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India and Algeria Agree to Expand Defence Cooperation

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India and Algeria have agreed to further strengthen defence cooperation during the inaugural India–Algeria Joint Commission meeting held in New Delhi. The meeting marks an important step in deepening strategic and military ties between the two countries.?

During the meeting, both sides discussed cooperation in: Military training, Joint military exercises, Defence industries, Medical cooperation between armed forces & Maritime and security collaboration

The two countries also signed the “Rules of Procedure,” which will serve as the official framework for implementing future India–Algeria defence cooperation and Joint Commission meetings.

Note: The defence partnership between India and Algeria has grown rapidly since both countries signed a Defence MoU in 2024. High-level visits and regular strategic dialogue have further strengthened bilateral relations.

Brief Overview of India–Algeria Defence Relations

India and Algeria have steadily expanded defence and strategic cooperation over the last few years, especially in military training, defence diplomacy, maritime security, and defence industry collaboration.

Major Developments

Year/Date Major Highlight

1962 Algeria supported India on international platforms after its independence.

2001 India and Algeria expanded cooperation in science, technology, and strategic sectors.

2023 Defence ties increased through military exchanges and cooperation talks.

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Sept 2024 Both countries signed their first major Defence MoU during Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune's India visit.

2024 Cooperation expanded in military training, defence industry, maritime security, and counter-terrorism.

May 2026 First India–Algeria Joint Commission Meeting held in New Delhi to strengthen defence cooperation further.

Why Algeria is Important for India

Algeria is one of Africa's largest military powers.

It is a major energy producer with significant oil and gas reserves.

Algeria holds strategic importance in North Africa and the Mediterranean region.

Stronger ties help India expand its diplomatic and strategic presence in Africa.

Algeria

Capital: Algiers

Currency: Algerian Dinar

President: Abdelmadjid Tebboune

Prime Minister: Sifi Ghrieb