LA PEROUSE - MULTI-NATIONAL NAVAL EXERCISE by FRANCE

INDIAN NAVAL SHIP MUMBAI TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTI-NATIONAL EXERCISE LA PEROUSE

Mission deployed in the South Eastern Ocean Region, the indigenously designed guided-missile destroyer **INS Mumbai** has arrived at Jakarta, Indonesia, as part of an operational visit. This marks its participation in the **fourth edition of the Multinational Exercise LA PEROUSE**, which includes contributions from navies of several maritime nations, including:

- Royal Australian Navy
- French Navy
- Royal Navy (UK)
- United States Navy
- Indonesian Navy
- Royal Malaysian Navy
- Republic of Singapore Navy
- Royal Canadian Navy

Key Objectives of Exercise LA PEROUSE

- 1. **Maritime Situational Awareness**: The exercise focuses on enhancing maritime surveillance and interdiction operations.
- 2. **Progressive Training**: Participants engage in shared learning through advanced multi-domain exercises.
- 3. **Operational Coordination**: The event fosters closer links in planning, coordination, and tactical interoperability among like-minded navies.
- 4. Constabulary Operations: Key activities include Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) operations to maintain maritime law and order.

Exercise Highlights

- **Surface and Sub-Surface Warfare**: Joint training in advanced warfare techniques.
- Anti-Air Warfare and Air Defence: Strengthening capabilities against aerial threats.
- Cross-Deck Landings: Enhancing naval aviation collaboration.
- Tactical Manoeuvres: Demonstrating coordination in complex scenarios.

Significance of Indian Navy's Participation

The participation of **INS Mumbai** reflects India's strong commitment to:

- Promoting a rules-based international maritime order.
- Strengthening ties with like-minded maritime partners.
- Supporting the vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) for a safer and more secure Indo-Pacific Region.

UPSC-Level MCQ

Question:

Which of the following statements about the Multinational Exercise LA PEROUSE is/are correct?

- 1. The exercise includes participation from only Indo-Pacific nations.
- 2. The focus areas of the exercise include Maritime Situational Awareness, air operations, and maritime interdiction.
- 3. INS Mumbai's participation aligns with India's SAGAR vision.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2, and 3

Answer:

b) 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect**: Participation in LA PEROUSE is not limited to Indo-Pacific nations; navies such as the Royal Canadian Navy and Royal Navy (UK) are also involved.
- **Statement 2 is correct**: The exercise focuses on Maritime Situational Awareness, maritime interdiction operations, and air operations.
- **Statement 3 is correct**: INS Mumbai's participation aligns with the SAGAR vision, emphasizing maritime cooperation and security in the Indo-Pacific.

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