MPC for MILAN 2020 Concludes at Visakhapatnam

**Syllabus subtopic:** Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism

**News:** The Mid Planning Conference (MPC) for MILAN exercise concluded at HQENC Visakhapatnam 08 Nov 19. The three-day conference was attended by 29 delegates from 17 friendly Foreign Navies.

**Prelims and Mains focus:** About Exercise MILAN and its significance

**MILAN Exercise**

- MILAN is congregation of littoral navies conducted biennially by Indian Navy under aegis of the Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- It was first held in 1995. In the first edition, only four littoral navies had participated in it. Now it has now grown into prestigious international event and encompasses participation by maritime forces from not just Bay of Bengal and South East Asia but larger Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- It provides effective forum to participating navies to come together to discuss common concerns in the Indian Ocean Region and forge deeper cooperation among friendly navies.