India-Japan Defence Ministerial Meeting in Tokyo

News:

Raksha Mantri co-chaired the Japan – India Defence Ministerial Meeting with Defence Minister of in Tokyo.

Discuss various Issues

- The dialogue discussed various issues of mutual concern including ways to further strengthen the existing bilateral co-operative arrangements and adopt new initiatives towards achieving peace and security in the region.
- The Indo-Pacific vision was discussed at length with an expression of India's preference for a rules-based order along with centrality of Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and inclusiveness and security for all.
- The importance of the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between India and Japan in addressing regional peace, security and stability was also highlighted.

Focus area of India-Japan relationship?

- The Indo-Japan relations is to countering China Influence in Indian Ocean and South China Sea but now countries should go beyond countering China.
- India is the member of SCO and BRICS and Abe promised for the "new era" of relations during his China visit.
- After the visit, Japanese leadership has stated that they are looking forward to participating in the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and India is also working to improve the relationship with China as was evident during the Wuhan Summit earlier this year.