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The 15th edition of the biennial trilateral coast guard exercise ‘Dosti’ involving India, the Maldives and Sri Lanka is underway in the Maldives, which will conclude today.

- The year **2021 marks 30 years** since these exercises were first launched.
 - **About:**
 - The exercise was **first initiated in 1991**, between the Indian and Maldives Coast Guard. Sri Lanka joined the exercise for the **first time in 2012**.
 - The Exercises carried out over the past ten years have **focused on exercises and drills on providing assistance in sea accidents**, eliminating sea pollution, and the Coast Guard's procedure and conduct during situations such as oil spills.
 - **Indian Coast Guard vessels Vajra and Apoorva** have been deployed for the exercise (2021).
 - **Aim of the Exercise:**
 - To further **fortify the friendship, enhance mutual operational capability**, and exercise interoperability and to build cooperation between the Coast Guards of Maldives, India and Sri Lanka.
 - **Recent Security Related Development:**
 - In August this year (2021), India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives agreed to work on what are called the “**four pillars**” of security cooperation.
 - These involved the areas of marine security, human trafficking, counter-terrorism and cyber security.
 - Earlier, the three countries agreed to **expand the scope of intelligence sharing**.
 - **Exercise between India and Srilanka:**
 - **Exercise MITRA SHAKTI** (Military Exercise)
 - **SLINEX** (Naval exercise)
 - **Exercise between India and Maldives:**
 - **Exercise Ekuverin** (Military Exercise)