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India-Japan Friendship Golf tournament: Celebrating 70 years of diplomatic relations

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Delhi: Ending the week on a high note, New Delhi witnessed a joyous celebration of 70 years of diplomatic relations between India and Japan.

Grant Thornton Bharat, in partnership with the **Delhi Policy Group** and the **Ministry of External Affairs**, organised a first of its kind **India Japan Friendship Golf tournament** at the prestigious Delhi Golf Club today.

The event drew enthusiastic participation from Japanese diplomats and corporate leaders as well as Indian counterparts from the host organisations and the business community. Representatives of several leading Japanese companies and entities were among the participants, including JETRO, JCCII, Maruti Suzuki, Mitsui, Toray, Sojitz, Sumitomo, SMBC, Mizuho and Japan Airlines.

H.E. Mr. Satoshi Suzuki, Ambassador of Japan to India, and **Mr. Naveen Srivastava, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs**, joined the participants at the tee off and the post-game festivities.

Ambassador H. K. Singh, Director General of the Delhi Policy Group, said that the event symbolised the warm people to people ties that have been the hallmark of India-Japan relations since their inception 70 years ago. As Asia's leading maritime nations committed to democracy and the rule of law, India and Japan share important responsibilities for shaping a free and open Indo-Pacific. Coming shortly after the successful Bilateral Summit held on March 19, this event is a particularly timely celebration of the India-Japan strategic partnership.

Vishesh C. Chandiok, CEO, Grant Thornton Bharat, said, "The India-Japan global partnership has evolved into a synergistic and dynamic relationship based on mutual trust and common universal values. I hope that we can work more closely with our Japanese counterparts and clients to build closer trade, investment and business ties that lead to a more vibrant India."

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