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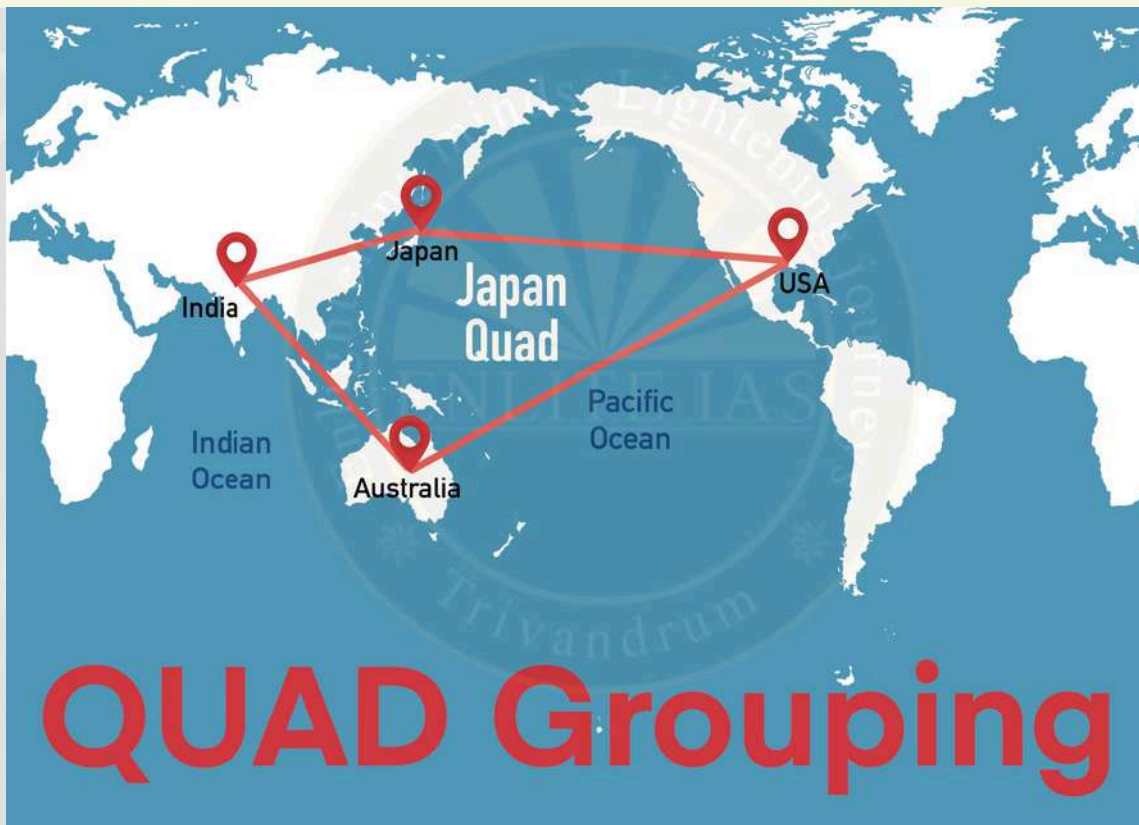
1 Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) (Source: The Hindu)

Informal strategic forum comprising the United States, Japan, India, and Australia.

- The first meeting of Quad officials took place during the ASEAN Regional Forum summit in the Philippines in May 2007.
- Quad partners engage regularly through Leaders, Foreign Ministers, Quad Sherpas, senior officials, and experts.

Aim

- Ensure a peaceful, stable, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.
- Ensure maritime and transnational security, cybersecurity, harness critical and emerging technologies, and respond to regional emergencies.





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2 Right To Vote (Source: The Hindu)

It is a constitutional right that allows citizens to participate in the formation of the government through voting.

Constitutional Provisions Dealing with the Right to Vote

- **Article 326:** Mandates that elections to the Lok Sabha (House of the People) and the Legislative Assemblies of every State shall be based on adult suffrage.
- **Article 325:** No person can be excluded from the electoral roll only on grounds of religion, race, caste, or sex.
- **Article 324:** Gives the Election Commission of India the power of superintendence, direction, and control over elections.

Who can vote?

- Must be a citizen of India.
- Must be at least 18 years old (61st Amendment Act (1988) - reduced the voting age from 21 to 18 years)
- Must be registered in the electoral roll of the constituency where they ordinarily reside.

Who cannot vote?

- Non-citizens
- Unsound mind (declared by the court)
- Disqualified due to: Electoral offences, Corrupt practices
- Prisoners (except preventive detention)

Who gives the Right To Vote?

- The right is granted by the Constitution of India and regulated by Parliament under
- Representation of the People Act, 1950: Deals with the preparation of electoral rolls and the qualification of voters.
- Representation of the People Act, 1951: Deals with the actual conduct of elections and disqualifications.

3 Norwegian Sea (Source: The Hindu)

- *Marginal sea of the North Atlantic Ocean.*
- Gateway between the **North Atlantic and the Arctic.**
- Border countries like **Norway, Iceland, and Denmark**
- Connects the North Atlantic with the Arctic Ocean
- The deepest point is Molloy Deep (~5,550 m).
- **Ocean Currents in the region**
 - **Norwegian Atlantic Current (Warm):**
 - Extension of the North Atlantic Drift.
 - Brings warm saline water northward.
 - **East Greenland Current (Cold):**
 - Carries cold Arctic water and sea ice southward.
- Major resources in the region are fish, oil, and natural gas.

