

Passage Exercise (PASSEX) 2025

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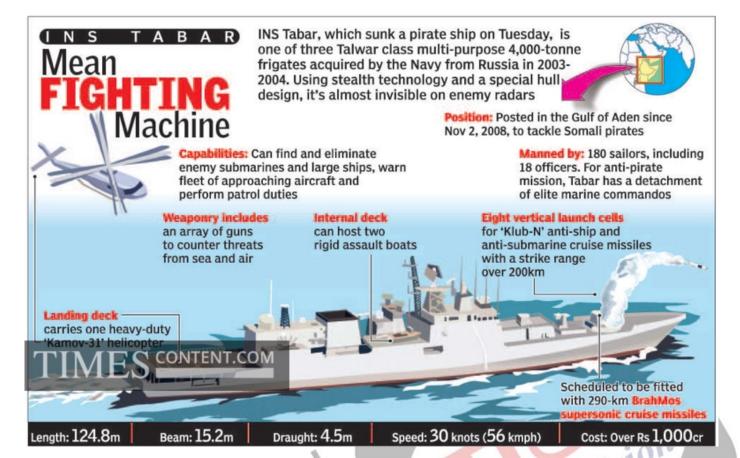
The Indian Navy and the UK Royal Navy conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the North Arabian Sea.

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- About: PASSEX refers to joint naval exercises carried out between allied navies when their deployments intersect. It strengthens interoperability, communication, and strategic collaboration at sea.
 - It also aims to enhance tactical manoeuvres, maritime domain awareness, and reaffirming commitment to Indo-Pacific maritime security.
- Key features: Helicopter control drills, fleet manoeuvres, joint ASW operations, officer exchanges, real-time data sharing, and communication protocol testing for seamless coordination.
 - India's fleet includes the stealth frigate INS Tabar, a conventional submarine, and the P-8I long-range maritime aircraft.
- Broader Vision: It aligns with the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and the India-UK 2030 Roadmap, while also supporting India's SAGAR vision (Security and Growth for All in the Region) and strategic presence in the Indo-Pacific.

INS Tabar

- It is the <u>third Talwar-class</u> stealth frigate <u>commissioned in April 2004</u> in Russia, and the <u>first</u> to <u>carry BrahMos missiles</u>.
- Serving with the Western Fleet in Mumbai, it is equipped for air, surface, and sub-surface missions, and operates independently or within a naval task force, featuring advanced weapons like Barak-1 and modern sensors.



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- The **P-8I** is a **long-range maritime patrol** and **anti-submarine aircraft**, developed by US Boeing for India.
- With a range of over 1,200 nautical miles and a speed of 907 kmph, it detects and neutralizes threats far from Indian shores, enhancing maritime security.

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