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Chandigarh, August 24:- A high level delegation led by Mr. Damian Green, the UK Minister for Immigration, today called on Punjab Governor and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, Mr. Shivraj V. Patil at Punjab Raj Bhavan.

While discussing various issues at length, Mr. Patil stated that India and British enjoy mature bilateral relations and strong socio-cultural linkages. He emphasized the need for further strengthening economic & trade ties through vibrant partnership and joint ventures in different fields of activity.

In a meeting with Mr. Damian Green, the UK Minister for Immigration Mr. Patil said India's economic and political influence in the world is growing. It has enormous dynamism and potential. He said that there was a major scope to further expand economic & business cooperation in wide range of fields like Information Technology, marketing of agriculture produce, sharing of educational tools & technologies, which can be of immense mutual benefit of people on both sides. He said India and UK has strong people to people links. Over 1 million people travel between the UK and India every year.

Mr. Patil further stressed that Punjab has achieved a major breakthrough in the agriculture sector and allied fields and state is emerging as a progressive and vibrant investment destination. The State Government has evolved a responsive mechanism and coordinate farm our ventures and agri related activities in close coordination with the scientific community of Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana. He said that bold initiatives have taken for generation of more power with focus on tapping solar energy to meet growing demand in different sector of economy. He suggested for strengthening partnerships in agri-related ventures especially food processing which has a major scope of collaboration.

Mr. M.P. Singh, Secretary to Governor was also present in the meeting.