

Indo-Pacific Dialogue 2022

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In news– The fourth edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) was started recently.

What is Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD)?

- **IPRD is an apex level international annual conference of the Indian Navy.**
- The **National Maritime Foundation** is Navy's knowledge partner and **chief organizer** of each edition of the event.
- The **theme of IPRD-2022 is the 'Operationalising the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative'.**
- The theme was articulated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in Bangkok, at the 14th East Asia Summit (EAS) on 04 November 2019.
- The IPOI Is a comprehensive and inclusive construct for regional cooperation that is **focused on seven interconnected spokes or pillars:** Maritime Security, Maritime Ecology, Maritime Resources, Disaster Risk-reduction and Management, Trade-Connectivity and Maritime Transport, Capacity-building and Resource sharing, and Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation.
- The IPRD seeks to foster exchange of ideas and promote deliberations on regionally relevant maritime issues.
- Being a Track 1.5 event that aims to encourage discussions on public policy, the IPRD endeavors for a balanced representation from government and non-government agencies and institutions.
- The first two editions of IPRD were held in 2018 and 2019 respectively at New Delhi.
- The aim of each successive edition of the IPRD is to review both opportunities and challenges that arise

within the Indo-Pacific.

About National Maritime Foundation(NMF)-

- The genesis of the NMF, New Delhi, lies in a long-felt need to redress India's historical neglect of its maritime domain.
- The NMF was accordingly **established, in 2005, as the nation's first maritime think-tank for the conduct of independent and policy-relevant research on all 'matters maritime'**.
- It was, from its very inception, designed to create and heighten maritime awareness amongst India's policy-makers, intellectual echelons, and civil society at large.
- While the NMF is an **independent and autonomous think-tank, its intellectual and organisational development is supported by the Ministry of Defence and the Indian Navy.**