14th India–UAE Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meets in Abu Dhabi

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News

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Background

- India and the UAE have a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2017). Their Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) was signed in February 2022 and came into force in May 2022.
- Joint exercises: "Desert Cyclone" (armies), "Desert Knight" (air forces, with France) and "Zayed Talwar" (navies).
- The UAE is a federation of seven emirates; Abu Dhabi is its capital. India and the UAE also trade in rupee–dirham terms.

Tamil Nadu link: A large number of Tamil workers and professionals live in the UAE, and Chennai, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai and Coimbatore have direct flights to UAE cities.

Frequently asked questions

What is this news about?

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. Where was the 14th meeting of the India–UAE Joint Defence Cooperation Committee held?

A) Abu Dhabi

B) Dubai

C) Muscat

D) New Delhi

Answer: A – Explanation: The 14th JDCC met in Abu Dhabi, the UAE capital.

2. The 'Desert Cyclone' army exercise is between India and which country?

A) Oman

B) Saudi Arabia

C) Qatar

D) UAE

Answer: D – Explanation: Desert Cyclone is the India–UAE army exercise.

3. Which forces take part in the India–UAE exercise 'Zayed Talwar'?

A) Coast guards

B) Navies

C) Armies

D) Air forces

Answer: B – Explanation: Zayed Talwar – navies; Desert Knight – air forces; Desert Cyclone – armies.

4. What is the currency of the UAE?

A) Dinar

B) Dirham

C) Pound

D) Riyal

Answer: B – Explanation: UAE – dirham; Saudi Arabia, Qatar – riyal; Kuwait, Bahrain – dinar.

5. Since 2017, what level is the India–UAE partnership?

A) Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership

B) All-weather partnership

C) Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

D) Global Strategic Partnership

Answer: C – Explanation: UAE – Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2017); Russia – Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership.