

Passage Exercise (PASSEX)

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Why in News?

Recently a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) conducted in the North Arabian Sea by The Indian Navy and UK Royal Navy.

- It is a **multi-faceted naval exercise** showcasing a shared commitment to maritime security and robust bilateral ties.
- It involved unified control of integral helicopters, tactical manoeuvres, coordinated anti-submarine operations and professional exchange of officers.
- **Participating Nations**
 - **India** - INS Tabar (stealth frigate) and P-8I long-range maritime aircraft.
 - **United Kingdom** - HMS Prince of Wales (aircraft carrier) and HMS Richmond (frigate) of the UK Carrier Strike Group.
- **Objectives** - Enhance collaboration between the Indian and Royal Navies to improve interoperability.
- Strengthen coordination in anti-submarine warfare and conduct joint maritime operations.
- Share expertise and best practices to reaffirm commitment to maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region.
- **Strategic importance** - India-United Kingdom bilateral partnership was upgraded to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in May 2021, with a 10-year (2030) Roadmap.
- The 2030 Roadmap includes commitments to deepen cooperation on health, climate, trade, education, science and technology, and defence.

Reference

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