



Indo - US 2+2 Dialogue

Why in News

India and the US have recently concluded **second 2+2 ministerial dialogue** in **Washington**. Several landmark agreements in both **defence and Civilian sectors** were signed.

Key Points

- **Industrial Security Annex (ISA)**
 - ISA to the [General Security Of Military Information Agreement \(GSOMIA\)](#) will provide a framework for exchange and protection of **classified** military information **between the U.S. and Indian defence industries**.
 - Currently, under GSOMIA, such information is exchanged between the Government authorities of the two countries but not between **private parties**.
 - This will further promote **“Make in India”** in the defence sector.
 - In accordance with the budget announcement (2018-19), the government has already decided to set up **two Defence Industrial Corridors** in the country, **one in Uttar Pradesh and another in Tamil Nadu**.
- **Peacekeeping for Indo-Pacific**
 - Cooperation in **capacity-building** of UN peacekeepers from Indo-Pacific countries, based on demands from the countries concerned.
 - Counter-terrorism efforts were also discussed including dangers of cross border terrorism.
- **Tiger Triumph Exercise**
 - To hold the [India-U.S. joint tri-services ‘Tiger Triumph’](#) on an **annual** basis.
 - **The first edition** was held in **November 2019** as a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (**HADR**) exercise.
- **Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)**
 - The [CDRI](#) was launched at the [UN Climate Action Summit](#) in **New York, USA** in September 2019. It is **headquartered in New Delhi, India**.
 - The US is now part of it.
- **Water Resource Management**
 - Memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of **Jal Shakti** and the **U.S. Geological Survey** to promote **technical cooperation** in water resources management and water technology.
- **Space Situational Awareness (SSA)**
 - Cooperation for **exchange** of information including **space debris and space traffic management**.
 - It ensures **navigational safety of our space assets**.
- **Young Innovators Internship Programme (YIIP)**
 - Create **internship** opportunities in **key areas of science and economy**.

- New opportunities for **young entrepreneurs**.
- **Parliamentary Exchange and Judicial cooperation**
 - **Reciprocal visits** by Parliamentarians from both countries.
 - The U.S. Federal Judicial Center and **India's National Judicial Academy in Bhopal** to cooperate in the area of **counter-terrorism jurisprudence** to **new** areas of **criminal jurisprudence** including **money laundering, drug trafficking** etc.

'2+2' Dialogue

- It is a format of dialogue where the **defense and foreign ministers or secretaries** meet with their counterparts from another country. 2+2 Ministerial is the highest-level institutional mechanism between the two countries.
- India holds such talks with **Australia**, at the foreign secretary and defense secretary level but with **Japan** and the **US** at the **ministerial level**.
- With the US this was the **second 2+2 meeting (Washington)**, first was held in New Delhi in September 2018.
- US holds such ministerial dialogues with **Australia and Japan** also.

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