

Exercise Sea Vigil

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About Exercise Sea Vigil:

- The **National Level Coastal Defence Exercise** was conceptualised in 2018 to validate various measures that have been instituted towards enhancing maritime security since '26/11'.
- The concept of 'Sea Vigil' is to activate the Coastal Security apparatus across India and assess the overarching Coastal Defence mechanism.
- This fourth edition of Ex Sea Vigil involves 06 Ministries and 21 Organisations/ agencies.
- The exercise will focus on **strengthening the security of coastal assets like ports**, oil rigs, Single Point Moorings, Cable Landing Points and critical coastal infrastructure including the coastal population.
- This year participation by **other Services (Indian Army and Air Force)** and planned deployment of a large number of ships and aircraft have enhanced the tempo of the exercise.

- This comprehensive exercise **will engage complete coastal security infrastructure** and all maritime stakeholders, including the fishing community and coastal populace, simultaneously.
 - One of the **aims of the exercise is to raise awareness amongst coastal communities** about **maritime security**, and thus, involvement of fishing communities, coastal populace, and students from NCC and Bharat Scouts and Guides will add to the fervour of the endeavour.
 - Exercise Sea Vigil coordinated by the Indian Navy stands out as a national level initiative that provides a holistic appraisal of India's maritime defence and security capabilities.
 - It is serving as a **precursor to the Theatre Level Readiness Operational Exercise (TROPEX)**, conducted biennially by the Indian Navy.
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Q1: What is the National Cadet Corps?

It is a Tri-Services Organization, comprising the Army, Navy and Air Force, engaged in grooming the youth into disciplined and patriotic citizens. It came into existence under the National Cadet Corps Act XXXI of 1948 under the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

News: INDIAN NAVY TO CONDUCT FOURTH EDITION OF COASTAL DEFENCE EXERCISE 'SEA VIGIL-24'

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