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## **1. Anti-submarine warfare drills**

### **Why in News?**

- Joint anti-submarine warfare drills are recently being held by the United States, Canada, India, Japan, and South Korea

### **Highlights**

- China's navy is taking part in joint search and rescue exercises in the Gulf of Oman with Iran and Russia.
- China's dispute with Japan over tiny islands in the East China Sea has also heated up, with both sides accusing the other of violating their maritime territory.
- China is holding Security Bond-2023 exercises with other nations as well.
- Sea Dragon 23 is a coordinated anti-submarine warfare exercise being held between the US, Japan, Canada, South Korea, and India.
- The exercise aims to achieve high levels of synergy and coordination between the friendly navies based on their shared values and commitment to an open, inclusive Indo-Pacific region.
- The Indian Navy is represented by a P8I aircraft, along with P8A of the US Navy, P1 from the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, CP 140 from the Royal Canadian Air Force, and P3C from the RoKN.
- The participation of the Indian Navy in Exercise Sea Dragon 23 reflects its commitment to enhancing its naval capabilities and strengthening cooperation with like-minded nations in the Indo-Pacific region.