

## India and Brazil Strengthen Military Ties with Strategic Talks



Senior officials from India and Brazil convened in Brasilia for the 8th Joint Defense Committee (JDC) meeting, signaling a renewed focus on bolstering military cooperation and defense industry partnerships between the two nations. The talks, which took place on July 30, aim to strengthen a strategic partnership that has been in place since 2006.

The JDC meeting was co-chaired by Vishwesh Negi, Joint Secretary for International Cooperation from India, and Major General Willain Koji Kamei, Deputy Chief of Policy and Strategy for the Brazilian Armed Forces. According to a statement from the Indian Defence Ministry, discussions focused on a range of topics, including military training, defense industry collaboration, and regional security issues in the Indo-Pacific and Latin America. This dialogue builds upon a defense cooperation agreement signed in 2003 and ratified three years later, which established the JDC as an institutional mechanism for ongoing talks.

The meeting follows a broader strategic roadmap established during a recent meeting between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. The two leaders agreed to deepen ties across five key pillars, with defense and security being a primary focus. This commitment was underscored by the signing of an agreement on the exchange and mutual protection of classified information, which is expected to facilitate deeper cooperation in sensitive strategic areas.

Both countries, which are major players in their respective regions, have been exploring opportunities to work together in the defense sector. In recent years, Brazil has shown interest

in acquiring several of India's indigenously developed defense solutions, including the Akash air defense missile system and Garuda artillery guns. This interest highlights India's growing defense manufacturing capabilities and its potential to become a key exporter of military equipment to Latin America.

The outcome of these talks is a clear indication that India and Brazil are committed to a robust and long-term defense partnership. As the two nations continue to explore new avenues for collaboration, observers will be watching to see how these discussions translate into concrete agreements and a stronger strategic alliance.