

## **Board members of United States India Strategic Partnership Forum call on PM**

Board members of United States India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) comprising senior industry and business captains of the United States of America, called on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today.

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## **India-Japan Fact Sheets**

India and Japan committed to working together to promote peace, stability and prosperity, through economic growth and development in the Indo-Pacific, including Africa, by enhancing connectivity through quality infrastructure and capacity building of our partners.

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## **CSIR develops Less Polluting Firecrackers named – SWAS, SAFAL and STAR**

“CSIR scientists have developed Less Polluting Firecrackers which are not only environment friendly but 15-20 % cheaper than the conventional ones”, said Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Environment, Forest & Climate Change at a press conference here, today.

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## [“Technology Summit offers invaluable platform to forge knowledge partnerships”, says Dr. Harsh Vardhan](#)

The 24th India-Italy Technology Summit was jointly inaugurated by Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Environment, Forest & Climate Change Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Italian Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Dr. Michele Geraci, here today.

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### Announcements

Japan announced joining the International Solar Alliance (ISA) submitting the instrument of ratification on 29th October 2018. As of now there are 70 countries that have signed the ISA Framework Agreement (ISA FA) and 47 countries that have ratified it. Japan will be the 71st country to sign and 48th country to ratify the ISA FA.

Exchange of Notes concerning the provision of seven Yen loan projects including the Project for the Construction of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail, Project for Renovation and Modernization of Umiam-Umtru Stage-III Hydroelectric Power Station, Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Project (Phase 3), North East Road Network Connectivity Improvement Project, Project for the Construction of Turga Pumped Storage, Project for the Construction of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road and Project for Sustainable Catchment Forest Management in Tripura (total loan provision of up to 316.458 billion yen)

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