

21 April 2019: UPSC Exam PIB Summary & Analysis

Naval Commanders' Conference 2019/1

Context :

- The **first edition of Naval Commanders' Conference of 2019** is scheduled at New Delhi (from 23 to 25 April 2019).

Details :

- The conference is the apex forum within the Service for interaction between the Naval Commanders.
- The Chief of the Naval Staff, with the Commanders-in-Chief, will review major operational, material, logistics, HR, training and administrative activities undertaken during the previous six months and deliberate upon the course to be steered in the ensuing six months.
- The Conference assumes greater significance in the backdrop of Pulwama associated events that have brought country's defence under sharper focus and will provide the higher naval leadership with a forum to discuss the emerging challenges in the maritime domain and fine tune the strategies for responding to the evolving geo-strategic environment.
- Interaction with Chiefs of Indian Army and Indian Air Force during the conference would be utilised to analyse the operational environment, deliberate on Tri-Service synergy and readiness to deter and neutralise threats aimed at the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- The themes of '**Functional Reorganisation of Indian Navy towards improving Operational Efficiency**' and '**Optimal Manning**' will form the core of discussions towards finalising long term road map for the *IN*.
- Discussions are planned on the acquisition of new capabilities, harnessing niche technologies like '**Big Data Analytics**' and '**Artificial Intelligence**' for solutions in the domains of naval combat, the convergence of networks/ information, logistics, administration and equipment health monitoring for sustained operations.
- In keeping with the expectation of *IN* being the Net Security Provider in the IOR and first responder to any crisis, the forum will also deliberate upon the lessons learnt from the recently concluded HADR operations by the *IN* and various other maritime security initiatives such as the IFC-IOR.

