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1 Exercise Pitch Black 2026 (Source: PIB)

- It is a premier multinational air combat exercise, scheduled to be held in Australia's Northern Territory.
- It aims to provide a platform for participating air forces to enhance operational interoperability, strengthen military cooperation, and refine air combat tactics in realistic and complex scenarios.
- Along with India, participating countries include Brunei, Canada, Fiji, Finland, France, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, the United Kingdom, the United States, and host nation Australia.



Other India – Australia Exercise

- **AUSTRAHIND:** An annual bilateral army training exercise, hosted alternately by India and Australia.
- **AUSINDEX:** A biennial bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy (IN) and the Royal Australian Navy (RAN).
- **Exercise Malabar:** The premier naval exercise featuring the Quad nations (India, Australia, the United States, and Japan), focusing on high-end tactical naval maneuvers.

2 Uranium Deposits in India (Source: The Indian Express)

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3 Harappa Settlement and Finding (Source: The Indian Express)

Site	Location	Important Findings
Harappa	Situated on the banks of the river Ravi in Punjab (Pakistan).	• Sandstone statues of Human anatomy • Granaries • Bullock carts • Mother Goddess
Mohenjo-Daro (Also called Mound of the Dead) (UNESCO World Heritage Site)	Situated on the Banks of the River Indus in Punjab (Pakistan)	• Great bath • Granary • Bronze dancing girl • Seal of Pasupathi Mahadeva • Steatite statue of a bearded man • A piece of woven cotton
Suktagendor	In southwestern Balochistan province, Pakistan, on the Dasht River	• A trade point between Harappa and Babylon
Chanhudaro	Sindh (Pakistan) on the banks of the Indus River	• Bead making • The footprint of a dog chasing a cat
Amri	Sindh on the banks of the Indus River	• Evidence of Antelope
Kalibangan	Rajasthan on the banks of the Ghaggar River	• Fire altar • Camel bones • Wooden plough



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Lothal	Gujarat is on the banks of the Bhogva River near the Gulf of Cambay	• Dockyard • Rice husk • Fire altars • Chess playing
Surkotada	Gujarat	• Bones of horses • Beads
Banawali	Haryana	• Beads • Barley • Evidence of both the pre-Harappan and Harappan cultures
Dholavira (UNESCO World Heritage Site)	Gujarat in the Rann of Kachchh	• Water harnessing system • Water reservoir
Rakhigarhi	Haryana	• Granary • Cemetery • Drains • Terracotta bricks
Ropar (The first site to be excavated after independence.)	On the banks of the River Sutlej in Punjab, India	• Dog buried with human in oval pit burials • copper axe
Alamgirpur	Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, on the banks of the Yamuna – Easternmost site of IVC.	• broken blade made of copper • ceramic items • Impression of a cloth on a trough

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Mehrgarh	Pakistan	• Pottery • copper tools
Kot Diji	Pakistan	• Statues of Bull
Daimabad (the southernmost site of IVC)	Maharashtra	• Bronze Chariot
Mand (Northernmost site)	Jammu and Kashmir	

Major IVC Sites

