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1 Recent Bilateral Exercise in News (Source: PIB)

Exercise INDRA 2026

- **Participants:** Bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy (RuFN).
- **Location:** Vladivostok, Russia (with operational drills in the Sea of Japan).
- **Aim:** Aimed at enhancing operational coordination, improving interoperability, and strengthening maritime cooperation under India's vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions).

Exercise KONKAN-26

- **Participants:** Annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the United Kingdom's Royal Navy.
- **Location:** Plymouth, United Kingdom.
- **Key Focus:** Aligned with the India-UK Vision 2035 framework, focusing on shared commitments to open, secure sea lanes and seamless interoperability in complex scenarios.



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2 Flash Flood (Source: The Hindu)

A flash flood is a sudden, rapid flooding event that occurs within minutes to a few hours.

Cause

- Cloudburst or intense localised rainfall.
- Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) in the Himalayan regions.
- Dam or embankment failure.
- Urbanisation leading to impervious surfaces and blocked drainage.
- Deforestation and slope destabilisation in hill areas.



Areas Generally Affecting

- **Hilly Terrain:** Flash floods in the Himalayas (Uttarakhand) and Afghanistan.
- **Urbanised Region:** Flash flood in an urban region like Chennai.

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3 Katchatheevu Island (Source: The Hindu)

- **Location**
 - Katchatheevu is an uninhabited off-shore island in the Palk Strait.
 - The island is located between Neduntheevu, Sri Lanka and Rameswaram, India.
- **Formation:** By volcanic eruption
- **Political:** It is a disputed territory between India and Sri Lanka. Currently administered by Sri Lanka.

