

U.S.-India Maritime Security Dialogue

The second round of the U.S.-India Maritime Security Dialogue (MSD) was held on May 9-10 at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. The MSD is a unique bilateral forum that brings together civilian and military representatives from both governments.

The U.S. delegation was jointly led by David Helvey, performing the duties of assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific security affairs and Sean Stein, acting deputy assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asian affairs. The U.S. was represented by officials from the Department of Defense, Department of State, the U.S. Navy, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The Indian delegation was jointly led by Dr. Pankaj Sharma, joint secretary for disarmament and international security affairs (DISA) at the Ministry of External Affairs, Manu Mahawar, joint secretary for the Americas at the Ministry of External Affairs, and Devika Raghuvansh, joint secretary for the Navy at the Ministry of Defense.

During the dialogue, the two sides exchanged views on maritime developments in the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean region and considered steps to further strengthen bilateral maritime security cooperation.

The next round of the MSD will be held in India on mutually convenient dates.