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## IN BRIEF

## Germany honours SRF chief Arun Bharat Ram

New Delhi: Arun Bharat Ram, chairman of SRF, has been awarded the Officers Cross of the Order of Merit by the German government for his contribution in strengthening and diversifying exchanges between India and Germany. "Arun Bharat Ram has been bestowed with this honour in recognition of his contribution as co-chairman of the Indo-German Consultative Group," a statement by SRF said. Bharat Ram has been serving as the co-chairman of the group since 2002, which has been set up for advising on ways to strengthen and diversify the mutually beneficial exchanges between the two countries. PTI