

Indian Navy participates in ASW Exercise Sea Dragon-22

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An Indian Navy P-8I long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft participated in multinational Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Exercise Sea Dragon-22 at Guam in the U.S. that saw the participation of Quad countries, Canada and South Korea.

The two-week exercise began on January 5 and concluded on January 20.

Key Highlights

- “The exercise was aimed to enhance interoperability among participating nations by evolving common tactics in response to emerging traditional and non-traditional security challenges in maritime domain,” the Navy said in a statement.
- Naval aircraft from the U.S., India, Japan, Canada, Australia and South Korea – which included P8A, P8I, P1, CP140 Aurora and P3C Orion maritime reconnaissance aircraft practiced high-end ASW skills. “The aircrew also undertook professional interaction with other participants from friendly foreign countries,” the Navy stated.
- Sea Dragon is an annual, multi-national high-end exercise hosted by the U.S. Navy. This year, it deployed two P-8A Poseidon aircraft.

- Sea Dragon-22, primarily centering on ASW training and excellence, culminates in over 270 hours of inflight training; ranging from tracking simulated targets to the final problem of tracking a live U.S. Navy submarine, the US. Navy 7th Fleet said in a statement before the exercise commenced.

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