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In news: For the first time, Indian Navy Ships and Aircraft will participate in exercise La Perouse

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- The multilateral maritime exercise La Pérouse, being conducted in the Eastern Indian Ocean Region from 05 to 07 Apr 2021
- Participation of India now completes the QUAD force representation in the French led naval exercise.
- Previously in 2019, La Perouse exercise saw the participation of the US, Japanese and Australia to showcase their common goal of maritime security in the Indian Ocean and Asia-Pacific region.

India's participation

Indian Navy Ships INS Satpura (with an integral helicopter embarked) and INS Kiltan alongwith P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft are participating in it

The Indian Navy ships and aircraft will exercise at sea with ships and aircraft of French Navy (FN), Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) and United States Navy (USN) during the three day exercise at sea.

Other participants

- **United States Navy** is represented in the exercise by amphibious transport dock ship Somerset
- The exercise La Pérouse, led by **French Navy**, has participation by FN Ships Tonnerre, an amphibious assault ship and frigate Surcouf.
- Her Majesty's **Australian** Ships (HMAS) Anzac, a frigate and tanker Sirius have been deployed by RAN for participation in the exercise

- **Japan** Maritime Self Defence Ship (JMSDF) is represented by the destroyer Akebono.
- In addition to the ships, integral helicopters embarked onboard ships will also participate in the exercise.

Significance of the exercise

- This exercise will witness complex and advanced naval operations including surface warfare, anti-air warfare and air defence exercises, weapon firing exercises, cross deck flying operations, tactical manoeuvres and seamanship evolutions such as replenishment at sea.
- The exercise will showcase high levels of synergy, coordination and inter-operability between the friendly navies.
- Participation by the Indian Navy in the exercise demonstrates the shared values with friendly navies ensuring freedom of seas and commitment to an open, inclusive Indo-Pacific and a rules-based international order