

## THE INDO – PACIFIC REGIONAL DIALOGUE 2024 (IPRD 2024)

The three-day-long Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2024 (IPRD-2024) concluded on **05 Oct 24** in New Delhi. This annual apex-level strategic dialogue of the Indian Navy was conducted from **03 – 05 October** and saw active participation from globally renowned experts from India and abroad, senior officers from the Indian Armed Forces and the Government of India, scholars, and the public at large. The conference witnessed intensive deliberations in several sub-topics under the overarching theme of *“Resource-Geopolitics and Security in the Indo-Pacific.”*

The conference, which was spread over three days, concentrated on the significant marine resources of the Indo-Pacific, such as offshore hydrocarbons, fish, and other living marine resources, as well as mineral resources of the seabed. Distinguished speakers – academic experts and practitioners – from **over twenty countries** participated in this mega-conference and presented regional perspectives, backed by their incisive analyses, on various issues impacting marine resources.

With its thematic focus on resource-geopolitics, the conference also examined the ways in which the competition for resources could potentially fuel contestations. It also explored possible avenues through which such situations could be managed, with a strong emphasis on sustainable development and the responsible harnessing of resources. This hopeful perspective featured extensively in the intensive deliberations during the conference.

The IPRD 2024 offered a platform for the free exchange of ideas, not only to the countries located within the geographic expanse of the Indo-Pacific but also to others who have a stake in this region. A common theme emerging from the conference was the urgent need for stakeholder cooperation. The conference underscored the importance of working together to find workable solutions that are inclusive, focused on sustainable economic development, and fostering peace, thereby uniting all participants in a common cause.

**The IPRD 2024 was organized by the National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi, as the Indian Navy's knowledge partner.**

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