

⚓ Exercise KONKAN – 2025

📌 Event

Type: Bilateral naval exercise – Indian Navy & Royal Navy (UK).

Dates: 05 – 12 Oct 2025.

Location: Off the western coast of India (Western Seaboard).

History: Conducted annually/regularly for 20+ years → scale & complexity grown.

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🔑 Phases

1. Harbour Phase (05–07 Oct 2025)

Professional interactions.

Cross-deck visits.

Sports & cultural engagements.

Joint Working Group meetings.

Subject Matter Expert Exchanges.

2. Sea Phase (08–12 Oct 2025)

Operational Drills:

Anti-air, anti-surface, anti-submarine warfare.

Flying operations.

Seamanship evolutions.



Frontline Assets Deployed:

Aircraft carriers, destroyers, frigates, submarines.

Integral & shore-based aircraft.

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🚢 Major Assets

UK Carrier Strike Group (CSG-25):

Led by HMS Prince of Wales (aircraft carrier).

With participation from Norway & Japan (multinational flavour).

India:

INS Vikrant (indigenous aircraft carrier) + Carrier Battle Group.

Surface, sub-surface, and air combatants.

🌐 Strategic Significance

Reinforces India–UK Vision 2035 & Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Commitment to secure, open & free seas.

Enhances interoperability & maritime stability in IOR & beyond.

Follow-up: After Konkan-25 (12 Oct), UK CSG-25 will conduct one-day exercise with Indian Air Force (14 Oct 2025).

Q1. Exercise Konkan 2025 is a bilateral naval exercise between India and which country?

- (a) USA
- (b) UK ✓
- (c) France
- (d) Japan

Q2. Where was Exercise Konkan 2025 conducted?

- (a) Bay of Bengal
- (b) Arabian Sea / Western Seaboard ✓
- (c) English Channel
- (d) Andaman Sea

Q3. Which Indian aircraft carrier participated in Exercise Konkan 2025?

- (a) INS Vikramaditya
- (b) INS Vikrant ✓
- (c) INS Viraat
- (d) INS Vishal

Q4. The UK Carrier Strike Group (CSG-25) in Konkan 2025 was led by which ship?

- (a) HMS Queen Elizabeth
- (b) HMS Prince of Wales ✓
- (c) HMS Ocean
- (d) HMS Dragon

Q5. Apart from the UK, which two other countries' assets were part of CSG-25 in this edition?

- (a) France & Germany
- (b) Norway & Japan ✓
- (c) USA & Canada
- (d) Australia & South Korea

Q6. After Konkan 2025, UK CSG-25 will conduct a one-day exercise with which Indian service?

- (a) Indian Navy
- (b) Indian Coast Guard
- (c) Indian Air Force ✓
- (d) National Disaster Response Force





⚓ **INS Sahyadri**

📌 **Event**

Ship: INS Sahyadri (Shivalik-class stealth frigate).

Location: Kemaman Port, Malaysia.

Date: 02–05 Oct 2025.

Deployment: Eastern Fleet – **Operational Deployment to South China Sea & Indo-Pacific.**

🔑 **About INS Sahyadri**

Type: Guided Missile Stealth Frigate (Shivalik-class).

Commissioned: 2012.

Indigenous Design & Build: True example of *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*.

Role: Multilateral & bilateral exercises, operational deployments.

 **INS Sahyadri** **Highlights of 2025 Visit**

Warm welcome by Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN).

Courtesy calls by CO on RMN senior officers incl. **First Admiral Abd Halim bin Kamarudin.**

Professional exchanges: cross-visits, joint training, sports fixtures.

Cultural/Community Engagements: Yoga session, charity events.

Strengthened India–Malaysia maritime cooperation.

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🌐 **Strategic Significance**

Reinforces India's role as **responsible maritime stakeholder & security partner** in Indo-Pacific.

India's **MAHASAGAR initiative** ↔ Malaysia's **ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific (AOIP)** = convergence of regional visions.

Engagement platforms: **LIMA exhibition, Milan multilateral exercise, Samudra Laksamana** series.

Enhances **interoperability, trust & shared best practices** in maritime domain.

Q1. INS Sahyadri made a port call at which Malaysian port in October 2025?

- (a) Port Klang
- (b) Kota Kinabalu
- (c) Kemaman ✓
- (d) Penang

Q2. INS Sahyadri belongs to which class of guided missile frigates?

- (a) Talwar-class
- (b) Shivalik-class ✓
- (c) Godavari-class
- (d) Nilgiri-class

Q3. When was INS Sahyadri commissioned into the Indian Navy?

- (a) 2009
- (b) 2010
- (c) 2012 ✓
- (d) 2015

Q4. The Indian Navy and Royal Malaysian Navy conduct which bilateral exercise?

- (a) VARUNA
- (b) SIMBEX
- (c) Samudra Laksamana ✓
- (d) AUSINDEX

Q5. India's *MAHASAGAR* initiative aligns with Malaysia's:

- (a) Act East Policy
- (b) ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific (AOIP) ✓
- (c) Blue Economy Strategy
- (d) Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)

Q6. Who among the following did INS Sahyadri's Commanding Officer call on during the Malaysia visit?

- (a) Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Rahman Ayob
- (b) First Admiral Abd Halim bin Kamarudin ✓
- (c) Vice Admiral R Ravindran
- (d) Admiral Mohd Reza