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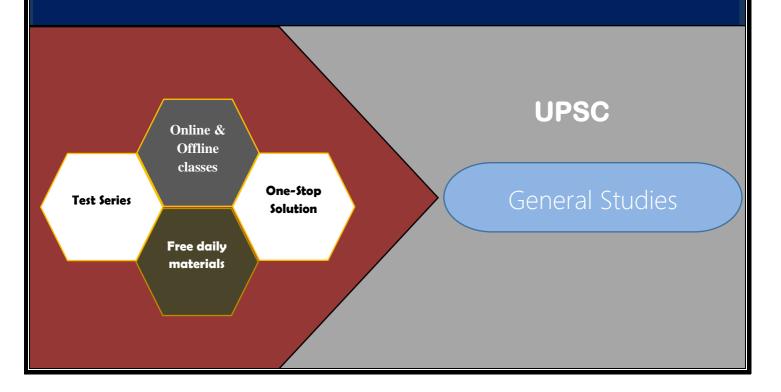


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The 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the biennial trilateral coast guard exercise 'Dosti' involving India, the Maldives and Sri Lanka is underway in the Maldives, which will conclude today.

- 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 timein 2012**.
    - The Exercises carried out over the past ten years have **focused onexercises** and drills on providing assistance in sea accidents, eliminating sea pollution, and the Coast Guard'sprocedure 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 cooperationbetween 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)

