

Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)

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Indo Pacific Oceans Initiative Latest News

Recently, India has welcomed Spain joining the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).

About Indo Pacific Oceans Initiative

- It was **launched by India in November 2019** at the **ASEAN-led East Asia Summit (EAS)** in Bangkok.
- **Objective:** To promote cooperation for a free and open Indo-Pacific and the rules-based regional order.
- It is a **non-treaty-based voluntary arrangement**.
- It aims to achieve **greater cohesion** and integration through common understanding and actions related to shared interests.
- It leans heavily on the EAS mechanism, which includes ASEAN member states and its eight dialogue partners.
- It has **outlined seven pillars**, and it was indicated that one or two countries could take the lead for a pillar with others joining in voluntarily.
- The **seven IPOI pillars are:**
 - **Maritime Security:** The United Kingdom (UK) and India

- **Maritime Ecology:** Australia and Thailand
- **Maritime Resources:** France and Indonesia
- **Capacity Building and Resource Sharing:** Germany
- Disaster Risk Reduction and Management: India and Bangladesh
- **Science, Technology, and Academic Cooperation:** Italy and Singapore
- **Trade, Connectivity, and Maritime Transport:** Japan and the United States (US).

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