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Indian Military Exercises

Indian military exercises can be classified into 3 types:

Domestic Exercise:

These exercises aim to enhance internal engagement and interoperability between the troops.

Bilateral Exercise:

Exercises which are conducted with one other nation's defence force.

Multilateral Exercise:

Exercises which are conducted with more than one other nation's army.





DOMESTIC MILITARY EXERCISES



Gandiv Vijay Exercise

1. 2 months long exercise carried out by **The Chetak corps of South Western Command of Indian Army.**
2. Aim to train commanders and soldiers in their offensive tasks.
3. In 2018, it was conducted at the Mahajan field firing ranges in Rajasthan.



Vijay Prahar Exercise

1. A months long exercise carried out by **The Sapta Shakti Command of the Indian Army.**
2. Aimed to simulate a wide spectrum of threats which are planned to be tackled through high tempo joint air and land operation.
3. In 2018, it was conducted at the Mahajan field firing ranges in Rajasthan.

Paschim Lehar Exercise

1. Tri-service maritime exercise.
2. The exercise is aimed at improving the interoperability between the Indian Navy, Indian Army, Indian Air Force, and Coast Guard.
3. In 2018 this Tri-service maritime exercise, conducted by Indian Navy off western coast in the Arabian Sea.

Vayu Shakti Exercise

1. Air Force Exercise conducted once in every 3 years to show the firepower. Last in 2019.
2. A variety of weapons will be used during the demonstration, including guns, rockets of different calibre, bombs, smart weapons, surface-to-air-guided weapons and air-to-air weapons.
3. It was held in Pokhran field firing range, Rajasthan.



BILATERAL EXERCISES



Hand in Hand

- Conducted between the armies of **India and China**.
- The aim of Hand in Hand exercise is to enhance interoperability between the two armies to counter-terrorism.



Source: Jagranjosh

Surya Kiran

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and Nepal** biannually.
- In 2019 it was conducted at Nepal Army Battle School (NABS), Salijhandi, Rupendehi district of Nepal.
- Troops of both the Armies participated in 14 days long joint training based on counter insurgency operations in jungle and mountainous terrain.

Sampriti

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and Bangladesh**.
- Conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya in 2020.
- The exercise aims to build, strengthen and promote positive relations between the Armies of India and Bangladesh.

Mitra Shakti

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and Sri Lanka**.
- Conducted in Pune in 2019.
- The exercise aims to build and promote positive relations between armies of India and Sri Lanka for counter-insurgency & counter-terrorism operations in the urban and rural environment.

Yudh Abhyas

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and USA**.
- Will be conducted in Rajasthan in February 2021.
- Aims at enhancing cooperation and interoperability between the two armies and will focus on counter-terrorism operations.



Vajra Prahar

- Joint Military Exercise between the special forces of **India and USA**.
- Last edition conducted in 2019 at Seattle (USA).
- The aim of Vajra Prahar is to enhance military cooperation between the two countries and also to capitalise on the rich repository of experiences of each other armies.

Harimau Shakti

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and Malaysia**.
- Last edition conducted in 2018 in Malaysia.
- It aims at conducting training operations on counter-insurgency and counter terrorism in jungle terrain.



Garuda Shakti

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and Indonesia**.
- Last edition conducted in 2018 in Bandung, Indonesia.
- The aim of the India-Indonesia bilateral exercise is to enhance the trust and cooperation between the two armies.

VINBAX

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and Vietnam**.
- Last edition conducted in 2018 in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- The aim of the exercise is to bolster defence and security cooperation.



INDRA

- Tri-Service exercise between **India and Russia**.
- Last edition conducted in 2020 in in the Andaman Sea, close to the Strait of Malacca instead of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
- The aim of the exercise consolidate inter-operability and also to enhance understanding and procedures for multi-faceted maritime operations.

Dharma Guardian

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and Japan**.
- Last edition conducted in 2019 in Mizoram.
- The aim of the exercise is knowledge sharing of counter-terrorism operations.

Ajeya Warrior

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and UK**.
- Last edition conducted in 2020 at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom.
- The aim of this exercise is to conduct army level joint training with emphasis on counter terrorism operations.



Maitree

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and Thailand**.
- Last edition conducted in 2019 at Umroi (Meghalaya).
- The aim of this exercise is to enhance defence cooperation between the two Countries.



Nomadic Elephant

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and Mongolia**.
- Last edition conducted in 2019 at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.
- The aim of this exercise is to train the army troops in counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency operations.



Lamitya

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and Seychelles**.
- Last edition conducted in 2018 at Mahe Island, Seychelles.
- The aim of this exercise is to of enhance military cooperation and interoperability between the Armies of the two countries.

Bold Kurukshetra

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and Singapore**.
- Last edition conducted in 2019 in Babina Cantonment in Jhansi.
- The aim of this exercise is to develop military technology, enhance the maritime security and bolster the nations' fight against terrorism.

Khanjar

- Joint Military Exercise between **India and Kyrgyzstan**.
- Last edition conducted in 2018 in Mizoram.
- The aim of this exercise is to fight against terrorism.



SLINEX

- Naval Maritime Exercise between **India and Sri Lanka**.
- Last edition conducted in 2020 at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.
- The aim of this exercise is to enhance interoperability, improve mutual understanding and exchange best practices and procedures for multi-faceted maritime operations between both navies.

KONKAN

- Naval Maritime Exercise between **India and UK**.
- Last edition conducted in 2019 in the English Channel.
- The aim of this exercise is to test the ability of the two navies to operate side-by-side during war and other crunch scenarios.

VARUNA

- Naval Maritime Exercise between **India and France**.
- Last edition conducted in 2019 off the Goa coast.
- The aim of this exercise is to develop interoperability between the two navies and fostering mutual cooperation.

Naseem Al Bahr

- Naval Maritime Exercise between **India and Oman**.
- Last edition conducted in 2020 at Mormugao Port, Goa.
- The aim of this exercise is to develop interoperability between the two navies and fostering mutual cooperation.

Sahyog HOP TAC

- Joint exercise of Coast Guards of **India and Vietnam**.
- Last edition conducted in 2018 in the Bay of Bengal off the Chennai coast, Tamil Nadu.
- The aim of this exercise is to acquainting the coast guards of the two countries with each others' capabilities.

SIMBEX

- Naval Maritime Exercise between **India and Singapore**.
- Last edition conducted in 2020 in the Andaman Sea.
- The aim of this exercise is to enhancing mutual inter-operability and imbibing best practices from each other.

GARUDA

- Bilateral air exercise between **India and France**.
- Last edition conducted in 2019 at Mont-de-Marsan air base in France.
- The aim of this exercise is to enhancing interoperability level of French and Indian crews in air defence and ground attack missions.

EASTERN BRIGADE

- Bilateral air exercise between **India and Oman**.
- Last edition conducted in 2019 at Air Force Base Masirah, Oman.
- The aim of this exercise is to enhancing interoperability during mutual cooperation between two Air Force.

INDRADHANUSH

- Bilateral air exercise between **India and UK**.
- Last edition conducted in 2020 at Air Force Station, Hindan (Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh).
- The aim of this exercise is to counter threats to military establishments from terror elements.



MULTILATERAL EXERCISES



MALABAR

- Annual trilateral naval exercise between the navies of **India, Japan, and the USA** which is held alternately in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.
- The 2020 Exercise is held in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.
- Australia joined the Malabar Exercise on India's request in 2020.

RIMPAC

- RIMPAC, the Rim of the Pacific Exercise, is the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise.
- RIMPAC is held biennially from Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.
- The 2018 RIMPAC exercise involved 25 nations.

Assignments!

Name the countries which participate along with India in:

1. Desert Eagle
2. IMCOR
3. IND-INDO CORPAT
4. IMBAX

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