

## **Exercise IMT TRILAT**

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Why is in news? INDIAN NAVY PARTICIPATES IN MAIDEN TRILATERAL EXERCISE WITH MOZAMBIQUE AND TANZANIA

The **first edition** of India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT), a **joint maritime exercise** among the Indian, Mozambique and Tanzanian navies commenced **at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania** on 27 Oct 22.

Indian Navy is represented by the guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, a Chetak helicopter and MARCOS (Special Forces).

The exercise has **three broad objectives**: capability development to address common threats through training and sharing of best practices, enhancing interoperability, and strengthening maritime cooperation.

The exercise is scheduled over a three-day period from 27 to 29 Oct 22 and includes **harbour and sea phases**.

As part of the **harbour phase**, capability building activities such as Visit, Board, Search and Seizure; small arms training; joint diving operations; damage control and fire fighting exercises; and cross deck visits are scheduled.

The sea phase include boat operations, fleet manoeuvres, Visit, Board, Search and Seizure operations, helicopter operations, small arms firing, formation anchoring and EEZ patrols.

These exercises reflect India's and the Indian Navy's commitment to **enhancing maritime security and cooperation with maritime neighbours** in the Indian Ocean Region and promoting SAGAR, Safety and Growth for All in the Region.