building in REs, power engineering, industrial infrastructure, mining equipments, aluminium sector and joint venture for urea production, etc.

New areas of cooperation in railway transport such as infrastructure facilities, Vande Bharat train project, and signalling equipment were welcomed. Moreover, cooperation in Unmanned Aerial systems (UAVs), 3-D printing, production of Russian regional aircraft SJ-100, and aero-engine were also discussed. Further, cooperation in carbon-fibre technologies and propulsion systems, DAP/NPK fertilizer supplies, automation, critical minerals, lithium mining and titanium technologies, along with enhanced collaboration in aluminium, mining equipments and exploration of rare earth elements were discussed during the session.

The Protocol of the 12th Session of the Working Group was signed by both the co-chairs reaffirming the strategic India-Russia partnership with the aim to deepen industrial and economic cooperation. The session was attended by around 60 delegates from both sides.



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