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Trump administration elevates India's role in Indo-Pacific strategy (Dec 5)

In the newly released National Security Strategy, the Trump Administration has positioned India as a pivotal partner. The National Security Strategy document, calls for deepening commercial engagement with India and encourages India to “contribute to Indo-Pacific security” through continued cooperation in the QUAD alongside Australia, Japan and the U.S. The document states, “We must continue to improve commercial (and other) relations with India”, marking a significant emphasis on the bilateral relationship.

URL: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/trump-administration-elevates-indias-role-in-indo-pacific-strategy/articleshow/125792361.cms?from=mdr>

Sri Lanka Floods and landslides- Cyclonic storm Ditwah November 2025 (Dec 2)

On 28th November, 2025, Sri Lanka experienced heavy rainfall, landslide and flooding as the northeast monsoon intensified, aggravated by the impact of Cyclone Ditwah. The cyclone has resulted in a nationwide emergency, affecting more than 1.4 million people across 25 districts. Landslides in the central hills and flooding along the Kelani river have complicated humanitarian access as emergency regulations come into force.

URL: <https://www.who.int/southeastasia/news/detail/02-12-2025-sri-lanka-ditwah25>

India committed to the idea of oceans remaining open, stable and rules-based: President Droupadi Murmu (Dec 3)

President Droupadi Murmu addressed the 2025 Navy Day celebrations in Kerala, praising the Indian Navy's humanitarian commitment, selfless sacrifice, and maritime security leadership. She highlighted the significance of the IOR being a conduit for trade and global energy supplies. She added, “As per our vision of ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’, India's approach is collaborative rather than competitive. Our country is promoting shared awareness, capacity building, and the peaceful use of the seas”.

URL: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/india-committed-to-the-idea-of-oceans-remaining-open-stable-and-rules-based-president-droupadi-murmu/article70354507.ece>