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South Korea and Japan Conduct Joint Maritime Search Exercise After 9 Years

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South Korea and Japan held a joint maritime search and rescue exercise after a gap of nine years.?

The exercise took place in waters near JejIsland, South Korea.

Participating agencies included: Korea Coast Guard & Japan Coast Guard

The drill focused on:

Maritime search and rescue operations

Emergency response coordination

Communication and information sharing

Disaster management at sea

The exercise was aimed at improving operational cooperation between the two countries.

It comes amid efforts to strengthen bilateral relations and regional security cooperation.

South Korea–Japan Relations

Both countries are major democratic nations in East Asia.

Relations have historically been affected by issues related to:

Japan's colonial rule over Korea (1910–1945)

Territorial disputes

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Historical wartime issues

In recent years, both countries have sought closer cooperation in:

Security

Trade

Technology

Maritime safety

Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR)

Refers to coordinated efforts to locate and assist people in distress at sea.

Conducted under international maritime safety frameworks.

Helps improve disaster response and humanitarian assistance.

Indo-Pacific Region

Strategic region extending from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.

Important for:

Global trade routes

Maritime security

Economic cooperation

Geopolitical stability

South Korea:

Capital: Seoul

Currency: South Korean Won (KRW)

President: Lee Jae-myung

Japan:

Capital: Tokyo

Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)

Prime Minister: Shigeru Ishiba

International Maritime Organization (IMO):

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Specialized agency of the United Nations.

Established: 1948

Headquarters: London, United Kingdom.

Responsible for maritime safety, security, and environmental standards.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

Adopted: 1982

Entered into force: 1994

Defines rights and responsibilities of nations regarding the world's oceans.

Exam Focus Points (Quick Revision Notes):

Countries in News ? South Korea and Japan

Event ? Joint Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise

Gap Since Last Exercise ? 9 Years

Location ? Near Jeju Island, South Korea

Participating Agencies ? Korea Coast Guard & Japan Coast Guard

South Korea Capital ? Seoul

Japan Capital ? Tokyo

International Maritime Organization Headquarters ? London

UNCLOS Adopted ? 1982