



SITMEX-2021

Why in News

Recently, the **third edition of the trilateral naval exercise Singapore-India-Thailand Maritime Exercise (SITMEX)** has been conducted **in the Andaman Sea** of the Indian Ocean.

Key Points

▪ About:

- It is **conducted annually**, and was **announced by India at [Shangri-La Dialogue](#) in June 2018**.
 - The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Shangri-La Dialogue is Asia's premier defence summit. It was launched in 2002.
- The **first edition of SITMEX was hosted by the Indian Navy**, and was conducted off Port Blair in September 2019.
- **Singapore hosted the second edition** of the exercise in November 2020. The **2021 edition** of the exercise is being **hosted by Thailand**.
- It includes **a number of tactical training drills** such as naval manoeuvres and surface warfare exercises.
- It **aims to** strengthen mutual confidence and develop common understanding and procedures towards enhancing the overall maritime security in the **[Indo-Pacific region](#)**.
 - The exercise is in line with **[India's SAGAR \(Security and Growth for All in the Region\) vision](#)**.

▪ Other Military Exercises between India and Thailand:

- **[MAITREE \(Army\)](#)**
- SIAM BHARAT (Air Force)
- **[Indo-Thai CORPAT \(Navy\)](#)**, which was conducted recently.

▪ Other Military Exercises between India and Singapore:

- **[Bold Kurukshetra \(Army\)](#)**
- Joint Military Training (Air Force)
- SIMBEX (Navy)

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