

List of Joint Military Exercises of India 2026

Army, Navy, Air Force

Joint Military Exercises of India 2026, including domestic, bilateral, and multilateral drills. Learn how the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force strengthen defense, boost global cooperation, and enhance combat readiness with partner nations.

List of Joint Military Exercises of India 2026: India conducts numerous joint military exercises every year to enhance its defense capabilities and foster international cooperation. These exercises are critical for improving combat readiness, strategic collaboration, and mutual trust between India and its defense partners. Keep on reading to explore the most important joint military exercises of India in 2026-2025, focusing on those involving the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. These exercises include bilateral, multilateral, and domestic training drills, covering various operational and strategic scenarios.

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The Indian army participates in military exercises of India with other countries with their units and battalions, based on the specific nature and requirements of the exercises. The amount spent varies depending on the extent of their involvement and the resources used. The Indian army takes part in domestic, bilateral, and multilateral exercises. Joint exercises conducted by the Indian Army improve coordination among different militaries, enhance understanding of enemy tactics, and familiarize troops with modern equipment.

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Exercise Name	Participants Country	Place Held	Duration
Exercise MILAN 2026	72 countries, including US and Russia	Coast of Visakhapatnam.	February 17-26, 2026
India-U.S. 'Vajra Prahar-16th edition of the India-US Joint Special	India – USA	Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh	February 24 to March 16

Forces Exercise			
7th edition of annual Joint Military Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN	India & Japan	Uttarakhand	February 24 to 9th March
India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise 'KHANJAR'	Indian Army Special Forces and Kyrgyz Armed Forces Special Forces contingents.	Misamari, Sonitpur district, Assam	February 04 to 17, 2026
Military Civil Fusion Exercise Sanjha Shakti 2026	Indian Army and 16 key civilian agencies including Maharashtra Police, Force One and Fire Fighting Departments	Diggi Range, Khadki Military Station, Pune	08 to 09 January 2026
SURYA KIRAN	India-Nepal	Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand	25th Nov – 8th Dec 2025
Exercise CYCLONE	India- Egypt	Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan	10th – 23rd Feb 2025
DHARMA GUARDIAN	India-Japan	East Fuji Manoeuvre Training area, Japan	24th Feb – 9th Mar 2025
KHANJAR-XII	India-Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan	10th Mar – 23rd Mar 2025
Exercise DUSTLIK-6	India-Uzbekistan Joint Military	Aundh, Pune, Maharashtra	16th Apr – 28th Apr 2025
Exercise Desert Flag-10	Australia, Bahrain, France, Germany, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Republic of Korea, Turkey, UAE, UK, USA	UAE	20th Apr – 8th May 2025
NOMADIC ELEPHANT	India- Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	31st May – 13th Jun 2025

Exercise SHAKTI-VIII	India and France	Camp Larzac, La Cavalerie, France	18th Jun – 1st Jul 2025
Khaan Quest Exercise 2025	USA and Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	
Passage Exercise (passex) 2025	India and the UK	North Arabian Sea	
Simbex Exercise 2025	RSN and Indian Navy	RSS Singapora-Changi Naval Base	28th Jul – 1st Aug 2025
Exercise Divya Drishti 2025		East Sikkim	
Exercise Slinex 2025	India – Sri Lanka	Port of Colombo	14-18 Aug 2025
Exercise Bright Star 2025	USA, Egypt, India, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Greece, Cyprus, Italy	Alexandria, Egypt	01-10 Sep 2025
EXERCISE MAITREE – XIV	India and Thailand	Joint Training Node (JTN), Umroi, Meghalaya	1st – 14th Sep 2025
YUDH ABHYAS 2025	India and USA	Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA	1st – 14th Sep 2025
Exercise KONKAN 2025	India and UK	Western Indian Ocean	5th – 12th Oct 2025
Ajeya Warrior-25	India and UK	Rajasthan, India	17th – 27th Nov 2025
Exercise Trishul 2025	India (Tri-services: Army, Navy, Air Force)	Andaman and Nicobar Command, India	3rd Nov 2025 onward

MITRA SHAKTI-2025	India-Sri Lanka	Foreign Training Node, Belagavi, Karnataka	10th – 23rd Nov 2025
DESERT CYCLONE-II 2025	India-UAE	Abu Dhabi, UAE	18 to 30 December 2025
Harimau Shakti 202	India-Malaysia	Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan	5 to 18 December 2025

Types of Joint Military Exercises of India 2026

In joint military exercises, Indian armed forces are represented by different units/battalions selected based on the exercise's nature and requirements. The amount spent on these exercises varies according to the level of involvement and the resources utilized during the drills. India's military exercises fall under three main categories:

- Domestic exercise
- Bilateral Exercise
- Multilateral exercise

Domestic Military Exercises of India 2026

Domestic exercises are designed to enhance internal engagements and may involve inter-service or intra-service components based on their nature and application. It is one of the important joint military exercises of India 2026 List of military domestic exercises:

1. Gandiv Vijay
2. Paschim Lehar
3. Vayu Shakti
4. Vijay Prahar

Bilateral Military Exercises of India 2026

Bilateral military exercises involve two nations working together to enhance their military cooperation and improve operational efficiency. These exercises allow nations to share strategies, refine combat skills, and foster better understanding of each other's military tactics. India participates in a wide range of bilateral military exercises to strengthen defense relationships across the globe. Below is a list of the most important bilateral military exercises India is scheduled to conduct in 2026.

Participating Countries	Army/Navy/Air Force	Exercise Name
India and Australia	Army	AUSTRA HIND
	Navy	AUSINDEX
India and Bangladesh	Army	SAMPRITI
	Navy	IN-BN CORPAT
	Air Force	Table Top Ex
India and China	Army	HAND IN HAND
India and France	Army	SHAKTI
	Navy	VARUNA
	Air Force	GARUDA
India and Indonesia	Army	GARUDA SHAKTI
	Navy	IND-INDO CORPAT
India and Japan	Army	DHARMA GUARDIAN
	Navy	JIMEX
India and Kazakhstan	Army	PRABAL DOSTYK
India and Kyrgyzstan	Army	KHANJAR
India and Maldives	Army	EKUVERIN
India and Mongolia	Army	NOMADIC ELEPHANT
India and Myanmar	Army	IMBEX
	Navy	IMCOR
India and Nepal	Army	SURYA KIRAN

India and Oman	Army	AL NAGAH
	Navy	Naseem-al-Bahr
	Air Force	EASTERN BRIDGE-IV
India and Russia	Army	INDRA
	Navy	INDRA NAVY
	Air Force	INDRA
India and Seychelles	Army	LAMITIYE
India and Sri Lanka	Army	MITRA SHAKTI
	Navy	SLINEX
India and Thailand	Army	MAITREE
	Navy	INDO-THAI CORPAT
	Air Force	SIAM BHARAT
India and the United Kingdom	Army	AJEYA WARRIOR
	Navy	KONKAN
	Air Force	INDRADHANUSH-IV
India and USA	Army	YUDHABHAYAS & VAJRA PRAHAR
	Navy	MALABAR (Multilateral)
	Army	YUDH ABHYAS
	Air Force	RED FLAG 16-1
India and Vietnam	Army	VINBAX

Multilateral Military Exercises of India 2026

Multilateral military exercises involve the participation of multiple countries, working together to strengthen international defense ties, improve coordination, and enhance combat readiness. These exercises help countries share tactical knowledge and



develop operational synergy in various strategic scenarios. India actively participates in numerous multilateral exercises, collaborating with several global military forces to enhance its defense preparedness.

Important Multilateral Military Exercises of India 2026

Multilateral Exercise	Participating Countries
RIMPAC	Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, and more
MALABAR	India, the United States, Japan
COBRA-GOLD	Asia-Pacific countries
Samvedna	South Asian Region Nations

Indian Air Force Exercise 2026

The Indian Air Force (IAF) engages in several bilateral and multilateral exercises to improve operational readiness, enhance interoperability, and foster closer ties with partner air forces. These exercises focus on different aspects of air combat, disaster relief, and strategic operations.

Indian Air Force Exercises 2026

Exercise Name	Details	Participating Countries
Garuda	A bilateral exercise focusing on large force employment and combat drills.	India, France
Eastern Bridge	Enhances joint air force operations and mutual understanding.	India, Oman
SIAM Bharat	A Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) tabletop exercise.	India, Thailand
Desert Eagle	Focuses on air combat operations with UAE Air Force's Mirage and F-16 jets.	India, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Red Flag	Provides advanced aerial combat training.	India, United States

Desert Knight-21	A joint air exercise featuring Rafale aircraft from both India and France.	India, France
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Indian Army Exercise 2026

The Indian Army participates in various joint military exercises to improve combat capabilities, enhance tactical coordination, and foster mutual cooperation with partner nations. These exercises often focus on counter-terrorism, jungle warfare, and peacekeeping operations.

Indian Army Exercises 2026		
Exercise Name	Details	Participating Countries
Yudh Abhyas	Focuses on counter-terrorism and peacekeeping operations.	India, USA
Nomadic Elephant	Counter-insurgency and jungle warfare operations in mountainous terrain.	India, Mongolia
Shakti	A bilateral exercise focusing on counter-terrorism in semi-urban environments.	India, France
Hand-in-Hand	Focuses on joint operations in counter-terrorism and disaster relief.	India, China
Dharma Guardian	Focuses on counter-terrorism and jungle warfare.	India, Japan
Khanjar	Enhances cooperation in counter-terrorism in high-altitude terrains.	India, Kyrgyzstan

Indian Navy Exercise 2026

The Indian Navy conducts numerous bilateral and multilateral naval exercises to improve maritime security, enhance combat readiness, and strengthen strategic partnerships. These exercises focus on anti-submarine warfare, maritime surveillance, and humanitarian operations.

Indian Navy Exercises 2026

Exercise Name	Details	Participating Countries
SLINEX	Enhances interoperability in maritime operations.	India, Sri Lanka
INDRA Navy	Joint maritime exercise focusing on anti-terrorism and naval drills.	India, Russia
Varuna	Bilateral naval exercise focusing on joint operations and maritime security.	India, France
Konkan	Enhances maritime cooperation between the Indian and British navies.	India, United Kingdom
Naseem Al Bahr	Bilateral exercise focusing on maritime operations and security drills.	India, Oman
SIMBEX	Enhances defense ties with a focus on maritime security and operations.	India, Singapore

India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Operations

India plays a vital role in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations, providing aid and support to affected countries in times of natural disasters and emergencies. These missions often involve deployment of the Indian armed forces, relief materials, and medical assistance to help mitigate the impact of crises and foster regional cooperation and goodwill.

India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Operations

Operation Name	Description	Location/Region	Year(s) Conducted
Operation Rahat	Evacuation of Indian nationals and foreign nationals	Yemen	2015, 2018
Operation Maitri	Earthquake relief and rescue aid	Nepal	2015
Operation Sahayata	Flood relief assistance	Various flood-affected states in India	Multiple years

Operation Neer	Water supply relief during drought	Maldives	2014, ongoing
Operation Sankat Mochan	Evacuation during political turmoil	South Sudan	2013
Operation Insaniyat	Flood relief aid	Bangladesh	2020
Operation Sanjeevani	Medical relief during COVID-19 and other emergencies	Multiple countries	2020–Present
Operation Samudra Maitri	Tsunami relief support	Indonesia	2004
Operation Megh Rahat	Cyclone relief and rescue	Myanmar	2022
Operation Ganga	Evacuation during Afghanistan crisis	Afghanistan	2021
Operation Sukoon	Evacuation during Lebanon conflict	Lebanon	2006
Operation Madad	Disaster relief during Kerala floods	Kerala, India	2018