



## Exercise MILAN 2022

### Why in News?

The Indian Navy's multilateral [Exercise MILAN 2022](#) is scheduled to commence from 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 in the **'City of Destiny', Visakhapatnam.**

- 2020 edition of MILAN was postponed to 2022 due to Covid-19.

### What are the Key Points?

#### ▪ MILAN 22:

- MILAN 22 will witness its largest ever participation, with more than 40 countries sending their warships/ high level delegations.
- This edition of MILAN will be larger in **'scope and complexity' with focus on exercises at sea including exercises in surface, sub-surface and air domains** and weapon firings.
- **Theme 2022:** 'Camaraderie - Cohesion – Collaboration'.

#### ▪ MILAN:

- MILAN is a **biennial multilateral naval exercise** incepted by Indian Navy in 1995 at Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- Starting with the participation of only four countries, viz **Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand**, in the 1995 edition, the exercise has since **transitioned leaps and bounds in terms of number of participants and complexity** of exercises.
- Originally conceived in consonance with India's **'Look East Policy'**, MILAN expanded in ensuing years with India's **'Act East policy'** and **Security And Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) initiative**, to include participation from island nations in the Western **IOR (Indian Ocean Region)** as also **IOR littorals.**

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