

India-US (AI is America & India-PM)

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DEFENCE COOPERATION

Areas of cooperation in framework--- (4Ps— people, planet, peace, prosperity)

- ✓ joint exercises-- YUDH ABHYAS, VAJRA PRAHAR
- ✓ intelligence exchanges
- ✓ joint training for multinational ops (disaster relief, humanitarian assistance)
- ✓ Tech transfer-- 80% tech transfer for Jet engines (b/w General Electric & HAL)
- ✓ US designated India as Major Defence Partner
- ✓ US gave India Strategic Trade Authorisation ---allows access to critical tech
- ✓ 'Defence Industrial Cooperation' 2023 for co-production & co-development under iCET
- ✓ India-US Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X)--- initiative to advance cutting edge technology cooperation

- BECA b/w India-US
- ✓ enables sharing of geospatial info b/w armed forces
- ✓ Other foundational agreements b/w India-US

| 2002 | 2016 | 2018 |
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| GSOMIA | LEMOA | COMCASA |
| Protect military info | Logistics support--uses military bases of each other | Weapon platform communication |

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE TIES

- ✓ Indian diaspora---4 mn
- ✓ 35% of staff at Boeing---India origin
- ✓ 3,00,000 Indians work in Silicon Valley

TRADE

- ✓ India's largest trading partner---\$128 bn in FY23 surpassed China
- ✓ US absorbs 65% of software exports from India
- ✓ Potential areas of coop--digital economy, services, agri, healthcare etc
- ✓ India-US revive Trade Policy Forum (TPF)

Technology and innovation

- ✓ INDUS - X initiative for Startups for collaborate under iCET (Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology)

SPACE Sector

- Space situational awareness arrangement- --- enhance information sharing
- NISAR, Artemis accords

o Strategic Alignment: The US sees India as a key partner in maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific, while India views the US as a crucial partner in balancing China's influence in the region.

o increased collaboration in areas such as defence and security, maritime security, counterterrorism, and intelligence sharing.

- o The US has also supported India's defence modernization efforts and offered defence equipment and technologies.
 - Global cooperation: Quad security dialogue has been initiated to reign in China's dominance in the region.
- Critical minerals partnership like Gallium, Germanium etc

Diplomatic Coordination: India and the US have strengthened their diplomatic coordination on various regional and global issues. They closely coordinate their positions on matters such as terrorism, cybersecurity, climate change, and United Nations reforms.

India-US relationship is complex and influenced by multiple factors beyond the rise of China. There are several other factors at play, including

- Strategic Alignment in the Indo-Pacific: common interest in maintaining a rules-based order and ensuring freedom of navigation in the Indo-Pacific.
 - Cultural Diplomacy and Soft Power: India's rich cultural heritage, including yoga, Bollywood, and traditional arts, has attracted global attention.
 - Shared Democratic Values: India and the United States are both vibrant democracies with a commitment to democratic principles, human rights, and the rule of law.
- o This shared value system forms a strong foundation for their bilateral ties and creates a basis for cooperation.
- Climate change and sustainable development: Both India and the United States recognise the importance of addressing climate change and achieving sustainable development. They have cooperated on initiatives related to clean energy, renewable technologies, and climate resilience.

Challenges in Indo-US relationship

➤ US DOES FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION IN INDIA'S EEZ

- India's domestic regulation not in sync with international law
- Gap in perception about freedom of navigation----b/w India & US
- Threatens Quad

Indo-US digital trade

- Protectionist industrial policy -- the US companies said -- like sharing of geospatial data giving preferential treatment to domestic firms
- Issue of equalisation levy
- IT rules place compliance burden on social media intermediaries
- India not the kind of ally US wants like NATO membership
- Swing factor in US foreign policy — changes its priorities and friends
- Friendship is result of situation rather than conviction— Russia, China
- India Russia — CAATSA

Conclusion

US Defence secretary calls IndoUs as cornerstone of their engagement in Indo Pacific & PM Modi calls it 'defining partnership' of 21st century