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Exercise Kakadu

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Why is in news? INS Satpura reaches Darwin in Australia to take part in multinational Exercise Kakadu

INS Satpura and P-8I maritime patrol aircraft of the Indian Navy have reached Darwin in Australia to take part in multinational **Exercise Kakadu-2022, hosted by the Royal Australian Navy.**

The two-week-long exercise from 12-25 september, 2022, **both in harbour and sea, involves ships and maritime aircraft from 14 navies.**

Exercise KAKADU is a joint-enabled, **biennial exercise** hosted by the **Royal Australian Navy** and supported by the Royal Australian Air Force.

KAKADU is **Australia's largest maritime exercise** and aims to foster and strengthen effective security and humanitarian partnerships across the Indo-Pacific region through a series of training and engagement activities.

Exercise Kakadu has grown in size and complexity since its **inception in 1993**. This year 2022 is set to be the biggest yet with as many as 19 vessels, 34 aircraft and more than 3000 personnel from 25 countries expected.

The exercise provides an opportunity **for regional partners to undertake multinational maritime activities** ranging from constabulary operations to **high-end maritime warfare** in a combined environment.

Others: **Exercise Pitch Black 22** was hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force at its Darwin Air Base. Spanning over a duration of three weeks, the exercise saw the participation of 17 Air Forces and over 2500 military personnel. The IAF contingent included four Su-30 MKI & two C-17 aircraft.

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