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### Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue – 2019

#### Context:

In continuation of the process of engaging the global strategic community in an annual review of India's opportunities and challenges in the Indo-Pacific region, the second edition of Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) – 2019 will be held in March 2019

#### Details:

- Dialogue will build upon the foundation laid by the inaugural edition and will examine five fresh themes:
  1. Practical solutions for achieving cohesion in the region through maritime connectivity;
  2. Measures to attain and maintain a free-and-open indo-pacific;
  3. A regional approach to the region's transition from a 'brown' to a 'blue' economy;
  4. Opportunities and challenges arising from the maritime impact of 'industry 4.0'; and
  5. How the twin conceptualisations of 'sagar' and 'sagarmala' might best be made mutually-reinforcing on a regional level.
- IPRD-2019 is likely to witness active participation of globally-renowned domain experts and policy-makers from thirteen countries of the Indo-Pacific — Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, China, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Seychelles, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

#### Background:

- The idea of an Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) was first conceptualised and conducted in 2018, as the apex level conference of the Indian Navy, organised by the National Maritime Foundation as the Navy's Knowledge Partner. The permanent theme of this annual dialogue is a review of India's opportunities and challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Through this annual dialogue, the Indian Navy and the National Maritime Foundation, aim to provide a platform for substantive and insightful discussions pertaining to the geopolitical developments affecting the maritime domain of the Indo-Pacific, and provide policy-relevant inputs to the policy-makers and the public at large.
- First edition dwelt upon four basic themes:
  1. The growth, opportunities and vulnerabilities of maritime merchandise trade, including associated infrastructure such as ports and multi-modal connectivity, as seen from the very different perspectives of large and small littoral and island nations;
  2. Regional connectivity-models;
  3. Pan-regional challenges such as sustaining persistent surveillance at sea, the increasing digitisation of the maritime space, the dangers of cyber-malevolence that are already afflicting the maritime domain, etc.;
  4. The role of Indian industry within both, the private and the public sectors, in enhancing holistic maritime-security.

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