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# INS Sahyadri and Malabar Exercise

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Navy deploys INS Sahyadri for Malabar Exercise

## About INS Sahyadri:

**Type & Class:** INS Sahyadri (F49) is a Shivalik-class stealth multi-role frigate of the Indian Navy, built indigenously by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai.

**Commissioning:** It was commissioned in 2012 and is part of the Eastern Naval Command headquartered at Visakhapatnam.

**Features:** Equipped with stealth technology, advanced surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missiles, torpedoes, and anti-submarine warfare systems.

## About Malabar Exercise:

**Nature & Participants:** Malabar is a multilateral naval exercise initially between India and the USA (1992), later including Japan (2015) and Australia (2020), forming the Quad framework.

**Objective:** To enhance maritime security, interoperability, tactical coordination, and joint naval capabilities in the Indo-Pacific region.

**Scope & Activities:** Includes anti-submarine warfare, air defence, maritime interdiction, and search & rescue operations, conducted both at sea and shore.

**Significance:** Demonstrates strategic partnership, promotes freedom of navigation, and counters regional maritime threats, particularly in the Indo-Pacific.

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