



# Russia-China Joint Naval Drills

## Why in News?

- Recently, Russia and China have begun a **joint naval exercise in the East China Sea.**

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## What are the Key Points of the Exercises?

- It involves **firing exercises and anti-submarine drills.**
- The main goal of the drills is to **strengthen naval cooperation between the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China** and to maintain peace and stability in the **Asia Pacific region.**
- This joint exercise is directed at **demonstrating the determination and capability of the two sides to jointly respond to maritime security threats** and further deepen the **China-Russia comprehensive new-era strategic partnership** of coordination.
- Russia and China have also **engaged in frequent military drills** over the past year, including in May 2022 when the two countries flew nuclear-capable bombers.
- That was followed with a sweeping **joint exercise in September 2022 that involved more than 2,000 Chinese troops**, hundreds of military vehicles, combat aircraft and warships.

## What are India's Exercises with China & Russia?

- **China:**
  - **Exercise Hand-in-Hand:**

- The aim of the exercise is to practice **joint planning and conduct of counter terrorist operations** in semi urban terrain.

- **Russia:**

- **Exercise Indra:**

- The exercise will entail the conduct **of counter terror operations** under the **United Nations** mandate by a joint force against international terror groups.
    - The INDRA series of **exercises began in 2003 and was conducted as a bilateral naval exercise alternately** between the two countries.
      - However, the first joint Tri-Services Exercise was conducted in 2017.

- **Exercise TSENTR:**

- Exercise **TSENTR 2019 is part of the annual series of large-scale exercises** that form part of the Russian Armed Forces' annual training cycle.
    - The series rotates **through the four main Russian operational strategic commands** i.e Vostok (East), Zapad (West), TSENTR (Centre) and Kavkas (South).

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