

India Backs Ukraine Talks, Reaffirms 'Not an Era of War' Stance



In a significant diplomatic move, India has welcomed the upcoming summit talks between U.S. President Donald Trump and his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, regarding the Ukraine conflict. The Indian government has publicly endorsed the meeting, which is aimed at brokering a peace deal, while reaffirming Prime Minister Narendra Modi's long-held position that this is "not an era of war."

India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) issued a statement on Saturday, just hours after the talks were announced, signaling its support for the diplomatic effort. An MEA spokesperson stated that the meeting "holds the promise of bringing to an end the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and opening up the prospects for peace." The statement also reiterated that India stands ready to support these efforts.

This endorsement comes amid a backdrop of complex geopolitical dynamics. India has consistently called for a peaceful resolution through dialogue and diplomacy since the start of the conflict. Prime Minister Modi has had detailed conversations with both President Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, urging them to find a solution outside of the battlefield.

Modi's stance, famously articulated during a meeting with Putin in 2022, has been a cornerstone of India's foreign policy on the matter. "I know that today's era is not an era of war," Modi told the Russian leader, a message he has repeated on multiple occasions. India's position reflects its desire for a stable global order and its role as an emerging power that advocates for non-violent conflict resolution.

The announcement of the Putin-Trump summit follows a telephone call between Prime Minister Modi and President Putin. According to an Indian readout, Putin briefed Modi on the latest developments concerning the war. The two leaders also reviewed progress in their bilateral agenda, reaffirming their commitment to deepening the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership.

This conversation occurred while India faces mounting trade tensions with the U.S. The Trump administration has imposed additional tariffs on India for its continued energy imports from Russia. Despite this, India has defended its purchases, citing global market conditions and its national interests. This diplomatic maneuvering highlights India's strategic autonomy, as it navigates its relationships with major global powers.

The forthcoming meeting between Trump and Putin, to be held in Alaska, is a highly anticipated event. For India, it represents a potential step toward ending a conflict that has had a significant impact on global energy and food security. India's endorsement of these talks reinforces its consistent position that dialogue and diplomacy are the only viable path to peace.