

Raksha Mantri visits HMAS Kuttabul on Day Two of Australia Tour; Co-chairs maiden India-Australia Defence Industry Business Roundtable in Sydney

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RM interacts with Indian community in Sydney; Lauds their role in strengthening India-Australia ties

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh visited the historic and strategic naval facility HMAS Kuttabul in Sydney, Australia, on October 10, 2025. Accompanied by Australia's Assistant Minister of Defence, Mr Peter Khalil, the Raksha Mantri was briefed on the state-of-the-art facilities at Sydney Harbour and taken on a tour onboard Admiral Hudson. The visit underscored the growing synergy between the two nations' maritime forces, with both leaders emphasising that India and Australia stand to gain significantly from deeper naval collaboration and enhanced cooperation in Maritime Domain Awareness across the Indo-Pacific region.

Later, Shri Rajnath Singh co-chaired the maiden India-Australia Defence Industry Business Roundtable with Mr Peter Khalil to advance industrial partnerships and capability development between the two nations. The discussions focused on exploring opportunities in defence technology, manufacturing and innovation particularly within the frameworks of 'Make in India' and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. The Roundtable was attended by leading industry representatives from both sides, who expressed keen interest in joint projects and investments aimed at strengthening the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

In the evening, Raksha Mantri addressed members of the Indian community at a special event hosted by the Consulate General of India in Sydney, acknowledging their contribution to strengthening the cultural and economic bridge between the two nations.

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