



IN-EUNAVFOR Joint Naval Exercise

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
SLINEX	Sri Lanka
Bongosagar and IN-BN CORPAT	Bangladesh
JIMEX	Japan
Naseem-Al-Bahr	Oman
Indra	Russia
Za'ir-Al-Bahr	Qatar
Samudra Shakti	Indonesia
Indo-Thai CORPAT	Thailand
IMCOR	Malaysia
SIMBEX	Singapore
AUSINDEX	Australia
Malabar Exercise	Japan, and the USA

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