



15TH INDIA-VIETNAM DEFENCE POLICY DIALOGUE HELD IN HANOI, VIETNAM; MOU SIGNED

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In November 2025, the 15th edition of India-Vietnam Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD) was hosted by Vietnam in its capital city Hanoi.

The dialogue was co-chaired by Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Defence (MoD), India, and Senior Lieutenant General Hoang Xuan Chien, Deputy Minister of National Defence, Vietnam.

About 15th DPD:

Overview: The DPD 2025 acts as a primary mechanism to review and guide the India-Vietnam Strategic Defence Partnership and take forward the initiatives outlined in the India-Vietnam Joint Vision Statement 2030.

Reviewed Areas of Cooperation: During the dialogue, both countries reviewed progress made in various areas of cooperation such as: hydrography cooperation, capacity building & training, United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping Operations, increased port calls and ship visits and cooperation in fields namely, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and shipyard upgradation, among others.

Explore New Areas of Cooperation: Also, both countries agreed to expand and further strengthen cooperation in critical emerging fields like: cyber security, real-time exchange of information, military medicine and exchange of experts, among others. They also discussed the regional security situation.

Key Outcomes:

Memorandum of Agreement (MoA): On the sidelines of DPD 2025, India and Vietnam signed a MoA for Mutual Submarine Search, Rescue Support and Cooperation.

This newly signed MoA aims to establish a framework for supporting and cooperating in submarine search and rescue operations.

Letter of Intent (LoI): In addition to MoA, both countries also signed a LoI on bolstering defence industry cooperation.

It aims to promote Transfer of Technology (ToT); prioritise advanced technology domains; joint cooperation in research; Joint Ventures (JVs); procurement of equipment and materials for defence production as well as exchange of experts, design, and production of equipment.