

## **Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue**

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Why is in news? INDO-PACIFIC REGIONAL DIALOGUE 2022 (IPRD): 23 TO 25 Nov 22

The IPRD is an **apex level international annual conference of Indian Navy**, and is principal manifestation of Navy's engagement at the strategic-level.

The National Maritime Foundation (NMF) is Navy's knowledge partner and chief organizer of each edition of the event.

The IPRD seeks to foster exchange of ideas and promote deliberations on regionally relevant maritime issues.

Being a Track 1.5 event that aims to **encourage discussions on public policy**, the IPRD endeavors for a balanced representation from government and non-government agencies and institutions.

The **first two editions** of IPRD were held in **2018 and 2019 respectively** at New Delhi. **IPRD 2020** was **cancelled** due to Covid-19 outbreak.

The **third edition** of IPRD was held in 2021 in **online** mode. The aim of each successive edition of the IPRD is to review both opportunities and challenges that arise within the Indo-Pacific.

Through this annual dialogue, the Indian Navy and the NMF, continue to provide a platform for incisive discussions pertaining to the geopolitical developments affecting the maritime domain of the Indo-Pacific.

The fourth edition of IPRD is scheduled to be held from 23 to 25 Nov 22.

The theme of IPRD-2022 is 'Operationalising the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)'.

The IPOI Is a comprehensive and inclusive construct for regional cooperation that is focused on **seven interconnected spokes or pillars**: Maritime Security, Maritime Ecology, Maritime Resources, Disaster Riskreduction and Management, Trade-Connectivity and Maritime Transport, Capacity-building and Resource sharing, and Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation.

**Indian Navy** being the **lead maritime security agency** of the Government, is deeply invested in the actualization of each of the seven spokes or pillars of the IPOI.

The 2022 edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD-2022) is appropriately **centered upon the IPOI and its operationalization**, with particular but not exclusive focus upon the pillars of 'Maritime Security'