

18th Japan-India Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue



CONTEXT



At the 18th India-Japan Strategic Dialogue, India and Japan reaffirmed the upward trajectory of their Special Strategic and Global Partnership.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Economic Security (B2B) & Private-Sector Dialogue

Announced the launch of **Japan-India Private-Sector Dialogue on Economic Security (B2B)** in early 2026.



It will help in identification of five priority areas: semiconductors, critical minerals, ICT, clean energy, and pharmaceuticals.



AI Strategic Dialogue & Future Technology

Establishment of the **Japan-India AI Strategic Dialogue** under the **Japan-India AI Cooperation Initiative (JAI)**.



Japan will invite **500 highly skilled Indian AI professionals** by 2030 for joint research.



INDIA & JAPAN RELATIONS



Military Exercises: Malabar, Dharma Guardian, and JIMEX exercises enhance interoperability and Indo-Pacific security.



Trade: Bilateral trade reached approximately **\$23 billion** in 2023-24.



FDI: Japan is India's fifth-largest source of FDI



Bullet Train: The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail exemplifies flagship India-Japan transport cooperation.



Energy: Clean Energy Partnership (2022) expands hydrogen, renewables, and climate cooperation.



Quad: Quad coordination ensures Indo-Pacific stability through collective maritime commitments.



SCRI: Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI) reduces dependency on China for the supply of critical goods.



Forums: India and Japan cooperate in G20, International Solar Alliance (ISA), CDRI, and IPEF, strengthening multilateral governance.



Space: ISRO-JAXA LUPEX mission exemplifies frontier collaboration in space exploration.