

12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting - Plus (ADMM-Plus) highlights

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Event	12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting - Plus (ADMM-Plus)
Date & Location	November 01, 2025, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
ADMM Definition	The highest defense consultative and cooperative mechanism in ASEAN.
ADMM-Plus Definition	Platform for 11 ASEAN Member States + 8 Dialogue Partners to strengthen security and defense cooperation.

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ASEAN Plus Countries (8)	India, US, China, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia & New Zealand.
Inaugural Meeting	Convened on October 12, 2010 , in Hanoi, Vietnam.
Frequency	Held annually since 2017.
RM's Address Topic	"Reflection on 15 years of ADMM-Plus and Charting the Way Forward."

12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting - Plus (ADMM-Plus) highlights ASEAN-India Defence Cooperation

Dialogue Partner Status: India became an ASEAN Dialogue Partner in 1992.

Key Event: The second edition of ASEAN-India Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting will be held on **October 31, 2025**, chaired by Malaysia.

Objective: To further strengthen defense and security cooperation and advance India's 'Act East Policy'.

Working Group Co-Chair: India is the co-chair of the Experts Working Group on Counter Terrorism with Malaysia for the cycle **2024-2027**.

Joint Exercise: The second edition of ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise is scheduled for **2026**.

Bilateral Meetings: Raksha Mantri will hold **bilateral meetings** with his counterparts from participating ADMM-Plus nations and Malaysian senior leadership.



Q.1: The 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting - Plus (ADMM-Plus) in November 2025 was held in which city?

- A. Hanoi, Vietnam
- B. Jakarta, Indonesia
- C. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia ✓
- D. Singapore

Q.2: India is a Dialogue Partner of ASEAN and a member of the ADMM-Plus. The ADMM-Plus platform brings together ASEAN Member States and how many other Dialogue Partners?

- A. Five (5)
- B. Six (6)
- C. Seven (7)
- D. Eight (8) ✓



Q.3: Under the ADMM-Plus construct for the 2024-2027 cycle, India is the co-chair of the Experts Working Group on which specific domain, alongside Malaysia?

- A. Maritime Security
- B. Military Medicine
- C. Counter Terrorism ✓**
- D. Peacekeeping Operations

Q.4: What is the name of the Indian foreign policy initiative that the ASEAN-India Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting aims to advance?

- A. Look West Policy
- B. Neighbourhood First Policy
- C. Act East Policy ✓**
- D. Act Global Policy



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Host	Indian Navy (with the National Maritime Foundation (NMF) as its Knowledge Partner).
Edition	7th
Date & Location	October 28–30, 2025, at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
Theme	“Promoting Holistic Maritime Security and Growth: Regional Capacity-Building and Capability-Enhancement.”

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Core Vision	Aligned with India's maritime policy of MAHASAGAR (<i>Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions</i>) and the seven pillars of the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) .
Participation	Representatives, experts, policymakers, and senior military officers from more than thirty countries .

Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2025: Key Outcomes

Key Discussion Areas and Outcomes

The three-day dialogue moved beyond problem identification to focus on implementable solutions for a resilient maritime order.

Climate Change and Security:

Sessions addressed the **security impacts of climate change**, emphasizing the need for a **joint impact assessment** and a **pan-regional action plan** to mitigate its effects on maritime security and livelihoods.

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Blue Economy and Infrastructure:

Discussions focused on the **Blue Economy** as an instrument of foreign policy, particularly concerning the protection of **critical underwater infrastructure** (like seabed cables).

The dialogue highlighted the strategic importance of initiatives like the **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC)**.

NMF released a publication titled '**Maritime Perspectives: The Blue Economy and Resilience**'.

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Regional Synergy:

Experts deliberated on developing greater synergy among various regional mechanisms, including the **Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)**, the **Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)**, and the **ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP)**.

Pacific Island Countries:

A dedicated session featured discussions on the strategic importance of the **South Pacific Island States** and ways to enhance collaboration with them.

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The IPRD serves as the **principal manifestation** of the Indian Navy's **strategic outreach** at the apex level.

CNS Address: Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), stressed the relevance of the oceanic spaces for India's economic growth and security, advocating **collaboration and cooperation** under the **MAHASAGAR** policy.

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Indigenous Efforts: Mr. Sanjeev Sanyal, Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, acknowledged the Indian Navy's support in revitalizing the maritime sector, including **ship-building** and projects like **INSV Kaundinya**.

Publications: The CNS released a book titled '*Future Maritime Warfare*', authored by Captain KS Vikramaditya, Indian Navy, published by the NMF.