

INDRA naval exercise

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In news- The navies of **India and Russia** concluded the 12th edition of the biennial Exercise Indra Navy in **Baltic Sea**.

Key updates-

- The primary aim of 2021 edition was to further consolidate interoperability built up by the two Navies over the years and to enhance understanding and procedures for multi-faceted maritime operations.
- The maritime exercise included various facets of fleet operations such as anti-air firings, underway replenishment drills, helicopter ops, boarding drills and seamanship evolutions.
- India Navy was represented by **stealth frigate INS Tabar**, while the Russian Navy was represented by two corvettes RFS Zelyony Dol and RFS Odintsovo of the Baltic Fleet.
- This exercise was undertaken as part of the visit of INS Tabar to St Petersburg, Russia to participate in the 325th Navy Day celebrations of the Russian Navy.

About INDRA exercise-

- INDRA NAVY is a joint, **biennial** military exercise conducted by India and Russia **starting in 2003**.
- The exercise is tasked with boosting cooperation and interoperability between the Russian and Indian navies.
- The word INDRA is a portmanteau of the participants' respective countries.

The exercise **involves live firing drills, as well as air defence and anti submarine operations**.