

India hosts first-ever 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue with Australia in New Delhi

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India will host the first-ever 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue with Australia today in New Delhi.

Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne and Defence Minister Peter Dutton from the Australian side will meet with External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Key Highlights

- Speaking on 2+2 ministerial dialogue, a source told ANI, “Decision to commence 2+2 with Australia is a reflection of the transformation in our relations over the last few years.”
- Ms Payne will meet Mr Jaishankar at Hyderabad House at 10:30 AM after laying a wreath at the National War Memorial in the morning.
- The relationship between India and Australia is at a historic high. The ministers will discuss issues including economic security, cyber, climate, critical technology and supply chains.
- Speaking at an event at the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), an independent

global think tank based in Delhi, Ms Payne said that India and Australia countries have made substantial progress in the first year of the strategic partnership adding that they should reflect on common ground that forms the basis of bilateral cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

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