

Exercise Sea Dragon

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Why is in news? Navy deploys P-8I for drills with U.S. Navy in Guam

A P8I aircraft of the Indian Navy arrived at Guam, USA on 14 Mar 23 to participate in 'Exercise Sea Dragon 23', the third edition of the coordinated **multi-lateral anti-submarine warfare** (**ASW**) **exercise** for Long Range MR ASW aircraft, **conducted by the US Navy**.

The exercise scheduled from 15-30 Mar 23, would stress on coordinated anti-submarine warfare amongst the participating countries. The complexity and scope of these exercises has increased steadily over the past years to include advanced ASW drills.

The participating countries includes, India, USA, Japan, Canada and South Korea.

The annual exercise **launched in 2014**. This is the third edition of the coordinated multi-lateral ASW exercise for Long Range MR ASW aircraft.

The Exercise aims to achieve high levels of synergy and coordination between the friendly navies, which is based on their shared values and commitment to an open, inclusive Indo-Pacific.

The Exercise would witness representation by an Indian Navy P8I aircraft along with other countries' aircrafts.

This exercise will test the capabilities of participating aircraft in tracking simulated and live underwater targets, whilst also sharing mutual expertise.

P8I:

The P8I aircraft is a **long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft** equipped with advanced sensors, radars, and anti-submarine warfare capabilities.

The aircraft is designed to detect, track, and engage enemy submarines and other maritime threats