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Exercise Pitch Black

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Why is in news? IAF concludes Exercise Pitch Black 2022

- The Indian Air Force contingent participating in Exercise Pitch Black 22 in Australia has returned after successful participation in the multinational exercise.
- Exercise Pitch Black 22 was **hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force** at its Darwin Air Base.
- It's a **biennial exercise** to enhance interoperability and strengthen relationships among participants.
- It will provide **Indian Air Force** a **unique opportunity to exchange knowledge and experience** with these nations in a dynamic warfare environment.
- In the **1981, this first started in Australia's Northern Territories** between different RAAF units. Australia has been inviting international partners since then to practice new doctrines, combat and most importantly interoperability.
- In **2018, India participated in the exercise for the first time**. Around 131 aircraft were involved and more than 4,000 personnel participated in the exercise.
- Other exercises: **Ex AUSTRALIA HIND** (Army), **Ex AUSINDEX** (Navy), **Malabar Exercise** (With the Navies of USA, India, Australia and Japan).

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