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# 2019





# **DEFENCE EXERCISES**

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NAME OF THE EXERCISE	PARTNERED COUNTRY	TYPE OF EXERCISE
AVIAINDRA - 18	Russia	Air Force
VAYU SHAKTI 2019	India	Air Force
PITCH BLACK 2018	Multinational exercise conducted in Australia	Air Force
Indradhanush	The United Kingdom	Air Force
Desert Eagle	United Arab Emirates	Air Force
SLINEX	Sri Lanka	Naval
RIPMAC	Multinational exercise	Naval
IBSAMAR	South Africa and Brazil	Naval
KONKAN	United Kingdom	Naval
IND-INDO CORPAT	Indonesia	Naval
Malabar	USA and Japan	Naval
SIMBEX	Singapore	Naval
AUSINDEX	Australia	Naval
Varuna	France	Naval
Sahyog-Kaijin	Japan	Coast Guards
Garuda Shakti	Indonesia	Army
Maitree	Thailand	Army
Yudh Abhyas	USA	Army
Mitra Shakti	Sri Lanka	Army
SAMPRITI	Bangladesh	Army
Hand in Hand	China	Army
INDRA 2018	Russia	Army
EKUVERIN	Maldives	Army
Al-Nagah	Oman	Army
Surya Kiran	Nepal	Army



Nomadic Elephant	Mongolia	Army
Ajeya Warrior	United Kingdom	Army
Vinbax 1	Vietnam	Army
Shakti IV	France	Army
Lamitye VIII (2018)	Seychelles	Army
Surya Kiran XIII	Nepal	Army
Hamesha Vijayee	Indian Army southern command*	Army

\*it is indian Army's southern commands exercise not partnered with other countries

#### 1.1 Surya Kiran XIII

- Partnered country: Nepal
- It was held in June 2018.
- This exercise was aimed at training on jungle warfare, anti-terrorism combat and disaster response activities.
- The location was Pithoragarh, India.

#### 1.2 Lamitye VIII

- Partnered country: Seychelles
- It was held inMarch 2018.
- The focus of the exercise was to conduct **counter-insurgency** and **counter-terrorist operations.**
- The location was Mahe, Seychelles.

#### 1.3 Shakti IV

- Partnered country: France
- The location was **Mailly le Camp.** France.
- It was joint **army** exercise held in Feb 2018.
- The focus was on high degree of **physical fitness**, **tactical drills**, **techniques and procedures**.



#### 1.4 Vinbax 1

- Partnered country: Vietnam
- The location was **Jabalpur**, Madhya Pradesh.
- It was held in Feb 2018.
- The India-Vietnam Bilateral **Army Exercise** focuses on **cooperation in the maritime domain.**

#### 1.5 Hamesha Vijayee

- Conducted by: Southern Command. (HQ Pune.)
- The location: **Rajasthan**.
- It was **army** exercise held in Dec 2017.
- It aimed at fine tuning **surveillance and destruction mechanisms** to support precision strikes and manoeuvres by network enabled forces.

#### 1.6 Ajeya Warrior

- Partnered country: United Kingdom
- The location was Mahajan Firing Range, India.
- It was joint **army** exercise held in Dec 2017.
- The aim of the exercise was to **build and promote bilateral relations** and enhance interoperability.

#### 1.7 Malabar

- Partnered countries: The USA and Japan
- Exercise Malabar is a trilateral **naval** exercise involving the United States, Japan and India as permanent partners.
- The 2018 Malabar exercise was conducted in June 2018 off the coast of Guam in the Philippine Sea.

#### 1.8 AUSINDEX

- Partnered country: Australia
- It's a joint naval exercise.
- The recent exercise was held at the coast of the **Bay of Bengal** and focus on antisubmarine warfare.



#### 1.9 SIMBEX

- Partnered country: **Singapore**
- It's a joint naval exercise.
- The recent exercise was held in 2018 in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.
- The 2018 edition marks the silver jubilee of SIMBEX

## 1.10 IND-INDO CORPAT

- Partnered country: Indonesia (India-Indonesia coordinated patrol)
- It's a joint naval exercise.
- The 33rd edition 2019 (IND-INDO CORPAT) held at **Port Blair**, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

#### 1.11 Varuna

- Partnered country: France
- It's a joint naval exercise.
- joint exercise Varuna-2018 was held in Arabian Sea off Goa coast.
- The drill would include anti-submarine, air defence and asymmetric engagement exercises

#### 1.12 Nomadic Elephant

- Partnered country: Mongolia
- It's a joint exercise between two armies.
- Nomadic Elephant is annual bilateral military exercise started in 2006.
- 2018 commenced at Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) Five Hills Training Area in Ulaanbaatar (capital of Mongolia)

#### 1.13 Surya Kiran

- Partnered country: Nepal
- It's bi-annual joint army exercise.
- The recent exercise was held at **Pithoragarh**, Uttarakhand from May 2018.

## 1.14 Al-Nagah

- Partnered country: Oman
- It's a joint army exercise.
- The recent exercise was held in March 2019 at Oman



• The exercise is aimed to **enhance interoperability in counterterrorist operations** in semi-urban mountainous terrain.

## 1.15 EKUVERIN

- Partnered country: Maldives
- It's a joint military exercise.
- The recent exercise 2018 was held in Maafilaafushi in Maldives

## 1.16 INDRA 2018

- Partnered country: Russia
- It refers to joint army exercises.
- The recent INDRA Navy was held in December 2018 at India's Babina Military Station, near Jhansi.

## 1.17 Konkan

- Partnered country: United Kingdom
- It's a joint naval exercise.
- The recent exercise was held Off Goa .

## 1.18 Hand in Hand

- Partnered country: China
- It's a joint military exercise.
- The recent exercise was held in December 2018 at Chengdu, China

#### 1.19 Sampriti

- Partnered country: Bangladesh
- It's a joint military exercise.
- The recent exercise was held in at **Tangail, Bangladesh** in March 2019.

## 1.20 Mitra Shakti

- Partnered country: Sri Lanka
- It's a joint military exercise.
- It is conducted annually as part of military diplomacy and interaction between armies of India & Sri Lanka.



#### 1.21 Yudh Abhyas

- Partnered country: The **USA**
- It's a joint military exercise.
- The recent exercise was held at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand in Sep 2018.

#### 1.22 Prabal Dostyk

- Partnered country: Kazakhstan
- It's a joint military exercise.
- The recent exercise was held at **Bakloh**, **Himachal Pradesh** in 2017.

#### 1.23 Maitree

- Partnered country: Thailand
- It's a joint military exercise.
- The recent exercise was held in Aug 2018 in Thailand.

# 1.24 RIPMAC

- Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) multinational maritime exercise.
- Participating countries: Around 25 nations, including the USA, the UK, China and France.
- It's the world's largest international biennial maritime exercise.
- It is held under the leadership of the USA.
- It is held biennially near Honolulu, Hawaii (US) during June and July of evennumbered years.

## 1.25 Desert Eagle

- Partnered country: United Arab Emirates
- It's a joint air combat exercise.
- The recent exercise was held in May-June 2016 in Abu Dhabi.

## 1.26 Garuda Shakti

- Partnered country: Indonesia
- It's a joint **military exercise**.
- The recent exercise was held in feb 2018 in Bandung Indonesia.
- Annual Garuda Shakti exercises between the Special Forces of the Indian Army and The Indonesian Army .



## 1.27 IBSAMAR

- Partnered countries: South Africa and Brazil
- It's a joint multinational naval exercise.
- The recent exercise was held in oct 2018 at Simons town, south africa

#### 1.28 Sahyog-Kaijin

- Partnered country: Japan
- It's a joint exercise between the **coast guards** of the two countries.
- The recent exercise was held in July 2018 in **Bay of Bengal.**

#### 1.29 SLINEX

- Partnered country: Sri Lanka
- India, Sri Lanka joint naval exercise.
- The recent SLINEX-2018 was held at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka.

#### 1.30 Indradhanush

- Partnered country: The United Kingdom
- It's a bilateral air exercise.

#### 1.31 Exercise Pitch Black 2018

- Biennial multinational exercise conducted in Australia.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) for first time participated in multinational air exercise Pitch Black – 18.
- It is multinational air force exercise participated by 12 countries

#### 1.32 Vayu Shakti 2019

- It is the air force exercise, which the IAF carries out **once every three years**, to demonstrate it is **equipped**, **rehearsed and ready for action**.
- Exercise Vayu Shakti was mostly about displaying the IAF's ability to **strike targets on the ground** such as enemy convoys and tanks, radar stations, railway yards and military headquarters.

#### 1.33 AVIAINDRA-18

- Partnered country: Russia
- Biennial Air Force level exercise.
- The recent exercise was held at Lipetsk, Russia on September 2018



# **2018 RESULTS**

#### 11 Ranks in Top 50

#### 28 Ranks in Top 100

#### 183 Ranks in Final List



RANK 11 Pujya Priyadarshni



RANK 32 Sameer Saurabh



Prateek Singh



Dhodmise Trupti Ankush



RANK 33 Awhale Manisha Manikrao



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