



Al-Mohed Al-Hindi Exercise: India-Saudi Arabia

Why in News

Recently, **India and Saudi Arabia** started their **first-ever Naval joint exercise** called the **Al-Mohed Al-Hindi Exercise**.

- The decision on this Bilateral exercise was taken in the [Riyadh Summit](#) held in 2019.



Key Points

▪ About:

- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Kochi is participating in the exercise. The exercise comprises **several coastal and sea-based exercises** between the two navies.
 - INS Kochi is the **second ship of Kolkata-class stealth guided-missile destroyers**, which was built by the Indian Navy under the code name **Project 15A**.
 - This ship is termed as a **'Network of Networks'** since it is equipped with sophisticated digital networks, an array of state-of-art weapons and sensors that can neutralise any maritime threat.

▪ Aim:

- To carry out tactical manoeuvres, search and rescue operations, and an electronic warfare drill **to enhance interoperability**.

▪ Significance:

- It reflects the **growing defense ties between the two countries** in the midst of rapidly changing developments in the Gulf region.
- It will **enhance bilateral cooperation** and security in the [Indian ocean](#) Region.

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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