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India and Canada reset ties after strain of Sikh leader's murder (Oct 13)

Anita Anand, Canada's Foreign Minister, made her first official visit to India, and met PM Narendra Modi and S Jaishankar. The relations in 2023 hit rock bottom when PM Justin Trudeau accused India being linked to killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar. The Indian PM said her visit would strengthen "efforts to impart new momentum" to both countries partnership. After the meeting of foreign ministers in Delhi, a joint statement said, "Reviving this partnership will not only create opportunities for enhanced economic cooperation but also help mitigate vulnerabilities arising from shifting global alliances."

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IAF conducts joint exercise with U.K.'s carrier strike group in Indian Ocean (Oct 15)

The Royal Navy and the Indian Air Force conducted a joint exercise over the IOR followed by the completion of maritime exercise KONKAN 25. The IAF, sharing details of the exercise wrote on X, "On 14 Oct 25, IAF Sukhoi-30 MKIs, Jaguars, AWACS & AEW&C aircraft joined Royal Navy F-35Bs from HMS Prince of Wales for a joint exercise over the Indian Ocean Region. The training strengthened interoperability, mutual trust, and collective commitment to regional stability."

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Indian Ocean still least explored, say scientists (Oct 16)

The director of CSIR-NIO, Goa, said, The Indian Ocean remains the least studied among the world's major oceans during the GEOTRACES scientific meet at Dona Paula. He said, "It is huge, covering 71 million sq km, and studying it fully is important to understanding its health and problems. NIO covers a big part of Indian Ocean, while Japan and Australia study other sections." The GEOTRACES conference has brought scientists from 34 countries to discuss pollution migration, ocean health, and role of trace metals in marine ecosystems.

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