

Varuna-2021

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Context:

Indian and French Navy bilateral exercise 'Varuna-2021' has started in the Arabian Sea. This is the 19th edition. The exercise will highlight the extended level of coordination, synergy, and interoperability between the navies of India and France.

Objective:

The units of the two navies in the Varuna bilateral naval exercise will endeavor and enhance their skills in order to showcase their ability as an integrated force to promote security, peace, and stability in the region

Key Highlights:

- Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet Rear Admiral Ajay Kochhar will lead the Indian navy
- From the Indian side, guided-missile frigates INS Talwar and INS Tarkarsh, guided-missile stealth destroyer INS Kolkata, Fleet Support Ship INS Deepak, with Chetak Integral Helicopters has participated