



## AUSINDEX 2021

### Why in News

Recently, **India and Australia** have participated in the **4<sup>th</sup> edition of AUSINDEX Naval Exercise**.

- It comes on the heels of the [Malabar Naval Exercise](#), one of the largest wargaming exercises of India, in which all the four members of the [Quad](#) had participated - India, Australia, the US and Japan - in the last week of August.
- These exercises are a part of the two-month deployment of the Navy's Eastern Fleet to [Southeast Asia](#), [South China Sea](#) and the [Western Pacific](#).



### Key Points

- **About:**
  - It is a **major biennial bilateral exercise, first held in India in 2015**.
  - The **2021 exercise is being held in Australia**.
  - It aims to consolidate shared commitment to regional and global security challenges **promoting peace, security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region**.
  - It is **aligned to the 2020 [Comprehensive Strategic Partnership](#)** between the two nations.
- **Other Exercises:**
  - Ex AUSTRALIA HIND (Bilateral Exercise with Army), [EX PITCH BLACK](#) (Australia's multilateral air combat training exercise)
- **Other Developments:**
  - [Supply Chain Resilience Initiative](#) (launched by India, Japan and Australia)

◦ **Mutual Logistic Support Arrangement (MLSA)**

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