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Joint Naval Exercise by China, Russia and Iran

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Why in News



- China, Russia and Iran to hold joint naval drills from December 27 to 30 to deepen exchange and cooperation between the navies of the three countries.
- The exercise is launched from the **southeastern port city of Chabahar in the Gulf of Oman** and is aimed at boosting the **security of the region's waterways**.
The Chabahar port has been **jointly developed by India, Iran, and Afghanistan**.
- It is a part of “normal military cooperation” between the three countries.
- During the exercise, China would deploy its **guided-missile destroyer** — the “**carrier killer**” for its array of anti-ship and land-attack cruise missiles.
- The exercise comes in the backdrop of the **US withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear deal** and escalated sanctions on Iran by the USA.

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