



## **SIOS NEWS BRIEF (3 -9 February)**

### **Navy's biennial TROPEX exercise underway in IOR (Feb 7)**

The Indian Navy's biennial combat exercise named TROPEX 25 (Theatre Level Operational Exercise 25) is underway in the Indian Ocean and INS Vikrant is among the top class aircraft participating. The Indian Defense Ministry said the exercise, "aimed at validating Indian Navy's core warfighting skills, and ensuring a synchronised, integrated response to preserve and protect national maritime security interests in a contested maritime environment against conventional, asymmetric as well as hybrid threats". The Air Force, Indian Army, and Coast Guard will participate in the exercise, which will be conducted from January to March 2025.

URL: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/navys-biennial-tropex-exercise-underway-in-indian-ocean-region/article69192813.ece>

### **Oman to host Indian Ocean Conference on Feb.16 (Feb 3)**

The foreign Ministry of Oman will host the 18<sup>th</sup> Indian Ocean Conference to discuss trade issues and maritime security. The Ministry said, the two-day conference will be held under the theme "Voyage to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership", highlighting Muscat's commitment to enhancing sustainable freight shipping and maritime security. The Oman News Agency reported that the conference aims to tackle the challenges confronting the IOR and to improve regional cooperation.

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### **Indo-Pacific security key focus of Feb 13 Trump-Modi summit(Feb 9)**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump are scheduled to meet on Feb 13. The US and India are the two largest democracies, and a close partnership among them is a prerequisite for ensuring that the Indo-Pacific be freed of the dangers caused by the expansionist designs of PRC. Government officials also said, the Prime Minister is preparing additional tariff cuts ahead of meeting that could boost American exports to India.

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