

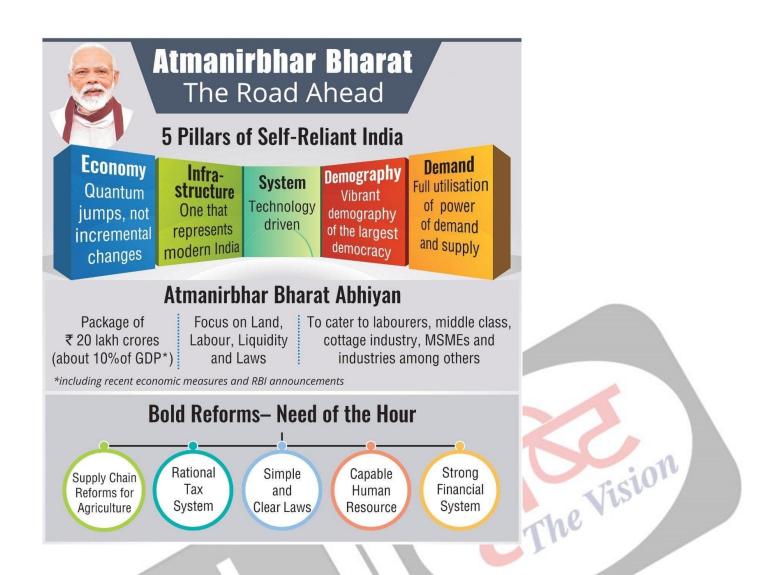
India to Host Tarang Shakti

Why in News?

According to the sources, **India will host the international air exercise** '<u>Tarang Shakti'</u> in two phases, taking place in **Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan.**

Key Points

- It will be the **largest** <u>international air exercise</u> ever conducted in India, with invitations extended to 51 countries.
- The <u>Indian Air Force</u> has received confirmation from ten countries for participation with their assets and 18 countries as observers.
 - Phase one of the exercise will be conducted at Sulur in Tamil Nadu from August 6 to August 14 and four countries including France, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom will participate with their assets.
 - Phase two will be held at Jodhpur in Rajasthan from September 1 to 14 and it will see participation from Australia, Bangladesh, Greece, Singapore, UAE and the USA with their assets.
- F-18, A-18, C-130 aircraft, F-16 aircraft, A-10, KC-130 aircraft, KC-135 aircraft of the Indian Air Force will take part in this exercise.
 - It aims to **boost military cooperation and highlight** <u>India's defence industry</u>, supporting the country's vision of <u>Atmanirbhar Bharat</u> (self-reliant India).



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