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Greetings Colleagues,

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U.S.-India Strengthens Strategic Cooperation



Figure 1: US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan met with India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in Delhi, June 17, 2024. IMAGE/ Indian Express/

The U.S. National Security Advisor, Mr. Jake Sullivan, recently [visited India](#) and met with India's National Security Advisor, Mr. Ajit Doval. Both leaders chaired a meeting of the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET). The U.S. and India have strengthened their strategic cooperation in defense and technology [since 2023 with the launch of the India-U.S. Defense Acceleration Ecosystem \(INDUS-X\)](#), which has led to breakthrough collaboration in emerging technologies and joint innovations. Through the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology, both countries have deepened their strategic cooperation across essential technology sectors, including space, semiconductors, advanced telecommunications, artificial intelligence, quantum, biotechnology, and clean energy. This partnership highlights both nations' dedication to technological advancement and innovation.

The visit also witnessed the two leaders convene an industry roundtable, a collaborative initiative that brought together chief executive officers (CEOs) and influential thought leaders from the United States and India. This platform, focused on mobilizing private sector investment and cultivating strategic partnerships, is a testament to the shared responsibility and commitment of both nations in fostering innovation and mutual economic growth across various technology sectors.

Mr. Sullivan met with Indian Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi for the first time after he became the PM for the third consecutive term. On this occasion, Modi tweeted, "India is committed to further

strengthening the India-U.S. comprehensive global strategic partnership for global good." This tweet underscores the high-level political support for the partnership and the shared commitment to global issues. Mr. Sullivan also met with India's External Affairs Minister, Mr. Jaishankar, to underscore the centrality of bolstering strategic collaboration between the U.S. and India and to maintain the security and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region. [Read More](#)

Moscow's Strategic Turn Toward Asia

Russian President Putin visited North Korea and Vietnam to strengthen Russia's strategic position in Asia-Pacific. During the first part of his Asia visit, [Putin met with the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un](#) and signed a "comprehensive strategic partnership," as per reports it includes mutual defense pact in case of aggression against either country. Putin plans to strengthen bilateral ties with North Korea and secure an ally against the U.S. and its allies. Reports indicate that North Korea is aiding Russia in its conflict with Ukraine by providing munitions and missiles. However, [the United States, ROK, and Japan's senior officials condemn](#) the Russia-DPRK's military cooperation and expressed their concern to the peace and stability in the Korean Peninsula.

On the second part of his visit, [Putin reached Hanoi](#) and was warmly greeted by the Vietnamese President and Prime Minister. According to reports, Putin signed 11 agreements with Vietnam, including ones on energy, oil and gas, science, etc. However, the U.S. and Vietnam upgraded their bilateral relations to a "comprehensive strategic partnership" last year. Furthermore, the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs, Daniel Kritenbrink, [visited](#) Hanoi after Putin's visit. He reiterated the U.S. commitment to strengthen U.S.-Vietnam ties and to working with Vietnam in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific region

Putin's recent visit to North Korea and Vietnam is not just a diplomatic event but a strategic move aimed at building a coalition of nations that align with his agenda of opposing the current U.S.-led international order. This effort, which reflects a larger geopolitical shift, is a clear signal of Putin's ambition to shape a more multipolar world. The gravity of this ambition and its potential impact on the Indo-Pacific geopolitical landscape cannot be overstated.

Delhi-Dhaka Boost Ties

Bangladesh's Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, visited India, becoming the first state guest after the formation of the Modi 3.0 government. India and Bangladesh have strengthened their trade, connectivity, and

infrastructure relations as they seek close cooperation in green energy, digital technology, and space. Both countries aim to enhance cooperation in security, disaster management, and water resources. [Read More](#)

U.S. Delegation Meet Dalai Lama in India

A seven-member bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers met with the Tibetan spiritual and exiled leader in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, India. The delegation, led by [U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul](#), also met with Indian Prime Minister Modi and his top cabinet ministers. It is worth mentioning that U.S. Congress passed the promoting a resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act last week. [Read More](#)

Indo-Pacific Quiz

Which two countries have an agreement on the Indus Water Treaty?

- a. India-Pakistan
- b. Pakistan-Bangladesh
- c. India-Bangladesh
- d. India-Afghanistan

Which country has recently approved arms sales to Taiwan?

a. Japan

c. USA

b. India

d. France

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