

Fresh impetus to India-Morocco defence cooperation: Inaugural Joint Defence Committee meeting held in New Delhi

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The inaugural Joint Defence Committee meeting between India and Morocco took place in New Delhi on September 08, 2026. The two sides discussed areas of mutual interest in the field of training & education, peacekeeping operations, military exercises, medical cooperation, cyber defence and defence industries. They agreed to further expand defence ties as bilateral cooperation is moving towards its 70th anniversary in 2027.



The meeting was co-chaired by Joint Secretary (International Cooperation), Ministry of Defence Shri Amitabh Prasad and Chief of the 2nd Bureau of the Moroccan Royal Armed Forces Brigadier General Abdellah Athmani. The Indian delegation comprised officers from Department of Defence, three Services, HQ Integrated Defence Staff, Department of Defence Production, DG Armed Forces Medical Services, DRDO and Ministry of External Affairs.



The Moroccan delegation is on a visit to India from September 07 to 10, 2026. Brigadier General Abdellah Athmani commenced his visit by paying tribute to the bravehearts at the National War Memorial, New Delhi. The Moroccan delegation also interacted with defence industries at DPSU Bhawan, New Delhi to get first-hand exposure to India's growing defence manufacturing capabilities. Both sides agreed to explore avenues of cooperation in the field of co-production, joint ventures, technology collaborations, maintenance and sustainment.

The delegation will be visiting Army Hospital (Research & Referral) to get an overview of India's military medicine capabilities.

An MoU on cooperation in the field of defence between the two countries was signed during the visit of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh to Morocco in September 2025. The visit provided fresh momentum to bilateral defence relations. The JDC meeting is a part of the institutional mechanism set up through the MoU.

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