

India-Indonesia CORPAT

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In news

The 35th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy is being conducted from 17 to 18 December 2020.

Key highlights

Indian Naval Ship (INS) Kulish, an indigenously built missile corvette along with P8I Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) will undertake coordinated patrol with Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Cut Nyak Dien, a Kapitan Pattimura (Parchim I) class corvette and a MPA of the Indonesian Navy

About CORPAT

- To reinforce maritime links, the two navies have been carrying out CORPAT along their International Maritime Boundary Line since 2002, with the aim of ensuring safety and security of shipping and international trade in the region.
- CORPATs build up understanding and interoperability between navies and facilitate institution of measures to prevent and suppress Illegal Unreported Unregulated (IUU) fishing, drug trafficking, maritime terrorism, armed robbery and piracy.

Significance

The 35th IND – INDO CORPAT will contribute towards the Indian Navy's efforts to consolidate interoperability and forge strong bonds of friendship across the Indo Pacific.

About P8I Maritime Patrol Aircraft

- It is a long-range, multimission maritime patrol

aircraft manufactured by Boeing, for the Indian Navy.

- It is a variant of the P-8A Poseidon operated by the US Navy.
- P-8I is intended to replace the ageing fleet of Tupolev Tu-142 aircraft that are in service with the Indian Navy.
- This aircraft was designed to protect the vast coastline and territorial waters of India.
- P8I can conduct anti-submarine warfare (ASW), anti-surface warfare (AsuW), intelligence, maritime patrol, and surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

About INS Kulish

- INS Kulish is a Kora-class corvette, currently in active service with the Indian Navy. She was ordered in October 1994 and was laid in October 1995.
- It was launched in August 1997 and was commissioned on 20 August 2001.
- Kulish is the third of the four Kora-class corvettes designed under Project 25A.
- It is armed with the P-15 Termit anti-ship missiles and Strela-2 anti-air missiles.