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EAM Jaishankar meets US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on sidelines of 80th UNGA (Sept 22)

On the sidelines of the 80th UNGA (United Nations General Assembly), the EAM, S. Jaishankar met US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in New York. The EAM, in a post on X said, “Good to meet Secretary Rubio this morning in New York. Our conversation covered a range of bilateral and international issues of current concern. Agreed on the importance of sustained engagement to progress on priority areas. We will remain in touch.” Both the sides are working towards concluding a BTA (Bilateral Trade Agreement), in Washington with Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal leading a delegation for talks.

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Navy Chief begins SL visit, will hold talks to expand maritime ties (Sept 23)

For increasing bilateral defence ties in the maritime domain Adm. Dinesh K Tripathi (Navy Chief) began a four-day visit to Sri Lanka to hold discussions and talks with military brass of the island nation. An official readout said, “The Chief of Naval Staff’s engagements in Sri Lanka are structured at deepening bonds of friendship, paving the way for enhanced understanding in key areas of shared strategic and maritime interests, in line with the vision of ‘MAHASAGAR’”. The Navy chief’s visit comes amid concerns over China’s attempts to increase its strategic influence in the island nation.

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India-South Africa conclude 13th Navy staff talks, discuss maritime security across Indian Ocean (Sept 27)

As per the Indian Navy, the 13th navy staff talks between the navies of India and South Africa were concluded from September 24 to 26. The talks focused on increasing areas of bilateral cooperation, strengthening operational ties, and maritime security across the IO. As per MEA, the Defence cooperation commenced in 1996 between India and South Africa in 1996 with the signing of an MoU on “Cooperation in the field of Defence Equipment” which was revised in 2000 by an MoU on “Defence Cooperation.”

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