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Aussies look to B'lore for trade

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Bangalore: The South Australian Government's senior trade commissioner to India A K Tareen on Wednesday pitched for better bilateral



A K Tareen

trade ties between Karnataka and South Australia. Tareen told TOI that the focus of the ties could be in areas like winery, processed food, oranges, almonds, wheat and barley.

"South Australia is also known as the defence capital of the country, an asset that we look to strengthen. Auto components will comprise a major part of our tie-ups too," he said.

Education generates a high proportion of the revenues of the region. "To strengthen that, we will offer scholarships for higher education," he said.

He declined to say much on the attacks on Indian students in Australia, restricting himself to the point that South Australia's capital Adelaide had not witnessed such attacks. The region has partnered with IISc to develop nano-technology.

Tareen stressed that South Australia had placed itself on the global map by its strategic movement towards action against global warming, and indicated that Karnataka could benefit from these clean technologies. Tareen also addressed members of the Bangalore Chamber of Industry & Commerce.