

India-Thailand coordinated patrol

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In news- The Indian and Thai navies conducted a three-day coordinated patrol in the Andaman Sea.

About the exercise-

- This is the **31st edition** of the India-Thailand coordinated patrol (**CORPAT**).
- The **1st edition** took place in **2005**.
- It is conducted in the backdrop of growing concern over China's increasing maritime presence in the Indian Ocean region.
- The Indian Navy's offshore patrol vessel **INS Saryu** and **Thai ship Krabi** along with **Dornier maritime patrol aircraft** from both navies participated.
- The two navies have been bi-annually undertaking CORPAT along their **international maritime boundary line (IMBL)** since 2005 with an aim to keep the vital part of the Indian Ocean safe and secure for global trade.
- The CORPAT builds up **understanding and interoperability between navies** and facilitates institution of measures to prevent and suppress unlawful activities like illegal unreported unregulated [IUU] fishing, drug trafficking, maritime terrorism, armed robbery and piracy.
- It helps enhance the **operational synergy by exchange of information** for prevention of smuggling, illegal immigration and for conduct of search and rescue operations at sea.
- The exercise is in sync with the **government's vision of SAGAR (Security And Growth for All in the Region)**.