

# INDIA, RUSSIA SIGN S-400 MISSILE DEAL

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Mr. Putin is understood to have even asked Mr. Modi for tips on implementing the GST (Goods and Services Tax), which Russia is hoping to roll out soon.

“We were able to talk face-to-face without any rush about the critical problems in the world, discuss issues of principle in the development of Russian-Indian cooperation and lay out new horizons,” Mr. Putin told journalists on Friday.

The eight agreements that were signed spanned diverse areas ranging from space and nuclear cooperation to railways and agriculture. The two countries set a target of \$30 billion bilateral trade by 2025, and Mr. Putin invited Mr. Modi to Vladivostok for the economic forum in September 2019.

Russia also agreed to assist India with training for its Gaganyaan project to put a human in space by 2022. “Russia has always been with us in the development journey of India. The next goal in our space journey is to send an Indian astronaut in Gaganyaan. I am very happy that you have assured full cooperation of Russia in this mission,” Mr. Modi said.

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