

MILAN Naval Exercise 2020

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MILAN 2020 scheduled to be conducted at **Visakhapatnam in Mar 2020**. 41 nations from South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe that share defence cooperation with India have been invited for the drill.

About the Exercise

- MILAN series of **biennial a multilateral naval exercise** which **commenced in 1995**, was conducted at Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) until last year, is being conducted for the first time on the mainland at ENC with increased scope and complexity of the Exercise.
- MILAN 2020 is **aimed to enhance professional interaction between friendly foreign navies and learn from each other's strengths** and best practices in the maritime domain.
- The event would also provide an **excellent opportunity for Operational Commanders of friendly foreign navies** to interact with each other in areas of mutual interest.
- **The 10th edition of Milan** concluded with **Milan Exercise Sea (MILES)**, conducted from 11 to 13 March 2018, which saw the participation of 20 ships making it the largest multilateral exercise to be conducted **in the Andaman Sea**.