



Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2022

Why in News?

- The RIMPAC-22 exercise will be held in and close to the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California from 29th June to 4th August,
 - 27 countries are participating in the current edition of the multi-dimensional exercise.

What is RIMPAC-22?

- **About:**
 - It's one of the **largest biennial multilateral Naval Exercises**, which is led by US.
 - The RIMPAC **started in 1971 as an annual exercise** by the US, Australia, and Canada. But from 1974, maritime exercise became a biennial event.
 - It is aimed at **enhancing interoperability and building trust among Navies** of friendly foreign countries.
- **Theme for 2022:**
 - The theme of RIMPAC 2022 is '**capable, adaptive, partners.**
- **India's Participation:**
 - India **first participated in RIMPAC in 2014** when the indigenously built Shivalik class stealth frigate INS Sahyadri took part in the exercise.
 - **INS Sahyadri again represented the country in the 2018 edition** of the event.
 - In between, in 2016, INS Satpura joined the maritime exercise. Before 2014, the Indian Navy's presence in the wargames was only as an observer for the 2006, 2010 and 2012 editions.
 - In the current edition, Indian Navy's INS Satpura and one **P81 maritime patrol aircraft** are participating in the exercise.

What are the Features of P81 Maritime Patrol Aircraft?

- P-8I is a long-range, **multi-mission maritime patrol aircraft** being manufactured by Boeing for the Indian Navy.
- It was designed to protect the coastline and territorial waters of India. It can conduct anti-submarine warfare (ASW), anti-surface warfare (AsuW), intelligence, maritime patrol, and surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

What is INS SATPURA?

- INS Satpura is an **indigenously designed** and built 6000-tonne guided missile stealth frigate equipped to seek and destroy adversaries in air, surface and underwater.
- A frontline unit of Eastern Fleet based at Visakhapatnam, INS Satpura is currently on an extended operational deployment in the 75th year of India's Independence.

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