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India softened global inflation, says Jaishankar

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India's purchase policies softened the oil and gas markets with the decision to continue transactions with Russia and should be thanked for managing global inflation as a consequence, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said. Jaishankar also raised India's long-standing concerns about pro-Khalistan extremism in the UK during his meetings with the country's top leaders, stressing that they should be on guard against the misuse of freedom of expression and speech.

During an interaction entitled 'How a Billion People See the World' at the Royal Over-Seas League in London on Wednesday evening, Jaishankar addressed the question of India charting its own course in the face of Western sanctions against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine. He also reiterated the "exceptional

steadiness" of India-Russia ties. "Just imagine for the moment had we not bought oil from Russia, global oil prices would have gone higher; because we would have gone into the same market, to the same suppliers that Europe would have done and frankly, as we discovered, Europe would have out-priced us," said Jaishankar.

He highlighted that India's approach to Russia in the context of the current conflict in Ukraine is very much factored by the 70-odd years of history and working together.

