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Title: Free and open: On U.S Defence Secretary's visit to India

The article at hand considers the recent visit of the United States' secretary of defense Lloyd Austin to India as the author explores various topics discussed during the visit.

The author believes the arrival of the defence secretary was significant in many ways. Mr Austin's visit this early in US president Joe Biden's tenure emphasizes the importance of India in the US' bilateral plans.

It confirms that the US is keen on cooperating in the Indo-pacific sea region. Mr Austin's also visited Afghanistan to review American troops' pull-out of Afghanistan.

Consequently, there was a discussion on all the major focus areas: bilateral ties, the Indo -Pacific and Afghanistan. But while the US does not seem interested in India's concerns regarding Taliban and the situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the author believes India should be proactive in the matter.

There were even talks regarding the sanctions against the countries for procuring Russian Military equipment and India's situation with China as well.

Words to look out for

Discretion:

- Synonyms:** decision, choice, judgment
- Antonyms:** imprudence, indiscretion, naivety
- Word usage:** Using the Decision Review System (DRS) is under the discretion of the teams playing.

Sentiment:

- **Synonyms:** emotion, feeling, passion
- **Antonyms:** insensitivity, unfeelingness, coldness
- **Word usage:** One should not hurt someone's sentiments.

Heed:

- **Synonyms:** attention, follow, notice
- **Antonyms:** disregard, neglect, disdain
- **Word usage:** No one pays heed to the chatterbox.

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