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2+2 MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE

This article covers "Daily Current Affairs" and the topic details "2+2 Ministerial Dialogue". This topic has relevance in the "International Relations" section of the UPSC CSE exam.

For Prelims:

What is 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue?

Who are the participants of 2+2 meetings?

For Mains:

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Why in the news?

The Defence Minister and External Affairs Minister of India convened with their counterparts from the United States government for the fifth instalment of the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue, conducted in New Delhi.

2+2 Ministerial Dialogue

- The 2+2 meetings involve high-level representatives from both participating countries, specifically the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs and Defence.
- The main aim of these meetings is to expand the range of discussions, fostering improved comprehension of each other's strategic concerns and sensitivities.
- This mechanism fosters a more robust and integrated strategic relationship, especially in the dynamic global environment.
- India has held 2+2 meetings with the following countries:
 - **United States (5 times)**
 - **Japan (3 times)**
 - **Australia (2 times)**
 - **Russia (1 time)**



India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue:

- The India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue is an annual event held since 2018.
- The latest meeting occurred in New Delhi on November 10, 2023, symbolising the strengthening strategic alliance between India and the United States.
- Discussions cover diverse topics, including defense cooperation, trade, investment, technology, and coordination on global issues like the Indo-Pacific region, counterterrorism, and climate change.

India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue:

- The India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue has occurred three times in 2019, 2021, and 2023.
- The latest meeting transpired in Tokyo on March 8, 2023.
- This meeting underscores the unique strategic partnership between India and Japan.
- Discussions cover defense collaboration, maritime security, trade, investment, technology, and the alignment on regional and global issues, including the Indo-Pacific region and participation in the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad).

India-Australia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue:

- The India-Australia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue, initiated in 2020, held its second meeting in New Delhi on September 11, 2023.

- This meeting reflects the growing strategic partnership between India and Australia.
- Topics discussed include defence cooperation, maritime security, trade, investment, technology, and coordination on regional and global issues, including the Indo-Pacific region and the Quad.

India-Russia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue:

- India has held one 2+2 meeting with Russia in New Delhi on December 6, 2021.
- The Indian and Russian Foreign and Defense Ministers attended the meeting.
- It is a sign of the growing strategic partnership between the two countries.
- India and Russia have a long history of close ties, and the 2+2 meeting provides a high-level forum for discussing and strengthening bilateral relations on various issues, including defence, security, trade, investment, and technology.

Significance for Indian Diplomacy

- 2+2 meetings allow for high-level dialogue between India and its key partners on various issues, including defence, security, trade, investment, and technology.
- It helps build trust and understanding between India and its partners, which is essential for strengthening bilateral relations.
- It serves as a forum for India to collaborate with its allies on regional and global matters, including the Indo-Pacific region, counterterrorism, and climate change.
- The meetings strongly signal India's commitment to its strategic partnerships.

Sources:

[India, U.S. hold 2+2 ministerial dialogue with focus on Indo-Pacific, critical minerals and global challenges – The Hindu](#)

Q1. With reference to 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue, consider the following statements:

1. The 2+2 meetings involve the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs and Home.
2. It is a part of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) None

Answer: (a)

Q2. Consider the following:

1. United States
2. Japan
3. Australia
4. United Kingdom

How many nations mentioned above have a 2+2 ministerial dialogue with India?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All Four

Answer: (c)

Q3. 2+2 dialogues are crucial for navigating complex geopolitical challenges and fostering strategic partnerships. Discuss.

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