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The 2nd edition of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2026) commenced at Subic Bay, Philippines, with Indian Naval Ships INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish representing India.

AIME is a multilateral naval exercise designed to promote interoperability, maritime domain awareness, and humanitarian assistance between the Indian Navy and ASEAN member navies.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Indian Navy deployed stealth frigate INS Sahyadri and missile corvette INS Kulish.
- Exercise includes two phases: Harbour Phase at Subic Bay and Sea Phase in the South China Sea.
- Reinforces India's Act East Policy, SAGAR initiative (Security and Growth for All in the Region), and Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).

DID YOU KNOW..!?

ASEAN was established on 8 August 1967 by the Bangkok Declaration; Headquarters: Jakarta, Indonesia; 10 Member States.

The inaugural AIME-2023 was held off Singapore.

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