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India and Zimbabwe Agree to Enhance Bilateral Defence Cooperation

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India and Zimbabwe agreed to enhance bilateral defence cooperation.?

The decision was taken during a meeting between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Zimbabwean Defence Minister Oppah Muchinguri-Kashiri.

Both sides reviewed ongoing defence cooperation and explored new areas of collaboration.

Discussions covered:

Military training

Capacity building

Defence exchanges

Defence industry cooperation

Defence manufacturing partnerships

India reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Zimbabwe in defence capability development.

The meeting reflects India's growing engagement with African nations in the defence sector.

About India–Zimbabwe Relations

Diplomatic Relations

India established diplomatic relations with Zimbabwe in 1980, soon after Zimbabwe's independence.

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India and Zimbabwe enjoy cordial ties based on historical solidarity and development cooperation.

Both countries cooperate in areas such as:

Trade and investment

Agriculture

Mining

Education

Healthcare

Defence

Economic Relations

India is among Zimbabwe's major trading partners in Asia.

Key Indian exports:

Pharmaceuticals

Machinery

Vehicles

Chemicals

Key imports from Zimbabwe:

Gold

Tobacco

Minerals

India–Africa Defence Cooperation:

India's defence engagement with African countries includes:

Military training programmes

Capacity-building initiatives

Joint exercises

Defence equipment exports

Maritime security cooperation

Peacekeeping support

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Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC)

Launched: 1964

Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs

Provides training and capacity-building assistance to developing countries.

Several African countries, including Zimbabwe, benefit from ITEC programmes.

Defence Diplomacy

Refers to the use of military cooperation and defence engagements to strengthen foreign relations.

Includes:

Joint exercises

Training exchanges

Defence dialogues

Military assistance

Defence exports

Zimbabwe:

Capital: Harare

Currency: Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG)

President: Emmerson Mnangagwa

Exam Focus Points (Quick Revision Notes):

Countries in News ? India & Zimbabwe

Indian Defence Minister ? Rajnath Singh

Zimbabwe Defence Minister ? Oppah Muchinguri-Kashiri

Areas of Cooperation ? military training and capacity building.

India–Zimbabwe Diplomatic Relations ? 1980

Zimbabwe Capital ? Harare

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ITEC: Capacity-building programme of India

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