



TROPEX 21

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Why in News

Indian Navy's largest **biennial Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX 21)** is currently underway.

Exercise commenced in **early January**, which will culminate by the **third week of February**.

Key Points

- **Theme:**
'Combat Ready, Credible and Cohesive force'.
- **Participants:**
Indian Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Police of 13 coastal States and Union Territories along with other stakeholders in the maritime domain.
- **'Sea Vigil':**
 - **'Sea Vigil':** In the first phase, the Indian Navy had **conducted coastal defence exercise 'Sea Vigil'** along the entire coastline and Island territories of India on 12-13 January 2021.
 - Exercise Sea Vigil was followed by a large-scale Tri-Service joint amphibious exercise AMPHEX-21.
- **Location:**
The exercise is being conducted over a **vast geographical expanse** in the **Indian Ocean Region**.
- **Overseen By:**
Conduct of TROPEX is being overseen by **Naval Headquarters** with participation from all **three Commands of the Indian Navy (Eastern, Western and Southern Naval Command)** and the only **Tri-Service theatre command** of the Indian Armed Forces located **at Port Blair**.

- **Aims:**

- **Promote Stability and Peace:** The Theatre Level exercise also aims to validate the Navy's **offensive-defence capabilities, safeguard national interests** in the **maritime domain and promote stability and peace in the Indian Ocean Region.**
- **Coastal Defence Setup:** This exercise aimed to validate the coastal defence setup of the country, which was **entirely revamped after the 26/11 Terror attacks** at Mumbai.
- **Combat readiness:** It aimed at testing combat readiness of the Navy in a **complex multi-dimensional scenario** set in the context of the **current geo strategic environment.**

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