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## **INDUS-X 2024**

### *Incremental Progress on the U.S.-India Defence and Security Partnership*

The second edition of the India-U.S. Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X) Summit was organised by the U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) and the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) in New Delhi on February 20-21, 2024. The Summit explored opportunities to co-produce advanced military capabilities, create resilient defence supply chains, and enhance U.S.-India military interoperability to address shared visions and security challenges for a free and open Indo-Pacific.

It highlighted the strong defence partnership between India and the U.S., citing initiatives on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) aimed at fostering innovation across critical sectors, including defence.

On this occasion, the U.S. Department of Defence (DoD) and the Indian Ministry of Defence (MoD) released an [INDUS-X Fact Sheet](#) to outline progress to date and prioritise near-term efforts.

This edition of CUTS Occasional News Wrap (ONW) contains articles and news covered in print and electronic media offering a comprehensive overview of the Summit.

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<p><b>INDUS-X 2024 Marks a New High in India-U.S. Defence Industry Cooperation</b>  <i>Col Anil Bhat (Retd)</i>            South Asia Monitor            March 13, 2024</p>	<p>The emphasis was placed on fostering innovation in defence technologies through collaborative efforts between Indian and American industries. India-U.S. defence cooperation has made <a href="#">fair headway</a> leading to INDUS-X which has initiated the information network and regulatory mechanisms to deepen defence technology collaboration that is poised to strengthen the bonds of U.S.-India partnership, innovation and deterrence.</p>

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<p><b>INDUS-X Summit Revolutionises U.S.-India Defence Collaboration</b>  <i>Ivan Golden</i>            THX News            February 29, 2024</p>	<p>Through discussions on co-producing advanced military capabilities and creating resilient defence supply chains, the Summit showcased a <a href="#">shared vision</a> for a free and open Indo-Pacific, thereby highlighting the strategic military importance of the India-U.S. relationship. Additionally, it signifies a significant step towards deepening strategic convergence and fostering greater regional stability through joint defence initiatives.</p>
<p><b>India-U.S. Defence Partnership in the Indo-Pacific: Insights from the INDUS-X Summit</b>  <i>Huma Siddiqui</i>            Financial Express            February 21, 2024</p>	<p>Regarding bilateral cooperation in the aerospace and defence sectors, Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane highlighted India's <a href="#">increasing reliance</a> on the U.S. for cutting-edge equipment and technology. He noted that the U.S. views India as a crucial partner in its Indo-Pacific strategy, given India's growing defence capabilities.</p>
<p><b>Military Equipment Co-developed by India and U.S. Can be Used to Dissuade Countries from Going to 'Mutual Adversaries'</b>  <i>Dinakar Peri</i>            The Hindu            February 21, 2024</p>	<p>We can deter, we can defend, we can also de-escalate together because the goal...is not to wage war but is to <a href="#">protect peace</a>, said U.S. Ambassador Eric Garcetti, speaking at the second INDUS-X Summit. Co-production is not the same thing as co-development. We need to make sure we are looking at co-development not just for the sake of that but something that India needs in its military and that America needs it...and quickly we can look at co-development...he said.</p>
<p><b>In Transformational Period of U.S.-India Ties, Alignment Closer Than Ever Before: Richard Verma</b>  <i>Devdiscourse</i>            February 20, 2024</p>	<p>U.S. Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources Richard Verma in his special Keynote Address at the two-day INDUS-X 2024 Summit said that there is a transformational period in U.S.-India ties, and the two countries are more "<a href="#">closely aligned</a> than ever before." I have been privileged and honoured to be working on this relationship for quite a while. And when I think about what we are doing today, the progress that we are making in all areas. When I look at the joint statement that was signed between Prime Minister Modi and President Biden for the state visit last summer, I have never seen a more detailed and consequential pathway for our two countries."</p>

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<p><b>What’s the Deal with INDUS-X?</b>  <i>Sameer P Lalwani and Vikram J Singh</i>            United States Institute of Peace            February 16, 2024</p>	<p>While INDUS-X trends upwards, it could be further strengthened if both partners take advantage of opportunities for greater operational <a href="#">coordination</a> that will reveal mutual needs and deliver global security goods, for instance in the protection of maritime shipping under threat in the Indian Ocean. The U.S. vision of partnership and balancing is not merely economic and technological exchange but “actually operating together in the field.”</p>
<p><b>Is the India-U.S. Defence Acceleration Ecosystem Catching Steam?</b>  <i>Col Baljinder Singh (Retd)</i>            Financial Express            February 03, 2024</p>	<p>The collaboration in defence innovations and technology between Washington and New Delhi is hinged precariously on the availability of funds to support startups in the conversion of the technology into niche products that can be marketed. As of now, these start-ups are fending for themselves which makes it harder and prolongs the period in securing investments and <a href="#">moving higher</a> up the chain of technology development.</p>

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