

SIMBEX 20

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In news

Indian Navy is scheduled to host the 27th edition of India – Singapore Bilateral Maritime Exercise SIMBEX-20 from 23 to 25 November 2020 in Andaman Sea.

Key highlights of the SIMBEX Exercise

- It is a series of exercises between Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), being conducted annually since 1994, are aimed at enhancing mutual inter-operability and imbibing best practices from each other.
- This year's edition of SIMBEX will witness participation by Indian Navy ships including destroyer Rana with integral Chetak helicopter and indigenously built corvettes Kamorta and Karmuk.
- In addition, IN submarine Sindhuraj and P8I maritime reconnaissance aircraft will also participate in the exercise.
- Singapore's RSN will be represented by the 'Formidable' Class frigates 'Intrepid' and 'Steadfast' with integral S70B helicopter and 'Endurance' Class Landing Ship Tank 'Endeavour' in the exercise.

Significance of the exercise

SIMBEX series of exercises exemplify the high level of coordination and convergence of views between India and Singapore, particularly in the maritime domain, towards enhancing the overall maritime security in the region and highlight their commitment to a rules-based international order.