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Army chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi pitches for 'IKIGAI' framework for Indo-Pacific nations (Dec 19)

Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi while addressing the 3rd Land Forces Summit virtually, pitched an 'IKIGAI' framework for Indo-Pacific to leverage collective land power to safeguard peace, prosperity, and stability in the region, hosted by the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force. The Army in a post on X said, "In his address, the #COAS postulated the 'IKIGAI' Framework as a roadmap for Indo-Pacific Land Power Cooperation. IKIGAI comprises: I-Interoperability & Information Sharing K- Knowledge & Professional Military Education I- International Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief G-Generative Technological Partnerships A-Assurance for Security Partnerships I-Integrated Logistics & Sustainment".

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India, Oman sign economic partnership agreement to eliminate tariffs, boost bilateral investments (Dec 18)

India with Oman signed an economic partnership agreement to boost bilateral trade and investment as it seeks to diversify trade to beat steep U.S. tariffs and expand Middle East ties. Prime Minister, Modi in a post on X said, "Today, we are taking a historic step forward in India-Oman relations, whose positive impact will be felt for decades to come. The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement will energise our ties in the 21st century". Oman serves as a gateway for Indian goods to the wider African region and is a key strategic partner in the Gulf region.

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Quad concludes field training exercise to advance Indo-Pacific Logistics Network (Dec 16)

The Quad nations carried out their first IPLN (Indo-Pacific Logistics Network) Field Training Exercise the ministry, in a statement, said, Quad nations "successfully conducted their first Field Training Exercise (FTX) on the sidelines of Operation Christmas Drop at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, as part of the Quad Indo-Pacific Logistics Network (IPLN)". The statement added, "The FTX focused on interoperability and coordination between the Quad partners' capabilities. This capacity is key to the Quad's goal to better support regional partners in moments of need".

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