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Modi-Trump Meeting: India, US announce plans for fresh Quad initiatives, launch bilateral strategic venture (FEB 14)

After holding bilateral talks PM Modi and President Trump held a joint press conference at the White House. Prime Minister of India said, “India and America’s partnership strengthens democracy and democratic values. We will work together to maintain peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific. QUAD will have an important role in it. This time, India is going to host the QUAD summit- we will extend our cooperation in new areas with our partner countries during that. In the IMEEC and I2U2, we will work together for economic corridor and trade infrastructure”.

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Both India, US realise China is “biggest threat” in Indo-Pacific, says expert Richard Rossow (FEB 13)

The chair of India and Emerging Asia Economics, Richard Rossow, at the Center for Strategic and International Studies to ANI said, “Both countries realize that China is the biggest threat in the Indo-Pacific. We have a difference of opinion sometimes on which part of the geography is more important. I mean, from India’s vantage point, its border and the Indian Ocean maritime domain are prominent. In the US, we think about Taiwan’s traits and the SCS and ECS... We’re both concerned about over-reliance on China for critical and emerging technologies...the question is whether President Trump will help India succeed and attract some of the manufacturing investment or President Trump gonna say, ‘I want everything to the US’”.

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Exercise Cutlass Express 2025 launches across East Africa (FEB 10)

The exercise Cutlass Express 2025, sponsored by U.S. Africa Command and enabled by U.S. 6th Fleet, will take place throughout East Africa and the Western Indian Ocean from Feb. 10-21, 2025. Throughout the exercise, U.S. forces will work alongside participating nations to improve international law enforcement capacity, enhance maritime domain awareness, and enhance interoperability between U.S., African and other multinational coast guards and partner navies.

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