

Eastern Bridge-VI exercise

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In news— Eastern Bridge-VI a **bilateral joint exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO)** was held in Jodhpur from 21 to 25 of February 2022.

About Eastern Bridge Exercise-

- **It was the 6th edition** of the exercise aimed at providing an opportunity to enhance operational capability and interoperability between the two Air Forces.
- **5th edition of the exercise was held in October 2019 at the Air Force Base Masirah, Oman.**
- It was the first time that MIG-29 fighter aircraft participated in an International exercise outside India.
- Oman is considered one of the strongest defence partners of India in the Gulf region, and all three services have bilateral exchanges and exercises with Oman's services.
- **Oman also provides operational support to the Indian Navy in the Arabian Sea, and India has access to the Duqm port,** which has strengthened India's capability and maritime strategy in the Indian Ocean Region.
- This port is situated on the southeastern seaboard of Oman, overlooking the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean.
- **Al Nagah is a joint military exercise held between India and Oman.**