



# Exercise Bongosagar

## Why in News

The second edition of **Exercise Bongosagar, bilateral naval exercise between India and Bangladesh**, is scheduled to commence in Northern Bay of Bengal on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.

## Key Points

- Its **first edition** was held in **2019**.
- **Aim:** To develop interoperability and joint operational skills through the conduct of a wide spectrum of maritime exercises and operations.
- **Participants:** Naval ships from both the countries along with the maritime patrol aircraft and helicopters will be participating in the exercise.
- It will be followed by the **3<sup>rd</sup> edition of India-Bangladesh Coordinated Patrol (IN-BN CORPAT)**, wherein both countries will undertake joint patrolling along the **International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL)**.
  - CORPATs have **strengthened understanding between both the navies** and instituted measures to stop the conduct of unlawful activities.
- **Significance:**
  - The exercise reflects the priority that Indian Navy accords to the Bangladesh Navy as part of the **SAGAR (Security And Growth for All in the Region) Vision**.
  - This year's edition assumes greater significance since it is being conducted during **Mujib Barsho**, the **100<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**.
  - It strengthens the close and long-standing **India-Bangladesh relations** covering a wide spectrum of activities and interactions. Both countries share close cultural bonds and a shared vision of democratic society and a rules-based order.

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