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Indian Navy Participates in US-led 'Sea Dragon' Exercise

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The Indian Navy has joined the US-led multinational Exercise Sea Dragon 2026, a high-end anti-submarine warfare (ASW) drill conducted in the Indo-Pacific region (Guam).

The exercise is a two-week multinational naval drill focusing on submarine detection and tracking.

India is represented by its P-8I long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft.

Participating countries include:

United States (host)

India

Japan

Australia

South Korea

Conducted at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam in the Indo-Pacific region.

The exercise involves advanced ASW training, including tracking simulated and real submarines.

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It includes over 200 hours of in-flight operational training.

About Exercise Sea Dragon

It is an annual multinational Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise.

Hosted by the US Navy's 7th Fleet.

Started as a bilateral exercise (US–Australia) and later expanded to include Indo-Pacific partners.

Focuses on:

Detection and tracking of submarines

Maritime surveillance

Tactical coordination among partner navies

About P-8I Aircraft:

Long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft used by the Indian Navy

Based on Boeing P-8 Poseidon platform

Key roles:

Anti-submarine warfare (ASW)

Anti-surface warfare

Surveillance and reconnaissance

Related Naval Exercises:

MALABAR Exercise ? India, US, Japan, Australia (Quad)

MILAN Exercise ? Multilateral naval exercise hosted by India

RIMPAC Exercise ? World's largest naval exercise (US-led)

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