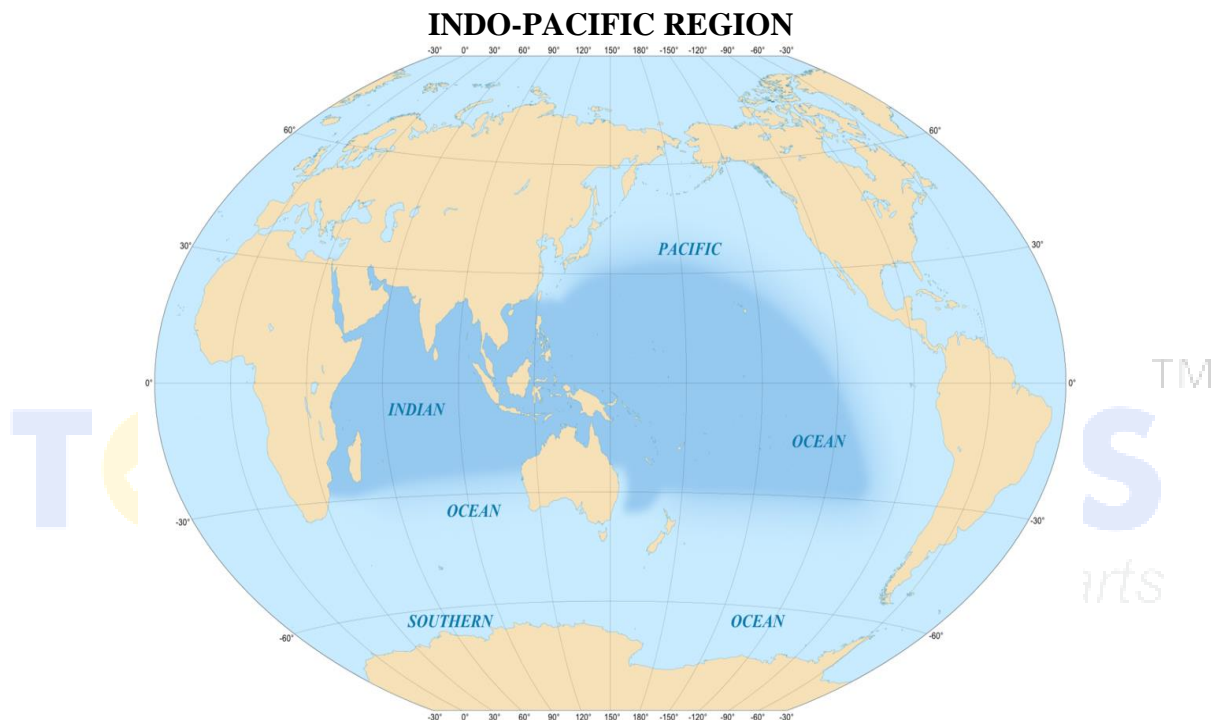


2+2 DIALOGUE

What is 2+2?

- India and US have established new **two-by-two (2 by 2) ministerial dialogue** to enhance strategic coordination between them and maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The new dialogue format will replace the earlier **India-US Strategic and Commercial Dialogue**.
- It will be similar to the **India-Japan 2+2 dialogue format** between foreign and defence secretaries of the two countries.



- Divided into 3 parts –
 1. Central Indo-Pacific
 2. Eastern Indo-Pacific
 3. Western Indo-Pacific

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2+2 DIALOGUE?

- Happened in **New Delhi**
- External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** and Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** held the crucial talks with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defence Secretary **James Mattis**
- Issues including **cross-border terrorism**, India's bid for membership of the **Nuclear Suppliers Group** and the contentious **H1B visa issue** were also discussed
- Discussed the **role of China in the Indo-Pacific region** and how to work with other **regional players** in securing the seas and the skies

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2+2 DIALOGUE?

- **COMCASA Agreement** was the biggest achievement
- Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement
- Landmark **security pact**
- Set up **hotlines** between their **defence and foreign ministers**, and deliberating on **thorny issues** such as **India's purchase of S-400 missiles from Russia and import of crude oil from Iran.**

NSG

- The NSG was founded in response to the Indian nuclear test in May 1974
- As of 2018, the NSG has 48 participating governments
- The NSG Chair for 2018-2019 is Latvia

INDIA and NSG

- 2010 - U.S. President Barack Obama announced U.S. support for India's participation in the Nuclear Suppliers Group
- French President Sarkozy also expressed his country's backing for India's inclusion in Nuclear Suppliers Group
- The United Kingdom has for a long time been a supporter of India's inclusion
- Russian president Vladimir Putin has also offered unconditional support to India's entry into NSG.
- Switzerland also announced its backing on India's Membership in 48 member group on 6 June 2016
- June 2016, India got crucial support from Mexico
- On 16 April 2018 Germany supported India's bid for NSG membership

EFFECT OF 2+2

- India Meets Qualifications to Be Member of Nuclear Suppliers Group, Only China's Veto Stopping It: US



H1B VISA

- The H-1B is a visa in the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act, which allows U.S. employers to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations.
- Trump's electoral promise to win back America for the Americans
- Donald Trump has been changing the H1B visa policies at a rapid pace since his election, leaving many of these dreamers with little option but to force-exit the country and come back to their homeland.

TEST

1. Which of the following countries will come under the Indo-Pacific region?
 - a. Indonesia
 - b. Malaysia
 - c. Bangladesh
 - d. Only a and b
 - e. All a, b and c

Ans: (e)

2. What does the second C in COMCASA stand for?
 - a. Communication
 - b. Compatibility
 - c. Collaboration
 - d. Current
 - e. None of the above

Ans: (b)

3. How many participating governments are there in the NSG?
 - a. 40
 - b. 44
 - c. 48
 - d. 52
 - e. 56

Ans: (c)

4. Who is Mike Pompeo?
 - a. US Secretary of Defence
 - b. US Secretary of State
 - c. US Secretary General
 - d. US Secretary of Education
 - e. None of the above

Ans: (b)

5. India also has a 2+2 Dialogue Agreement with –
- a. China
 - b. Pakistan
 - c. Britain
 - d. Japan
 - e. None of the above

Ans: (d)

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