

Multilateral exercise Milan, 2022

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In news- Indian Navy will host Exercise Milan, the largest multilateral exercise in this region from February 25 to March 4 for which 46 countries have been invited.

About Multilateral exercise Milan-

- **It is a biennial multilateral naval exercise hosted by the Indian Navy.**
- The event features professional exercises and seminars, social events and sporting fixtures between participating nations.
- It was **first held in 1995.**
- Apart from the Indian Navy, the navies of Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand participated in the inaugural edition.
- **All editions of Milan had been** hosted under the aegis of the Andaman and Nicobar Command and were **held in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands** (mainly in Port Blair).
- **In 2020, the Navy decided to hold the next edition of Milan in Visakhapatnam,** Andhra Pradesh under the Eastern Naval Command.
- The 2020 edition of the exercise, was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic,
- Milan 2022 will see the participation of all Quad countries, with the **U.S. being invited for the first time.**
- It will involve the “simulation of complex operational scenarios, tactical maneuvers and multi-national groupings with seamanship drills”.
- During the exercise, the Navy will also be showcasing its Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel (DSRV) capabilities

meant to rescue submarines in distress.

- The invitees include all Indian Ocean littoral states and countries from South-east Asia among others.