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## AUSTRALIA, INDIA TO BOOST SUBMARINE RESCUE, DEFENCE INDUSTRY COOPERATION

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*Australia and India will strengthen maritime security and defence industrial cooperation, signing an agreement on mutual submarine rescue during the first annual defence ministers dialogue in Canberra, a joint statement said.*

Indias Mr Rajnath Singh made the first visit by an Indian defence minister to Australia in more than a decade on Oct 9.

A statement released by Australia after his meeting with Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles said they agreed to pursue collaboration in defence technology, and India had offered to maintain and repair Royal Australian Navy ships in Indian shipyards during deployment in the Indian Ocean.

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