Raksha Mantri visits Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Naval Base in Yokosuka

Growing India-Japan maritime cooperation is a reflection of deep trust & shared commitment towards a free, open & rules-based Indo-Pacific: Shri Rajnath Singh

“India has emerged as one of the fastest-growing major economies despite global challenges, defence sector is witnessing unprecedented growth”

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“The growing maritime cooperation between India and Japan is a reflection of the deep trust and shared commitment of the two nations towards a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific,” said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh in a post on X following his visit to the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) Naval Base in Yokosuka on November 18, 2026, along with Japan’s Minister of Defense Mr Shinjiro Koizumi. Upon his arrival in Japan, Raksha Mantri commenced his engagements with a visit to the Ministry of Defense, where he was received by his Japanese counterpart.







Shri Rajnath Singh was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour, following which the two Ministers interacted briefly at the Ministry. They, later, travelled to the JMSDF Naval Base in a Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) helicopter. At the Naval Base, the two Ministers toured the Mogami-class multi-mission frigate JS Natori.



> 本日小泉進次郎防衛大臣(@shinjirokoiz)とともに 横須賀の海上自衛隊基地を訪問し、もがみ型多機能護衛艦「なとり」を視察しました。 インドと日本の海洋分野における協力関係の進展は自由で開かれた法の支配に基づくインド太平洋の実現に向けた、両国間の深い信頼と共通の決意を反映するものです。
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> — Rajnath Singh (@rajnathsingh) November 18, 2026

Raksha Mantri also interacted with members of the Indian diaspora in Tokyo at an event organised by the Embassy of India. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted India's remarkable economic transformation, asserting that the country has emerged as one of the fastest-growing major economies in the world under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, despite challenges arising from the situation in West Asia.

Highlighting the unprecedented growth in India’s defence sector, Shri Rajnath Singh stated that domestic defence production has crossed a record Rs 1.80 lakh crore, up from Rs 48,000 crore a decade ago. He added that defence exports have registered a remarkable increase from Rs 600 crore to an all-time high of Rs 38,000 crore, reflecting India's growing indigenous capabilities and expanding footprint in the global defence market.



Emphasising the Government's zero-tolerance policy towards corruption, Raksha Mantri stated that corruption has been significantly curbed over the last 12 years, with benefits of welfare schemes reaching their intended beneficiaries. “No one can question the integrity of our Government,” he added. He also highlighted the Government's efforts towards poverty alleviation and the significant improvements in sanitation and cleanliness across the country.

Raksha Mantri is on a two-day visit to Japan. On November 19, 2026, he will participate in the 4th India-Japan Foreign and Defence Ministers' Dialogue (2+2) and hold bilateral discussions with Japan's Minister of Defense. The 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue, to be held in Tokyo, will be co-chaired by Raksha Mantri and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar, along with Mr Shinjiro Koizumi and Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Toshimitsu Motegi. The bilateral meeting between Shri Rajnath Singh and Mr Shinjiro Koizumi will be their third meeting this year.

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