

## **PM Modi wraps up Russia visit**

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**Moscow:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi today wrapped up his two-day visit to Russia, during which the two countries signed 16 pacts to expand cooperation in various sectors, including nuclear and defence.

It is learnt that Prime Minister Modi was heading towards the Afghan capital Kabul from Moscow. The Kabul visit has not been officially announced but Modi was expected to make a stop-over in Kabul on his way back home.

In Kabul, he is expected to inaugurate the new building of the Afghan Parliament constructed by India at a cost of about USD 90 million.

During his stay in Russia, Modi held annual summit talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin and underlined the need for the world to unite against terrorism "without distinction and decimation between terrorist groups and target countries."

As part of the 16th annual India-Russia Summit, Modi and Putin held a one-on-one meeting before they were joined by their respective delegations.

Earlier in the day, Modi laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a war memorial dedicated to Soviet soldiers killed in World War II, in Moscow.

Last night, Modi was hosted for a private dinner and held a private tete-a-tete with Putin at the Kremlin.

The meeting took place hours after Modi arrived in Moscow to a red carpet welcome.

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