



32nd Edition of Indo-Thai Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)

Why in News

Recently, the 32nd edition of [India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol \(Indo-Thai CORPAT\)](#) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy was conducted.



Key Points

▪ About Naval Exercise:

- India and Thailand have been carrying out CORPAT along their International Maritime Boundary Line **twice a year since 2005**.
- **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk**, an indigenously built Missile Corvette and **His Majesty's Thailand Ship (HTMS) Tayanchon**, a Khamrosin Class Anti-submarine Patrol Craft, along with Maritime Patrol Aircraft from both navies participated in the CORPAT.

▪ Aims:

- The exercise is aimed towards reinforcing maritime links between the two countries and with an aim of keeping this vital part of the **Indian Ocean safe and secure for international trade**.
- It facilitates institution of measures **to prevent and suppress unlawful activities** like Illegal Unreported Unregulated (IUU) fishing, drug trafficking, maritime terrorism, armed robbery and piracy.
- It further helps **enhance the operational synergy by exchange of information** for prevention of smuggling, illegal immigration and for conduct of search and rescue (SAR) operations at sea.

▪ In line with India's SAGAR Vision:

- As part of Government of India's vision of **SAGAR (Security And Growth for All in the Region)**, the Indian Navy has been proactively engaging with the countries in the Indian Ocean Region towards enhancing regional maritime security.
- This has been through bilateral and multilateral exercises, Coordinated Patrols, Joint **EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone)** Surveillance, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.
- **Other Military Exercises between India and Thailand:**
 - **Exercise MAITREE (Army)**.
 - Exercise SIAM BHARAT (Air Force).

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