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JAIMEX 2026: INS Sahyadri exercises with Japan's JS Ise

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Why in the news?

INS Sahyadri took part in the bilateral naval exercise JAIMEX 2026 with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force on 13-14 November 2026. The Ministry of Defence's release of 17 November states that Sahyadri operated alongside JS Ise.

Activities and coordination

The engagements included tactical manoeuvres, communication drills and cross-deck landings. These activities help participating units practise coordination and understand each other's procedures and capabilities. The exercise also enabled the exchange of professional experience.

Why interoperability matters

Interoperability concerns the ability to work together, not merely the possession of similar equipment. Cross-deck aviation practice tests an operational aspect of that cooperation. The release places the exercise within the continuing India-Japan maritime partnership and a safe and stable Indo-Pacific.

Exam focus

The key facts are India and Japan, INS Sahyadri and JS Ise, the dates 13-14 November, and the listed activities. The official release uses the spelling JAIMEX and does not specify an edition number or exact venue. The wider partnership provides context, while this news concerns the specific exercise.

Prelims Practice Questions

Question 1

Consider the following statements about JAIMEX 2026:

1. INS Sahyadri and JS Ise participated.

2. It was an India-Singapore exercise.

3. It included communication drills and cross-deck landings.

Which statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

▼ **Answer and Explanation**

Correct answer: (b)

1 is correct: Both ships are named in the official release.

2 is incorrect: India and Japan participated.

3 is correct: Both activities appear in the release.

Question 2

Which Japanese force participated in JAIMEX 2026?

(a) Japan Ground Self-Defense Force

(b) Japan Coast Guard

(c) Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force

(d) Japan Air Self-Defense Force

▼ **Answer and Explanation**

Correct answer: (c)

The exercise was held with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, whose ship JS Ise participated.

Question 3

What does interoperability most appropriately mean in a naval exercise?

(a) The ability of participating units to work together

(b) Mandatory transfer of ship ownership

(c) Identical equipment on every ship

(d) Automatic creation of a permanent military alliance

▼ **Answer and Explanation**

Correct answer: (a)

Practising shared procedures, communication and coordinated operations improves the ability to work together. It does not itself transfer ownership or create a permanent alliance.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Which countries participated?

India and Japan.

Which ships took part?

INS Sahyadri and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force ship JS Ise.

When was it held?

13-14 November 2026; the official release was issued on 17 November.

What activities were listed?

Tactical manoeuvres, communication drills and cross-deck landings to practise coordination and mutual understanding.

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