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## IN-EUNAVFOR Joint Naval Exercise

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### Why in News

The maiden Indian Navy - European Union Naval Force (IN-EUNAVFOR) Exercise is being conducted in **Gulf Of Aden**.



### Key Points

- **Participants**
  - Along with **Indian Navy**, other naval forces are from **Italy, Spain and France**.
  - The naval exercise **included** advanced air defence and anti-submarine exercises, tactical manoeuvres, Search & Rescue, and other maritime security operations.
- **Aim:**

To enhance and hone their **war-fighting skills** and their ability as an **integrated force to promote peace, security and stability** in the maritime domain.

- **Significance:**

- EUNAVFOR and the Indian Navy converge on multiple issues including **counter piracy operations** and **protection of vessels deployed** under the charter of **World Food Programme (UN WFP)**.
- The two navies also have regular interaction through **SHADE (Shared Awareness and Deconfliction)** meetings held annually at Bahrain.
  - **SHADE** is an **international operational counter piracy platform**, convened in **Bahrain**.
  - It aimed to encourage partners for sharing information, assessing the evolution of trends, best practices and to de-conflict operations amongst counter-piracy actors in the Gulf of Aden, the **Gulf of Oman and the Western Indian Ocean**.
- It also underscores the shared values in ensuring **freedom of seas and commitment to an open, inclusive and a rules-based international order**.
- Concurrently, a virtual “**Information sharing Exercise**” is also being conducted between the **Indian Navy Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region** and **Maritime Security Centre-Horn of Africa**, an integral part of EUNAVFOR.

### Major Indian Maritime Exercises

Name of the Exercise	Name of the Country
<b><u>SLINEX</u></b>	Sri Lanka
<b><u>Bongosagar and IN-BN CORPAT</u></b>	Bangladesh
<b><u>JIMEX</u></b>	Japan
Naseem-Al-Bahr	Oman
<b><u>Indra</u></b>	Russia
<b><u>Za’ir-Al-Bahr</u></b>	Qatar
<b><u>Samudra Shakti</u></b>	Indonesia
<b><u>Indo-Thai CORPAT</u></b>	Thailand
IMCOR	Malaysia
<b><u>SIMBEX</u></b>	Singapore
AUSINDEX	Australia
<b><u>Malabar Exercise</u></b>	Japan, and the USA

**Source: PIB**