

Exercise Talisman Sabre

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In news- Australia is keen that India join its biggest war games 'Exercise Talisman Sabre' in 2023.

About Exercise Talisman Sabre

- It is a biennial, **multinational military exercise led by Australia and the United States.**
- The exercise is historically held in odd-numbered years **starting from 2005.**
- Talisman Sabre involves **joint exercises performed by the Australian Defence Force and the United States Military.**
- **It is conducted across six locations in northern and central Australia,** the Coral Sea, and in Honolulu, Denver, and Suffolk, though the bulk of the exercises are concentrated at the Shoalwater Bay Military Training Area and other locations in northern and central Australia and Australia's territorial sea and exclusive economic zone.
- The leadership of the exercise switches between Australia and the US every 2 years.
- **The exercise focuses on** crisis-action planning and contingency response, enhancing both nations' military capabilities to deal with regional contingencies and the War on Terrorism.
- **Its recent edition(2021)** , which just concluded, was the largest bilateral combined training activity between the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the U.S. military and saw the participation of approximately 17,000 military personnel from seven nations on land, air and sea.
- The other countries include Canada, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea and U.K.

Australia's inclusion in Malabar naval exercise

- The Quad group of countries comprising India, Australia,

Japan and the U.S. are set to hold the annual Malabar naval exercise 2021 off the coast of Guam at the end August.

- Australia was included in the Malabar 2020.