

# 'US trusts India with critical tech despite Russia concerns'

**ALL-WEATHER FRIENDS.** US Deputy Secretary of State plays down reports of discord

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The US is concerned about India's continuing relationship with Russia possibly affecting some elements of the growing Indo-US partnership in critical technologies but it has confidence and trust in the country and seeks to advance the partnership, Kurt Campbell, US Deputy Secretary of State has said.

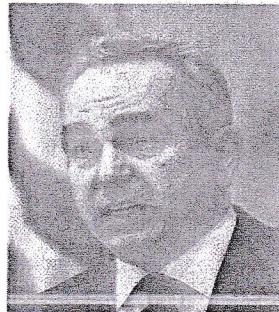
"We are seeking to develop a much deeper and stronger technological relationship between US and India. We are clear which areas are affected by the continued relationship between India and Russia, militarily and technologically. We will take what steps we can to mitigate some of those engagements," he said.

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"And we have expressed some concerns. But at the same time we have confidence and trust in India and we are seeking to advance our partnership in technology," Campbell said in response to a question on concerns about Russia at an online press conference on Wednesday.

India and the US are both



great powers and there are many areas of alignment, he said. "But it is not surprising that there would be areas where we have perhaps different perspectives because of historical ties," Campbell added.

US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan and Campbell were in India last week for

the meeting of the US-India initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET). The meeting was chaired by India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Sullivan.

## **iCET INITIATIVE**

Since the launch of iCET in January 2023, there has been significant deepening of partnership across key technology sectors including space, semiconductors, advanced telecommunications, artificial intelligence, quantum and clean energy, the Deputy US Secretary of State said.

The issue of the next meeting of the Quad—an alliance between India, the US, Japan and Australia—was discussed between Sullivan and Doval and both expressed determination on holding the meeting this year, he pointed out.