

EXERCISE LA PEROUSE

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Why is in news? 3rd edition of the multilateral exercise La Perouse

The third edition of the **multilateral exercise** La Perouse is scheduled to be **conducted in the Indian Ocean Region** from 13 to 14 March 2023.

This edition will witness participation of personnel, ships and integral helicoptersAustralia, France, Japan, India, and United States.

The **biennial exercise** La Perouse is **conducted by the French Navy**, and is aimed at enhancing maritime domain awareness and optimising maritime coordination amongst the participating navies in the Indo-Pacific Region.

The two day exercise provides an opportunity for like-minded navies to develop closer links in planning, coordination and information sharing for seamless maritime operations.

The exercise will witness complex and advanced naval operations including surface warfare, anti-air warfare, air defence exercises, cross deck landings and tactical manoeuvres.

Indigenously built **guided missile frigate INS Sahyadri** and **fleet tanker INS Jyoti** will be participating in this edition of the exercise.

Participation of Indian Navy in the exercise showcases the high levels of synergy, coordination and interoperability between the friendly navies, and their commitment to a rules-based international order in the Indo-Pacific region.

The first edition of La Pérouse joint exercise in 2019, included ships from Australia, Japan and the US.

The exercise is named after the eighteenth century French Naval explorer.

India's participation in 2021 completed the QUAD force representation in the French led Naval Exercise.