

17 April 2019: UPSC Exam PIB Summary & Analysis

Indian Navy-Vietnam Peoples' Navy Bilateral Exercise

Context :

- In the backdrop of the growing maritime engagement between India and Vietnam, the Indian Navy undertook the **second edition of the bilateral maritime exercise** between Indian Navy and Vietnam Peoples' Navy at/ off **Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam**.

Details :

- The maiden edition of the bilateral maritime exercise was conducted at Da Nang (from 21 to 26 May 18), Vietnam.
- The exercise was undertaken as a part of the ongoing Overseas Deployment of Eastern Fleet ships to South East Asian countries.
- The Indian Navy and the Vietnam Peoples' Navy have traditionally shared good relations. Conduct of the bilateral exercise on an annual basis would give a further fillip to the existing strong bilateral relationship between the two countries, which since Sep 16 have been elevated to the level of '**Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**' after the visit of the Hon'ble PM to Vietnam.
- The Navy to Navy cooperation involves a Composite Training Programme in the fields of Submarine, Aviation and Dockyard training.
- The two countries have also signed an agreement to exchange White Shipping Information and have a running '**Information Sharing**' programme.
- The Indian Navy-Vietnam Peoples' Navy Bilateral Exercise is a significant step in further strengthening mutual confidence and interoperability as well as sharing best practices between the Indian and the Vietnam Peoples' Navies.

Exercise 'SEA VIGIL'

Context :

- The debrief of Exercise **Sea Vigil** was held on 16 Apr 19.

Details :

- The maiden national level Coastal Defence Exercise **SEA VIGIL** was conducted by Indian Navy from 22-23 Jan 19.
- The exercise witnessed the simultaneous activation of the coastal security apparatus across the country involving maritime stakeholders at the Centre and all the 13 Coastal States and Union Territories.
- All relevant agencies from the field units in different states participated through Tele-Conference.
- The Chairperson complimented the strong interagency coordination and interoperability achieved during the exercise and reiterated the need for flexibility and agility to deal with security challenges.
- Key takeaways from the exercise debrief were deliberated and disseminated to all for further action/ follow-up. The feedback from the exercise and the deliberations would be presented at the next meeting of the **National Committee for Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (NCSMCS)**.

