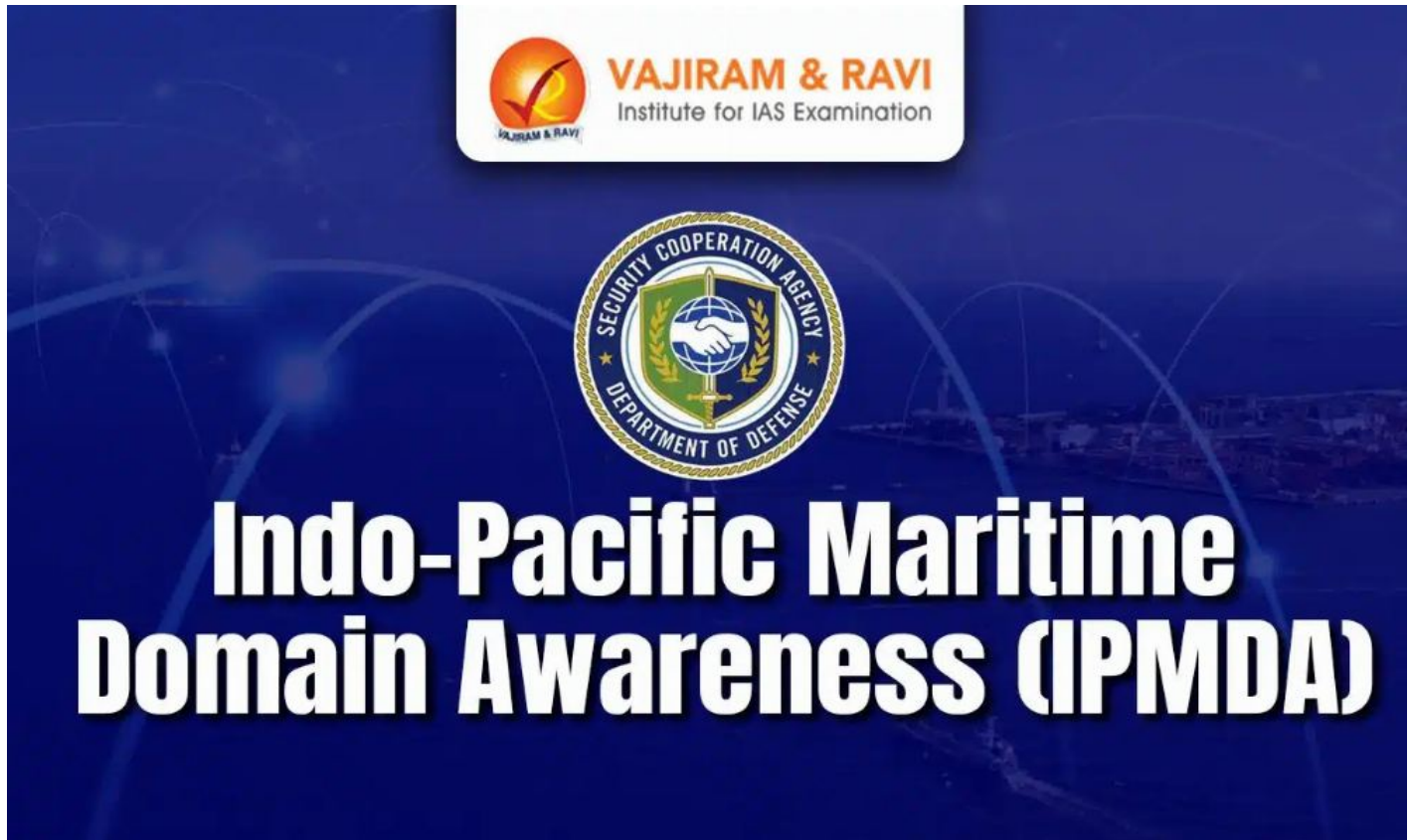


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Recently, the U.S. Defence Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) delivered the certification to the U.S. Congress, confirming the possible Foreign Military Sale (FMS) to India.

About Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA)

- The **Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA)** is a **Quad-led initiative** launched during the **Quad Leaders' Summit in Tokyo in May 2022**.
- The initiative was introduced to **track "dark shipping"**, vessels that switch off tracking systems to evade detection, and to build a **faster, broader, and more accurate maritime surveillance network** across the Indo-Pacific region.
- **Three strategic sub-regions** of the Indo-Pacific are targeted under this initiative: the **Pacific Islands**, **Southeast Asia**, and the **Indian Ocean Region (IOR)**.

Purpose and Functions of IPMDA

- The **primary objective** of IPMDA is to **enhance maritime domain awareness** and bring **greater transparency** to **critical sea lanes** of the Indo-Pacific region.
- It is a **technology and training initiative** that uses **advanced tools** like **commercial satellite radio frequency (RF) data** to monitor and detect maritime activity in near real-time.
- Through this, IPMDA aims to provide **partner countries in Southeast Asia, Pacific, and IOR** with **timely and actionable maritime intelligence** to protect their exclusive economic zones (EEZs).

Details of the U.S. Approval to India

- The **United States has approved a potential sale of maritime surveillance technology worth \$131 million to India**. The deal includes:
 - **SeaVision software** and its enhancements,
 - A **Technical Assistance Field Team (TAFT)** for training,
 - **Remote software and analytics support**, and
 - **Program documentation and logistics** assistance.
- **SeaVision** is a key maritime situational awareness tool widely used for vessel tracking and coastal surveillance.

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