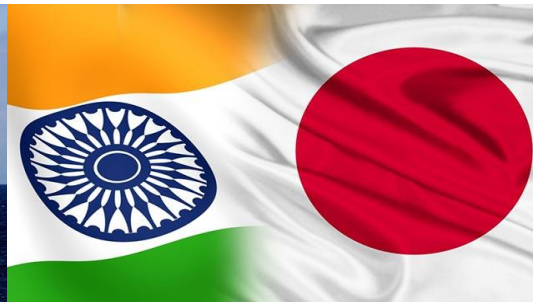




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India, Japan Reiterate Commitment to Indo-Pacific Security

India-Japan ‘2+2’ dialogue

The third India-Japan 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting held on August 20, 2024, in New Delhi, reaffirmed the two nations' commitment to a rules-based international order and a free and open Indo-Pacific. The Ministers emphasised the importance of respecting national sovereignty, peaceful dispute resolution, and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific. They also discussed regional security, including cooperation within the Quad, and highlighted progress in bilateral defence collaboration, particularly in joint military exercises and advanced defence technology transfers.

Additionally, the meeting underscored the necessity of countering terrorism, with both sides condemning violent extremism and calling for strong actions against terrorist networks. The Ministers appreciated ongoing defence cooperation and explored further collaborations, such as space, cyber, and maritime security, while also looking forward to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Japan for the next Annual Summit.

This edition of CUTS Occasional News Wrap (ONW) provides a comprehensive overview of the third India-Japan 2+2 dialogue, covering articles and news from both print and electronic media.

News/Op-ed	Key Takeaways
<p>Third Japan-India 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting</p> <p><i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan</i></p> <p><i>August 20, 2024</i></p>	<p>As two democratic countries that share common values, the Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining and strengthening rules-based international order founded on the principles of the UN Charter, respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, and peaceful settlement of disputes without resorting to the threat or use of force and emphasised the need for all countries to refrain from any attempt to unilaterally change the status quo.</p>
<p>India-Japan 2+2 Dialogue: Strengthening Defence Ties with a New Naval Deal</p> <p><i>The Financial Express</i></p> <p><i>August 17, 2024</i></p>	<p>Marking the first such high-level meeting between the two nations since September 2022. This dialogue, involving the foreign and defence ministers from both countries, is expected to deepen bilateral cooperation, particularly in defence and security, as the two nations seek to strengthen their strategic partnership in the Indo-Pacific region.</p>
<p>India, Japan to hold ‘2+2’ meeting; ‘differences in ties difficult to overcome’</p> <p><i>Global Times</i></p> <p><i>August 19, 2024</i></p>	<p>At the meeting, the two sides "will hold full-fledged discussions" on the revision of a joint declaration on security cooperation, "taking China's increasing maritime expansion into account," Japanese media outlet Yomiuri Shimbun reported on Saturday.</p>
<p>Courtesy Call on H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India by Foreign Minister Kamikawa and Defense Minister Kihara</p> <p><i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan</i></p> <p><i>August 19, 2024</i></p>	<p>For approximately 65 minutes, Ms. KAMIKAWA Yoko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, and Mr. KIHARA Minoru, Minister of Defense of Japan, during their visit to New Delhi, India to attend the Third Japan-India Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting, paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, in the presence of H.E. Dr S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs of India, and H.E. Mr. Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence of India.</p>
<p>Japan and India to update key document on security cooperation</p> <p><i>Japan Times</i></p> <p><i>August 21, 2024</i></p>	<p>Japan and India have agreed to update a key document guiding security cooperation between them, the two countries’ top diplomats and defense chiefs said Tuesday, while Tokyo laid the groundwork for providing New Delhi with advanced naval antennas and exploring the repair of Japanese warships in India.</p> <p>Meeting for the first time in nearly two years in a "two-plus-two" format, the Japanese and Indian officials agreed to beef up the 2008 Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation “to reflect contemporary priorities and be responsive to contemporary security challenges facing them.”</p>

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<p>At 2+2, India, and Japan ministers laud progress made for the transfer of Unified Complex Radio Antenna, related technologies</p> <p><i>ANI</i></p> <p><i>August 20, 2024</i></p>	<p>India and Japan on Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining and strengthening the rules-based international order founded on the principles of the UN Charter, respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity and appreciated the progress made for the transfer of Unified Complex Radio Antenna (UNICORN) and related technologies and early signing of related arrangements. At 2+2, India, and Japan ministers laud progress made for the transfer of, related technologies</p>
<p>India and Japan hold talks on Indo-Pacific security as they eye China's activity</p> <p><i>ABC News</i></p> <p><i>August 20, 2024</i></p>	<p>In recent years, the two countries have also ramped up defence collaboration, including in the field of defence equipment and technology transfers.</p> <p>Japan is only the second country after the U.S. with which India has used the “two-plus-two” dialogue format, which brings the foreign and defence ministers together for talks.</p>
<p>'2+2' dialogue: India asks Japan to remove bottlenecks in tech sharing</p> <p><i>Business Standard</i></p> <p><i>August 20, 2024</i></p>	<p>India on Tuesday called on Japan to remove regulatory bottlenecks that exist in the sharing of critical technologies even as the two sides vowed to work vigorously towards the common goal of ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific in the face of China's aggressive military posturing in the region.</p> <p>At the third '2+2' foreign and defence ministerial dialogue, India and Japan also agreed to prepare a new framework for security cooperation in line with the desire to further expand the overall strategic ties.</p>

<p>Foreign Minister KAMIKAWA's visit to the Delhi Metro</p> <p><i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan</i></p> <p><i>August 20, 2024</i></p>	<p>For approximately 60 minutes, Ms. KAMIKAWA Yoko, Minister for Foreign Affairs, during her visit to Delhi, India to attend the third Japan-India 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting, visited the Delhi Metro. Japan provided loans and assisted in the construction of the Delhi Metro, applying methods used in public infrastructure in Japan such as women-only cars and braille blocks.</p>
<p>India-Japan 2+2: Setting the Stage for the Post-Kishida Phase</p> <p><i>The Diplomat</i></p> <p><i>August 19, 2024</i></p>	<p>The Indo-Pacific has remained center stage in Tokyo's strategic outreach in recent weeks – be it aligning with key allies in the foreign ministers' meeting of the Quad and East Asia Summit or pushing the geoeconomic agenda with the launch of the Crisis Response Network under the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF).</p> <p>After a series of crucial 2+2 meetings, including with the United States and Philippines, and a defense trilateral with the U.S. and South Korea, the next stop for Japanese ministers is Delhi.</p>