



Exercise Konkan 2021

Why in News

Indo-UK Naval Exercise, 'Konkan 2021' was recently held **between INS Tabar and HMS Westminster in the English Channel.**

- The English Channel is located between the **Isle of Great Britain's southern coast** and **France's northern coast** and **separated from the North Sea** on the north by the **Strait of Dover.**



Key Points

- **About:**

- The **Bilateral Konkan exercise** is a **naval exercise** conducted between **India and the United Kingdom.**
- The Konkan series of exercises was **started in 2004.** Since then, the exercise is **hosted in rotation by both the Navies** and has grown in complexity, scale, and intensity.

- **Other Exercises between India and UK:**

- [Exercise 'Indradhanush'](#) (Air Force Exercise)
- [Ajeya Warrior](#) (Joint Military Exercise)

- **INS Tabar:**

- It is the **third Talwar-class frigate in the Indian Navy**, which was commissioned in 2004 in Kaliningrad, Russia.
- This warship can handle **air or surface or subsurface missions and defend herself.**

- The Talwar class of frigates of the Indian Navy **have been built in Russia under an Indo-Russian joint production**. The Talwar class guided missile frigates **are modified Krivak III class frigates from Russia**. **Other Frigates are:** INS Teg, Tarkash, Trikand, Talwar, Trishul.
- In **October 2016**, India and Russia **signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA)** for four Krivak or Talwar stealth frigates.
 - The first two frigates will be built in Yantar Shipyard, in Kaliningrad, Russia. The following two will be built in Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL).

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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