



Strengthening Ties at Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue

External Affairs Minister of India S. Jaishankar held 13th Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue with his Australian counterpart Penny Wong in Canberra on October 10, 2022. The two countries which are Comprehensive Strategic Partners and Quad partners, have common ambition of peace and sovereignty in the Indo-Pacific region. In light of the same, geopolitical challenges that are reshaping the Indo-Pacific region were discussed at length. The Foreign Ministers' dialogue laid emphasis on accelerating deeper economic ties through Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA). Other highlights include strengthening people-to-people ties, educational links, defence and security cooperation and clean energy engagement. This edition of CUTS ONW collates News and Op-eds from policy experts and senior journalists on the Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue held between India and Australia.

News/Op-ed	Key Takeaway
India-Australia Ties: Assessing Jaishankar's Australia Trip <i>Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan</i> Observer Research Foundation October 13, 2022	India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar travelled to New Zealand and Australia from October 05-11, 2022. It was his second visit to Australia this year as he was in Canberra in February for the Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting. India and Australia , both Quad members, have had a difference in approach as far the Russian invasion is concerned, but that difference appears not to have affected bilateral relations or Quad engagements.
Australia is important partner for India for security and stability of Indo-Pacific <i>The Indian Express</i> October 12, 2022	S. Jaishankar said Australia is an important partner for India in terms of security and stability in the Indo-Pacific and working together ensures that this region remains free, open, stable and prosperous. He further said the perception, the relevance of each country to the other and the two nations' common shared ability to contribute to the betterment of the region.
S. Jaishankar raises visa backlog issue with Australian authorities <i>Livemint</i> October 12, 2022	While addressing the Indian community in Australia, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar informed that the Australian authorities had assured him of the redressal of the visa backlog issue , especially of Indian students, by the year's end. The visa backlog issue is a prime concern of students who are trying to return to educational institutions in the country following the COVID-19 pandemic.
India-Australia defence ties contributed significantly to free, open Indo-Pacific: Jaishankar <i>The Hindu</i> October 11, 2022	S. Jaishankar on October 11, 2022 said that India and Australia's defence, security collaboration has contributed significantly to a free and open Indo-Pacific . The US, India and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military manoeuvring in the region.

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<p>Visit to Australia by India's Minister of External Affairs Media Release, Minister for Foreign Affairs October 10, 2022</p>	<p>Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong said, today, I welcomed India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to Australia for the annual Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue. Australia and India are Comprehensive Strategic Partners, we are Quad partners and most fundamentally, we share the Indo-Pacific region. We have a shared interest and a shared ambition in a stable and prosperous region where sovereignty is respected.</p>
<p>Opening Statement by the External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar at the Joint Press Conference with the Foreign Minister of Australia Ministry of External Affairs October 10, 2022</p>	<p>S. Jaishankar said to Penny Wong that we celebrated our 75th anniversary of Independence; in fact, I saw that in Australia, across the country at different iconic sites, you celebrated along with us, and I was particularly struck by the image of the Sydney Opera House in our tricolour. He further added that today's meeting was what we call the Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue. It's, I think, the 13th of that series and, you know, we spoke about a whole lot of issues - trade and economy, education, defence and security, clean energy.</p>
<p>Indo-Pacific being 'reshaped': Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong The Economic Times October 10, 2022</p>	<p>India and Australia have recognised that the strategic Indo-Pacific region is being "reshaped" both economically and strategically, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong said on October 10, 2022, underling that the partnership with India is a "critical part" of shaping the region, amidst China's aggressive posturing.</p>
<p>India and Australia pledge to strengthen bilateral trade, military, economic, and diplomatic ties Outlook October 10, 2022</p>	<p>Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar engaged with his Australian counterpart Penny Wong in Canberra on October 10, 2022 under the 13th Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue and the duo agreed to deepen their bilateral diplomatic ties by opening new consulates in each other's countries.</p>
<p>Jaishankar meets Australian Deputy PM, exchanges views on regional global security ThePrint October 10, 2022</p>	<p>External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Australian Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles and exchanged views on regional and global security. The growing defence and security cooperation ensures a peaceful, prosperous and rules-based Indo-Pacific. Jaishankar also met Australia's Education Minister Jason Clare.</p>
<p>In Australia, Jaishankar is asked about ties with Russia. His blunt response <i>Rezaul H Laskar</i> Hindustan Times October 10, 2022</p>	<p>External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said India has had a longstanding relationship with Russia, including military cooperation, dating back to a time when Western countries did not supply weapons to India and saw Pakistan as the "preferred partner".</p>

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