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Exercise IBSAMAR

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Why is in news? INS TARKASH PARTICIPATES IN IBSAMAR VII

Naval cooperation between Brazil, India and South Africa epitomises the **strong long term strategic relationship** between the three democracies and vibrant economies.

The 7th edition of IBSAMAR, a **joint multinational maritime exercise**, among the **Indian, Brazilian and South Africa navies** was held at **Port Gqeberha (also known as Port Elizabeth), South Africa** from 10 to 12 Oct 22.

The Indian Navy was represented in it by the **Teg class guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, a Chetak helicopter and Marine Commando Force (MARCOS) special forces.**

The objectives of the exercise included strengthening maritime relations, promoting joint operational military training, combating maritime crimes, securing Sea Lines of Communication and enhancing interoperability to pursue common evolutions at sea.

The opening ceremony of IBSAMAR VII was conducted on 11 Oct 22. The exercise progressed over **three days** that included **both harbour and sea phases.**

The harbour phase of IBSAMAR VII includes professional exchanges including DC & FF drills, VBSS/cross boarding lectures, joint diving operations, interaction among special forces and cross-deck visits were conducted.

The sea phase of was held on 12 Oct 22 covering a **broad spectrum of maritime operations.** The debrief and closing ceremony were conducted onboard INS Tarkash off Port Gqeberha.

Initiated in 2008, Ex IBSAMAR is the most visible manifestation of this convergence of democratic values, economic interests and maritime cooperation.

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