



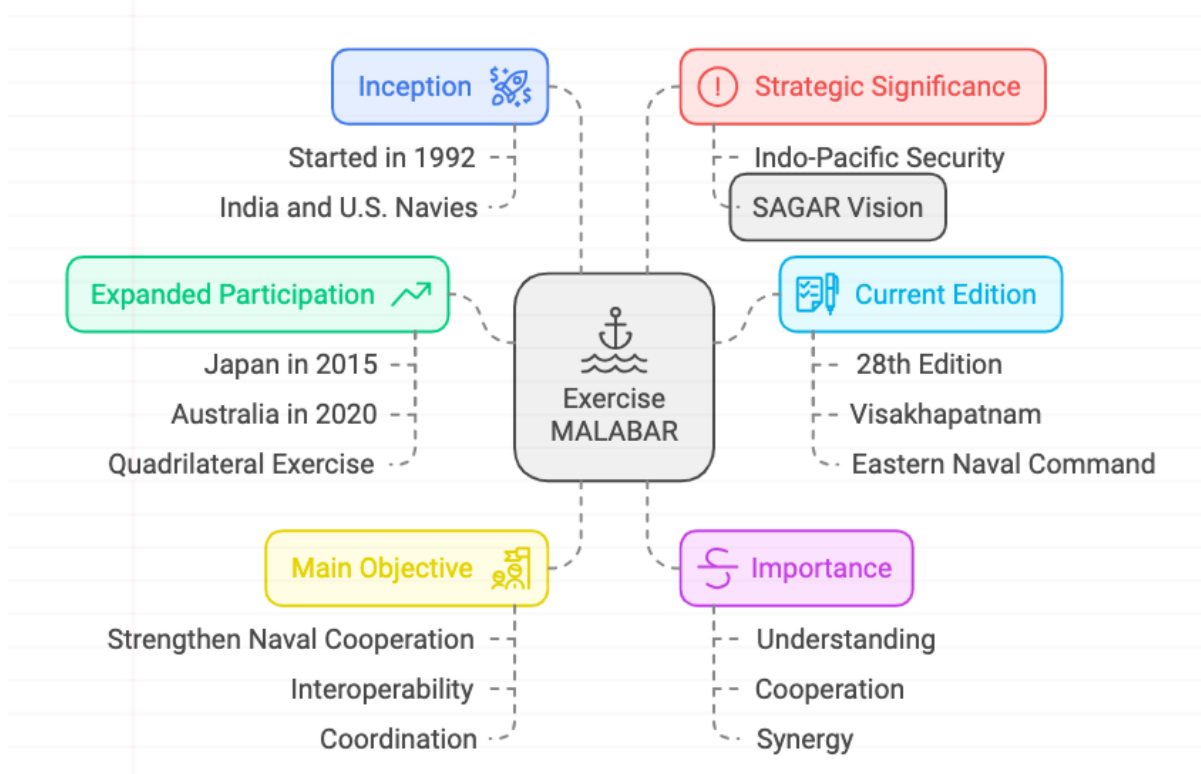
EXERCISE MALABAR - DEFENCE

NEWS: The 28th edition of the multi-national Malabar Naval exercise, hosted by the Indian Navy, commenced in the Bay of Bengal. The Royal Australian Navy hosted the 27th edition of the Malabar Naval exercise in August 2023 near Sydney.

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

About

- MALABAR was initiated in 1992 as a bilateral exercise between India and the US.
- It gained further traction as a significant maritime engagement, with Japan and Australia joining in subsequently.



- The exercise brings together like-minded nations to further enhance the ability to train and operate jointly, towards establishing the synergy critical to achieve shared objectives.
- The exercise is aligned with the Indian Government's vision of **Security & Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)** and reflects India's growing engagement with like-minded nations.



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- The exercise will feature participation of various Indian naval platforms, including guided missile destroyers, multi-purpose frigates, submarines, fixed wing MR, fighter aircraft and helicopters.
- **Australia:** HMAS Stuart, an Anzac Class Frigate with its MH-60R helicopter and P8 Maritime Patrol Aircraft
- **United States:** USS Dewey, an Arleigh Burke-Class Destroyer and P8 Maritime Patrol Aircraft.
- **Japan:** JS Ariake, a Murasame-class Destroyer

EXERCISE MALABAR 2024

- This year's MALABAR exercise will take place from October 9 to 18 and includes live weapon firings, anti-air and anti-submarine warfare drills, and various joint maneuvers to enhance naval cooperation among participating nations.
- The opening ceremony was held aboard the **Indian Naval Ship Satpura** and hosted by Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command, with senior military officials from all participating nations in attendance.
- The exercise consists of **two distinct phases, both in the harbor and at sea**, designed to strengthen interoperability and operational readiness among the navies involved.
- Naval platforms from the participating countries will include guided missile destroyers, frigates, submarines, and various maritime aircraft, highlighting the extensive maritime capabilities of each nation.
- **MALABAR 2024 aligns with India's vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)** and reinforces the importance of collaborative frameworks to address common maritime challenges among like-minded nations.

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