

Naseem Al Bahr 2022

Why in News?

The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Trikand, INS Sumitra, and Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) Dornier, participated in the 13th Edition of 'Naseem Al Bahr' (Sea Breeze).

- **INS Trikand is a frontline frigate** equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors. It is a part of the Indian Navy's Western Fleet, based at Mumbai.
- INS Sumitra, a multirole offshore patrol vessel is part of the Eastern Fleet of the Indian Navy, based at Visakhapatnam.



What is Naseem Al Bahr?

- About:
 - It is a bilateral maritime exercise between Indian Navy (IN) and Royal Navy of Oman (RNO).
 - The exercise was conducted from **19th to 24th November 2022** off the coast of Oman and had **three phases: harbour phase, sea phase and debrief.**
 - The first IN-RNO exercise was conducted in 1993.
 - Year 2022 marks 30 years of IN-RNO bilateral exercises.
- Significance:
 - India and Oman have traditionally enjoyed warm and friendly relations, sharing common cultural values. Naval exercises have added strength and substance to these bilateral ties.

What are India's other Bilateral Maritime Exercises?

- Thailand: India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT)
- Indonesia: <u>Samudra Shakti</u>
- Singapore: <u>Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)</u>
- Qatar: <u>Zair-Al-Bahr</u>
- Bangladesh: <u>Bongosagar Exercise</u>
- Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise (SLINEX)
- Japan: Japan Maritime bilateral exercise (JIMEX), Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)

The Vision

France: <u>VARUNA</u>

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