

The Relevance of India-U.S. Defense Relations in the Indo-Pacific Region

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Over the years, India's designation as a Major Defense Partner of the U.S., and their strategic convergence in the Indo-Pacific region have taken the India-U.S. relationship to new heights. Contemporary shifts in geopolitical situation in the Indo-Pacific has made India-U.S. strategic and defense relations even more salient. The status of this relationship will be a deciding factor in the shaping of security dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region.

Given this background, this workshop will discuss the evolution of the concept of 'Indo-Pacific' and the relevance of India-U.S. defense relations in this region. It will touch upon the multilateral arrangements in the Indo-Pacific, defense diplomacy, maritime domain awareness, and naval cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, among other areas.

This will be the first of a series of workshops being organised under the Defense News Conclave project. These workshops will cover the entire gamut of India-U.S. bilateral defense and strategic relations, particularly in the context of the maritime domain and developments in the Indo-Pacific region.

