

12th India-UAE Joint Defence Cooperation Committee Meeting

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Recently, the 12th edition of the **Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC)** meeting between **India** and the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** was held in Abu Dhabi focusing on enhancing bilateral defence and security cooperation.

- The meeting covered a wide range of areas, including training, joint exercises, defence industrial cooperation, and R&D, demonstrating a comprehensive approach to strengthening the partnership.
 - The India-UAE JDCC was established in 2006. Since then, 11 rounds have been held. India and UAE have seen steady growth in bilateral defence interaction.
 - India-UAE Defence Collaboration:
 - Air Force: Trilateral Air Exercise on Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR) in 2018.
 - Navy: Exercise "Gulf Star 1", Zayed Talwar, and IDEX/NAVDEX.
- The UAE is located on the Arabian Peninsula, bordering the <u>Gulf of Oman</u> and the <u>Persian Gulf</u>
 It is bordered by Saudi Arabia to the south and west, and the Sultanate of Oman (southeast), while Qatar lies to the northwest
 - The UAE, along with Iran and Oman, shares a coastline with the <u>Strait of Hormuz</u>, making it one of the three countries bordering this strategic waterway.
 - The UAE is governed by a Federal Supreme Council and is made up of seven Emirates
 of: Abu Dhabi (largest emirate), Dubai, Ajman, Fujairah, Sharjah, Ras al-Khaimah, and
 Umm al-Qaiwain.



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