



Exercise Kavach

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A large-scale **Tri service Military ‘Exercise Kavach’** will be conducted in January 2021 under the aegis of the **Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC)**, the only Joint Forces Command of the country.

The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) is the **first integrated theatre command** in India with **headquarters at Port Blair**.

Key Point

- **Participation:** Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force and Indian Coast Guard.
- **Features:** The exercise involves synergised application of **maritime surveillance assets, coordinated air and maritime strikes, air defence, submarine and landing operations**.
 - The joint force would execute multi domain, high intensity offensive and defensive manoeuvres in the **Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal**.
 - The tri-services exercise aims to fine tune **joint war-fighting capabilities** and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) towards enhancing operational synergy.
- **Significance:** The exercise will check the **preparedness of all the agencies in dealing with an asymmetric threat**.

Asymmetrical threats are unconventional strategies and tactics adopted by a force.
- **Need of Such Exercise:** The **1993 Bombay Bombings** and the **2008 Mumbai Attacks** happened due to **the poorly guarded maritime border**.
- **Other Exercises for Coastal Security:**
 - **Exercise ‘Sea Vigil’**.
 - **Tropex (Theatre-level Readiness Operational Exercise)** which Indian Navy conducts every **two years**.

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