



Joint Anti-Submarine Warfare Drills

Why in News?

Recently, joint [anti-submarine warfare](#) drills are being held by the **United States, Canada, India, Japan, and South Korea.**

- As a part of it, the exercise named [Sea Dragon 23](#) was started on **March 15, 2023** and it aims to strengthen the alliance between the countries to **tackle threats from China and North Korea.**

How China is Expanding its Maritime Domain?

- China's navy is taking part in joint search and rescue exercises in the [Gulf of Oman](#) with **Iran and Russia.**
- China's dispute with Japan over tiny islands in the [East China Sea](#) has also heated up, with both sides accusing the other of **violating their maritime territory.**
- China is holding **Security Bond-2023 exercises** with other nations as well.

What is Sea Dragon 23?

- **Sea Dragon 23** is a coordinated anti-submarine warfare exercise being held between the US, Japan, Canada, South Korea, and India.
- The exercise aims to achieve high levels of synergy and coordination between the friendly navies based on their **shared values and commitment to an open, inclusive Indo-Pacific region.**
- The [Indian Navy](#) is represented by a **P8I aircraft**, along with **P8A of the US Navy, P1 from the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, CP 140 from the Royal Canadian Air Force, and P3C from the RoKN.**

Conclusion

The participation of the Indian Navy in Exercise Sea Dragon 23 reflects its commitment to enhancing its naval capabilities and strengthening cooperation with like-minded nations in the Indo-Pacific region.

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