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India-Japan ties are vital for Indo-Pacific peace, says Modi as he congratulates new Japan PM (Oct 21)

Indian PM extended congratulations to Japan's newly elected first woman PM Sanae Takaichi. In a post on X he said, "Heartiest congratulations, Sanae Takaichi, on your election as the Prime Minister of Japan. I look forward to working closely with you to further strengthen the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership. Our deepening ties are vital for peace, stability, and prosperity across the Indo-Pacific and beyond."

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Indian Ocean Region no longer passive, Navy strengthens presence, strategic capabilities: Rajnath Singh (Oct 23)

The Defence Minister, at the Naval Commanders Conference said, "IOR has become the centre of contemporary geopolitics. It is no longer passive; it has become an area of competition and cooperation." He added, "In the last six months, our ships, submarines, and naval aircraft have been deployed at an unprecedented scale. In addition, our Navy has provided safe passage to approximately 335 merchant vessels, equaling around 1.2 million metric tons of cargo and a trade value of 5.6 billion dollars. This is proof that India has now become a trusted and capable partner in the global maritime economy", and that Indian Navy has played a leadership role in the IOR. He further stressed the significance of safeguarding India's sea lines of communication and need to advance naval strategy with the evolving world.

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'A matter of survival': In Colombo, incoming CJI urges India, Sri Lanka to be 'guardians' of Indian Ocean (Oct 23)

Addressing an event at the University of Colombo on Advancing Environmental Sustainability in Colombo, India's next CJI, Justice Surya Kant, called for increased collaboration between India and Sri Lanka to safeguard the Indian Ocean, stressing that environmental cooperation is not a matter of diplomacy or charity but a necessity for survival. He added, "The time has come for India and Sri Lanka to pioneer a regional model of environmental constitutionalism."

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