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# Exercise MALABAR

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**Why is in news?** Exercise MALABAR, concluded on the East Coast of Australia off Sydney

The 27th edition of Exercise MALABAR, concluded on the East Coast of Australia off Sydney on 21 Aug 23.

The exercise saw participation of Ships, Submarines and aircraft from the Indian Navy (IN), Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) and the US Navy (USN).

Exercise MALABAR 23 was conducted in two phases, which included a harbour phase from 11-15 August 2023 and a sea phase from 16-21 August 2023.

The Indian Navy was represented by indigenously built Destroyer INS Kolkata, Frigate INS Sahyadri and P8I Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

Other participating units included RAN ships HMAS Choules and HMAS Brisbane, USS Raphael Peralta, JS Shiranui, along with submarines, fighter aircraft, maritime patrol aircraft and shipborne helicopters.

While the ships sailed out for the **sea phase** from Sydney harbour, the Air assets operated from RAAF Amberley Brisbane, where the P-8I Dets involving IN, RAAF and US P-8 crew were stationed.

The sea phase of Ex Malabar witnessed **complex and high intensity exercises in air, surface and undersea domains**, weapon firings and cross deck helicopter operations.

The joint exercises at sea honed the war-fighting skills and **enhanced interoperability** between the four navies to undertake advanced maritime operations.

The exercise **not only reaffirmed the ability of the four navies to operate together** as an integrated force but also highlighted their **shared commitment to maritime security and regional stability** through collaborative training and mutual understanding.

At the culmination of five days of multifarious exercises, Exercise MALABAR vividly showcased the strong cooperation, shared values and the collective ability of the four participating nations **to ensure a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific promoting peace and security for all**.

## **Background:**

The exercise started **in 1992** along the Malabar Coast as a **bilateral exercise** between India and the United States.

It was expanded **in 2007** with the participation of Japan, Singapore and Australia. Japan became a permanent partner in 2015.

## **Aim:**

The aim of the exercise includes increasing interoperability between the naval forces.

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The exercise is also designed to deepen the partnership for the Indo-Pacific, for shared aspiration, for a free, open and resilient Indo-Pacific.