



MK-45 Naval Guns

Why in News

The United States of America has approved the sale of thirteen MK-45 naval guns and related equipment to India.

- The MK-45 (MOD 4) naval gun system will provide the capability to conduct **surface warfare** and **air defence missions** while enhancing **interoperability with the US and other allied forces**.
 - It can also be used to **protect and support ground forces and control inland areas**.
- It has a **range of more than 20 nautical miles or 36 km**.
- India has become one of the **few countries that the US decided to sell** the latest version (MOD 4) of its naval guns.
 - The **other countries** are **Australia, Japan, Thailand, and South Korea**.
- It can be noted that the [USA has recently signed a number of defence related pacts with India, namely:](#)
 - **General Security Of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA)**
 - It allows militaries of both the countries to share the intelligence gathered by them.
 - **Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA)**
 - It allows both countries to have access to each other's designated military facilities for refuelling and replenishment.
 - **Communications and Information Security Memorandum of Agreement (CISMOA)**
 - It aims to provide a legal framework for the transfer of highly sensitive communication security equipment from the US to India.
 - **Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA)**
 - BECA will allow India and US to share geospatial and satellite data with each other.

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