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India-Philippines elevate relations with focus on Indo-Pacific security, maritime ties (August 5)

The two nations elevated their relationship to a “strategic partnership”, the move seeks to mark a new chapter strengthening cooperation and bilateral ties across different sectors. PM Modi, highlighting India’s broader East Asia Policy, said, “The Philippines is a key partner in India’s Act East Policy and SAGAR vision. We are committed to peace, security, prosperity, and a rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific region. We support freedom of navigation in accordance with international law.”

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Australian Army Chief to visit India this month amid deepening Indo-Pacific military ties (August 7)

From August 10 to 14, Chief of the Australian Army, Lieutenant General Simon Stuart, is set to visit India, during which he will hold high-level discussions with senior officials of the Ministry of Defence and Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi. The visit is of strategic significance, reaffirming the increasing depth of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, as both the nations work to uphold a rules-based and stable order in the Indo-Pacific.

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Indian Navy Launches Advanced Maritime Information Hub for Indian Ocean Region (August 7)

Fostering collaborative security and maritime safety for a stable, peaceful, and prosperous IOR, the Indian Navy inaugurated the state-of-the-art infrastructure IFC-IOR (Information Fusion Centre) at Gurugram. The Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (DCNS), Vice Adm. Tarun Sobti, inaugurated the facility. The DCNS, addressing the gathering, emphasised the security challenges in the IOR and pointed the significance of trust-based partnerships and increased maritime collaboration among regional nations. He further said, “IFC-IOR’s mission aligns seamlessly with the tenets of MAHASAGAR, underscoring the need for security, stability, and prosperity in the IOR.”

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