

PANEX-21 exercise

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In news- Recently, a curtain raiser event for the HADR exercise titled, PANEX-21, was held at Kothari Auditorium DRDO Bhawan in New Delhi.

About PANEX-21-

- **Organized by the Indian Army, PANEX-21 is a multi-nation disaster management exercise** with a special focus on relief in the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- **It will involve Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand and India–BIMSTEC countries.**
- The **aim** of the exercise is **to foster joint planning and build regional cooperation** for responding to natural disasters.
- PANEX 21 is planned to be **conducted at Pune from December 20-22.**
- The exercise will be **based on three scenarios built on the theme of disaster management in the backdrop of a pandemic.**
- The participants will be divided into eight syndicates, with one syndicate each from the participating countries and two syndicates from India.
- **A Multi-Agency Exercise (MAE) comprising a static display showcasing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HDR) equipment** employed by the Indian Armed Forces and various civil agencies will also take place.
- The static display will also showcase the capability of the Indian private defense industry and is planned to be inaugurated by Service Chiefs of BIMSTEC countries.

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