# India - Japan Defence Ties

## Why in news?

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India - Japan Defence Ministerial Dialogue was recently held in Tokyo, Japan.

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## What are the highlights of the meet?

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- India and Japan agreed to enhance the overall defence ties between the two countries.
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- The agreement on enhancing exchanges between the two forces is likely to translate into more **bilateral exercises**.
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- The meet could result in **exchanges in the field of technology and equipment,** furthering India's aim of increasing its domestic defence production.
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- The meet stressed the importance of **bilateral training interactions** and is expected to consider Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) training in future to expand cooperation.
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- Besides, the Defence Ministers also exchanged views on the security situation in the **Indo-Pacific region**.
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- The defence dialogue carried a joint condemnation of **North Korea**'s recent nuclear test.
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- Also, the two sides expressed satisfaction on the recent India-US-Japan naval exercise, **Malabar 2017**.
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- The Armies of both nations are expected to hold a **joint exercise on anti-terrorism** next year for the first time.
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- Japan has also invited India to participate as an observer in a humanitarian

assistance and disaster relief (HADR) exercise held by Japan Ground Self Defence Force.
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## What lies ahead?

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- India and Japan are witnessing a mutual, deeper and diversified bilateral defence cooperation.
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- This is particularly after the signing of the bilateral Memorandum on Defence Co-operation and Exchanges, and two Defence Framework agreements in recent years.
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- The recent dialogue has strengthened this existing cooperation and the outcomes are optimistic particularly with India's ambitions on domestic defence manufacturing.
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