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‘Safety of Indian Ocean region our responsibility’: NSA Doval at Colombo Security Dialogue (Nov 20)

While addressing the 7th meeting of the NSAs of the CSC (Colombo Security Conclave), Ajit Doval said, “The ocean is our greatest shared heritage, and as countries connected by maritime geography, it is our responsibility to ensure stability, security, and safety of the region.” He added the success of the group lies in conversions of objectives, consultations, and common vision. He noted, “We have been building our capacities through regular engagements across the five pillars of cooperation”.

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Guam hosts Australia, India, Japan and US forces in Exercise Malabar 2025 (Nov 20)

Exercise Malabar began in 1992 and this year marks the sixth time India, Australia, the US, and Japan participated to advance employment of advanced warfare tactics, collective planning, and integration across participating nations. The exercise united members from all four countries, enhancing their skills in anti-submarine warfare, information sharing, advanced manoeuvring scenarios, anti-surface warfare, and subject matter exchanges to improve interoperability. The lead for this year was the US, the Malabar exercise lead rotates among participating nations each year.

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Visit by Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Vivian Balakrishnan to Brussels, Belgium, for the 4th EU-Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum (Nov 21)

In Brussels, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign affairs attended the 4th EU-IPMF (Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum). On the sidelines of the forum, he met his counterparts from Austria, Germany, Spain, and Estonia. They reaffirmed their commitment to free and open trade and rule based global order, discussed ways to advance bilateral cooperation, and exchanged views on global and regional developments. He welcomed the EU’s dialogue partnership with the CPTPP (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership), which will enable both nations to seize opportunities in green transition and digitalisation.

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