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# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## ASEAN- INDIA MARITIME EXERCISE (AIME-2023)

This article covers "Daily Current Affairs" and the topic details "ASEAN- India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023)". The topic "ASEAN- India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023)" has relevance in the Defence and Security section for the UPSC CSE exam.

### Relevance of the topic "ASEAN- India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023)"

#### For Prelims:

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#### For Mains:

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What is the significance of ASEAN- India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023)

#### Why in the news?

Indian Naval Ships Satpura and Delhi arrived at Singapore on 01 May 2023 to participate in the Inaugural ASEAN India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023) scheduled from 02 to 08 May 2023.

#### What is ASEAN- India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023)?

The primary objective of the exercise is to enhance interoperability and share best practices among participating navies.

The AIME-2023 marks India's first participation in joint naval exercises with the ASEAN as a group, although India has previously conducted exercises with individual ASEAN nations.

The exercise will feature two of the Indian Navy's major warships, the INS Delhi, a domestically constructed destroyer, and the INS Satpura, a modern stealth frigate from the Shivalik class, showcasing India's naval capabilities and commitment to regional security cooperation.

By joining AIME-2023, India becomes the fourth dialogue partner of the ASEAN, after Russia, China, and the US, to hold the ASEAN+1 maritime exercise. The inaugural exercise will take place off the coast of Singapore and will involve both harbour and at-sea events.

#### What is the significance of ASEAN- India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023)?

The ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023) has several significant implications:

- **Strengthening Regional Security:** The exercise aims to enhance cooperation among participating navies in the Indo-Pacific region and strengthen the regional security.
- **Promoting Strategic Partnership:** India's participation in the exercise is a testament to its growing strategic partnership with ASEAN. The exercise can help deepen bilateral ties and foster greater understanding between India and the ASEAN nations.

- **Showcasing India's Naval Capabilities:** By participating in the exercise, India can showcase its naval capabilities and highlight its commitment to regional security cooperation. This can help enhance India's regional profile and influence, particularly in the maritime domain.
  - **Enhancing Interoperability:** The exercise can help improve the interoperability of participating navies and promote the exchange of best practices. This can help improve the effectiveness of joint operations and facilitate better coordination in response to common security challenges.
  - **Countering China's Growing Influence:** The exercise is also significant in the context of China's growing influence in the region. By strengthening ties with the ASEAN nations, India can counter China's maritime assertiveness and promote a rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific region.
- In conclusion, the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2023) is a significant development that can help promote regional security, deepen bilateral ties, showcase India's naval capabilities, and counter China's growing influence in the region.

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