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India and Thailand Deepen Defence Cooperation During 10th Defence Dialogue

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India and Thailand agreed to strengthen cooperation in defence manufacturing, research, innovation, and capability development during the 10th Thailand–India Defence Dialogue held in Bangkok. ?

The dialogue reviewed the entire spectrum of bilateral defence cooperation and exchanged views on regional and global security issues, particularly developments in the Indo-Pacific region.

The meeting was co-chaired by Shri Satyajit Mohanty, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence (India), and Admiral Nuttapol Diewvanich, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Defence (Thailand).

Key Highlights of the Dialogue:

Defence Manufacturing and R&D Cooperation

Both countries discussed opportunities to deepen collaboration in:

Defence manufacturing

Defence research and development (R&D)

Innovation and emerging technologies

Capability development

Defence industry partnerships

The objective is to promote mutually beneficial cooperation between the defence ecosystems of both countries.

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Indo-Pacific Security

The two sides exchanged views on the evolving security environment in the Indo-Pacific and reaffirmed their commitment to:

Peace and stability

Freedom of navigation

Regional prosperity

Rules-based international order in the Indo-Pacific region.

Military-to-Military Engagements

The dialogue reviewed progress in:

Training exchanges

Capacity-building programmes

Maritime cooperation

Military exchanges

Defence dialogues

between the armed forces of both countries.

Cooperation through Regional Frameworks

India and Thailand also discussed cooperation under ASEAN-led defence mechanisms and other multilateral security frameworks.

Additional Key Facts

India–Thailand Strategic Partnership

Relations elevated to Strategic Partnership in 2025.

Thailand is an important member of ASEAN.

Thailand is a crucial partner in India's Indo-Pacific vision.

Defence Cooperation Between India and Thailand

The two countries signed an MoU on Defence Cooperation in 2012.

Areas of cooperation include:

Defence dialogues

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Joint maritime patrols

Staff talks

Military training

Defence industry cooperation

Multilateral military exercises

ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus)

India and Thailand cooperate through the ADMM-Plus, which focuses on:

Maritime Security

Counter-Terrorism

Cyber Security

Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)

Peacekeeping Operations

India's Defence Manufacturing Push

India is promoting indigenous defence production through:

Make in India

Atmanirbhar Bharat

Defence Industrial Corridors

Defence Production and Export Promotion Policy (DPEPP)

India has emerged as a growing defence exporter and manufacturing hub.

About Thailand

Capital: Bangkok

Currency: Thai Baht

Prime Minister: Anutin Charnvirakul

Member of ASEAN

Important maritime neighbour of India

Exam Focus Points (Quick Revision Notes)

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Event ? 10th Thailand–India Defence Dialogue

Venue ? Bangkok, Thailand

Key Focus ? Defence Manufacturing, Research & Innovation

Indian Representative ? Satyajit Mohanty

Thai Representative ? Admiral Nuttapol Diewvanich

Strategic Context ? India–Thailand Strategic Partnership (2025)

Regional Focus ? Indo-Pacific

Related Policy ? Act East Policy

Defence Cooperation MoU ? 2012