

Year of India-Vietnam Friendship - 2027

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Why in news?

India and Vietnam have agreed to observe next year as the "Year of India-Vietnam Friendship" to mark the 55th anniversary of their bilateral diplomatic relations.

Vietnam



- It is a key partner in India's Act East Policy, in India's **Vision MAHASAGAR** (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth across Regions) in outlook of the Indo-Pacific.
- Vietnam is equally an important partner in the framework of our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with **ASEAN** (Association of Southeast Asian Nations).
- Both countries elevated their relationship to an Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
- Vietnam is the first country in the region with which we have bilateral ties at that level.

India announced that it had signed a deal with Vietnam to supply **BrahMos** supersonic cruise missiles.

- The bilateral joint military exercise between India and Vietnam is named **Exercise VINBAX**

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