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India assumes the Vice-Chair role of IORA

External Affairs Minister of India S. Jaishankar, at the meeting of IORA said that India wants to be a voice of the global south, a “friend to the world” and will work to ensure an open, free, and inclusive IOR. In his remarks to the press, he mentioned about India’s commitment to the IORA is rooted in the principles of regional collaboration, peaceful coexistence, and shared prosperity.

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CHAKRAVAT 2023: Annual Joint HADR Exercise (AJHE)

The AJHE is an annual exercise that tests its response to the natural calamities and was promulgated by PM Narendra Modi during the 2015 Combined Commanders’ Conference. The 2023 edition of AJHE was hosted by the Indian Navy from 9-11 October at Goa. The exercise witnessed participation from several national disaster -response agencies such as, National Institute for Disaster Management, National Disaster Management Authority, and National Disaster Response Force. Developing coordinated and collective response mechanisms to address natural disasters and humanitarian crises are the significant elements in India’s inclusive oceanic policy- SAGAR (Security and Growth for all in the Region).

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