

US spl envoy meets Javadekar; 'climate finance', joint research discussed

NEW DELHI: Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar on Tuesday met the United States' Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, John Kerry, here and the two leaders discussed a range of issues including climate finance, joint research and collaboration.

Had an engaging and fruitful discussion with Mr. @JohnKerry, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate. We discussed a range of issues including #ClimateFinance, joint research and collaboration, etc, Javadekar, who led an eight-member Indian team at the meeting, tweeted.

Kerry was accompanied by a seven-member US delegation in the talks, an environment ministry official said. Kerry is on a four-day visit to India,



US climate envoy John Kerry and Union Minister Prakash Javadekar exchange greetings during a meeting at Prayvaran Bhawan in New Delhi on Tuesday

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from April 5 to April 8, during which he will meet representatives from the Union govern-

ment, the private sector and NGOs.

This is also Kerry's first

visit to India as the US Special Envoy for Climate Change. In January, the Biden administration had re-joined the Paris Agreement. The visit aims at consultations on increasing climate ambition ahead of Biden's Leaders' Summit on Climate scheduled for April 22-23 and the COP26 meet to be held later this year.

US President Biden has invited 40 world leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to a US-hosted virtual summit on climate to underscore the urgency and the economic benefits of stronger climate action. This will be the second time PM Modi and US President Biden will be together at a virtual summit after last month's Quad meeting.

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