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① India's emergence as the fastest growing economy will ensure a further quantum leap in strategic & economic ties with Japan. Explain

India and Japan are engaging in 70th year of bilateral relationship. It coincides with Japan and India's recent 2+2 dialogue

Threats to Japan:

1. Recent Taiwan crisis, with China launching missiles within Japan's exclusive economic zones
2. North Korea becoming nuclear weapon threat

Significance of dialogue

2+2 dialogue reiterates Free and open Indo-Pacific. Rules based global order for sovereignty and territorial integrity and peaceful settlement of disputes.

Deepening of India and Japan strategic and defence cooperation.

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Eg: Recent launch of Joint Service Staff talks
between India and Japan

Military engagement between India & Japan

1. Dharma guardian (ground level), exercise
2. JIMEX and Malabar Naval exercise.
3. India-Japan Airforce engagement
4. MILAN 2022 - Multilateral Strategic exercise
in Eastern Naval command with participation of
all allied members. Shows new area of
cooperation in strategic interest

Economic ties

PM Modi and formered Japan's PM Shinzo Abe
has laid strong economic ties between the
'2' nations

Initiatives

1. Indian-Japan bilateral Competitive. Industrial
agreement

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2. Supply chain resilience Initiative (SCRI) - to bypass reliance with china.

3. cooperation in clean Energy → to contain climate change impacts

Potential Areas

1. Thrust to defence equipments - UAV (under Ground vehicles) and ~~debris~~ manufc Robotics

2. Drone manufacturing. A Japan's largest Drone manufacturer engaging with Delhi based Asc Ventures

3. ACSA - Agreement on reciprocal Services and Supplies signed in 2020 already came into operation in 2022

Thus we can see growing / deepening Strategic and economic areas of cooperation, which can be leveraged with additional focus on potential areas.