

Exercise HOPEX

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About Exercise HOPEX:

- It is the **fourth joint exercise** of IAF (Indian Air Force) and EAF (Egyptian Air Force) which was held in Egypt from 21 to 26 June.
- The aim of this exercise is to **promote bilateral and regional cooperation**, which is a symbol of the long-standing relations between the two countries.
- The Indian Air Force's (IAF) Rafale fighter jets are currently in Egypt for Ex- HOPEX. The **C-17 Globemaster and IL-78 tankers** are also participating in the weeklong exercise.

India and Egypt relationship

- Diplomatic relations between India and Egypt began on 18 August 1947 at the ambassadorial level.
- Both countries have cooperated closely on multilateral forums as **founding members** of the **Non-Aligned Movement**.
- In the year 2022, India and Egypt celebrated the **75th anniversary of diplomatic relations**, which reflects the depth of the relationship.

Q1: What is Non-Aligned Movement?

The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is an alliance of developing nations that refuses to identify with any major superpower. It was established in 1961 at the height of the Cold War. Whereas it started with the Bandung Conference held in Indonesia in 1955.

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