

## Types of Indian Military Exercises (2024)

### 1. Domestic Exercises

Domestic exercises are designed to enhance coordination and readiness within the Indian armed forces. These exercises may involve inter-service or intra-service components, depending on their objectives.

Exercise Name	Purpose
Gandiv Vijay	Internal engagement and operational readiness.
Paschim Lehar	Coordination among Western Naval Command.
Vayu Shakti	Demonstration of the Indian Air Force's firepower.
Vijay Prahar	Army's readiness and joint operations in simulated combat scenarios.

### 2. Bilateral Exercises

Bilateral exercises are conducted between India and another nation to improve military cooperation and understanding.

Exercise Name	Participating Nations	Focus Area
Sampriti	India & Bangladesh	Counter-terrorism and military cooperation.
Mitra Shakti	India & Sri Lanka	Joint training for counter-insurgency operations.
Maitree Exercise	India & Thailand	Strengthening military ties and joint training.
Vajra Prahar	India & US	Special forces training and joint operations.
Yudh Abhyas	India & US	Counter-terrorism and joint operational readiness.
Nomadic Elephant	India & Mongolia	Counter-insurgency and peacekeeping operations.
Garuda Shakti	India & Indonesia	Special forces training and joint operations.
Shakti Exercise	India & France	Counter-terrorism and military interoperability.
Dharma Guardian	India & Japan	Military cooperation and joint training.
Surya Kiran	India & Nepal	Counter-insurgency operations and humanitarian assistance.

<b>Hand in Hand</b>	India & China	Counter-terrorism and disaster management.
<b>SIMBEX</b>	India & Singapore	Naval cooperation and maritime security.
<b>CORPAT</b>	India & Thailand	Maritime security and anti-piracy operations.
<b>Exercise Indra</b>	India & Russia	Tri-service military cooperation.
<b>Ajeya Warrior</b>	India & UK	Joint military training and counter-insurgency.
<b>Indradhanush</b>	India & UK	Air force cooperation and operational readiness.
<b>Eastern Bridge</b>	India & Oman	Air force joint operations and interoperability.
<b>Ekuverin</b>	India & Maldives	Counter-terrorism and joint military training.
<b>Austra Hind</b>	India & Australia	Joint military cooperation and readiness.

### 3. Multilateral Exercises

Multilateral exercises involve multiple nations and focus on enhancing global military cooperation and readiness.

<b>Exercise Name</b>	<b>Participating Countries</b>	<b>Focus Area</b>
<b>RIMPAC</b>	Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, UK, USA	Largest naval exercise focusing on maritime security and cooperation.
<b>MALABAR</b>	India, USA, Japan	Naval cooperation and maritime security.
<b>COBRA-GOLD</b>	Asia-Pacific countries	Military readiness and disaster response.
<b>Samvedna</b>	South Asian Region Nations	Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.
<b>Milex 18</b>	BIMSTEC Countries (except Thailand)	Military cooperation among BIMSTEC nations.
<b>Blue Flag</b>	Israel, USA, Greece, Poland, France, Germany, Italy	Air force cooperation and interoperability.
<b>Peace Mission</b>	SCO countries including India and Pakistan	Counter-terrorism operations under SCO framework.
<b>Kakadu</b>	Royal Australian Navy and participating countries	Naval cooperation and maritime exercises.

### Latest Important Military Exercises (2024)

Here are some of the key military exercises conducted by the Indian Armed Forces in 2024:

Exercise Name	Participating Country	Location
Milan Naval Exercise	12th edition	Vishakhapatnam
Exercise Vayu Shakti	Indian Air Force	Jaisalmer
Sada Tanseeq	Saudi Arabia	Rajasthan
Desert Knight	India, France, UAE	Arabian Sea
Kanjar Exercise	Kyrgyzstan	Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
Exercise Shakti	France	Meghalaya
Steadfast Defender	NATO Countries	Europe
Exercise Lamitiye	Seychelles	Seychelles
Exercise Desert Cyclone	UAE	Rajasthan
Prasthan	Indian Navy	Mumbai
Tri Services Diving Exercise	Indian Navy, Army, Air Force	Sikkim
Exercise Cyber Suraksha	Defence Cyber Agency	New Delhi
Exercise Dustlik	Uzbekistan	Termez, Uzbekistan
Tiger Triumph	USA	Kakinda, India
Samudra Lakshmana	Malaysia	Vishakhapatnam
Dharma Guardian	Japan	Rajasthan
Exercise Cyclone	Egypt	Anshas, Egypt

#### Indian Army Military Exercises

Exercise Name	Participating Country	
Al Nagah-III	Oman	
Imbax	Myanmar	
Vinbax	Vietnam	
Bold Kurukshetra	Singapore	
Ekuverin	Maldives	
Garuda Shakti	Indonesia	
Hand in Hand	China	
Indra	Russia	
Khanjar	Kyrgyzstan	
Lamitiye	Seychelles	
Maitree	Thailand	
Mitra Shakti	Sri Lanka	
Exercise Force Eighteen	ASEAN Plus countries	
Nomadic Elephant	Mongolia	
KAZIND (Prabal Dostyk)	Kazakhstan	
Sampriti	Bangladesh	
Surya Kiran XIV	Nepal	
Table Top	Myanmar	
Yudh Abhyas	USA	

#### Indian Air Force Military Exercises

Exercise Name	Participating Country	
Garuda	France	
Eastern Bridge	Oman	
Avia Indra	Russia	
SIAM Bharat	Thailand	
Desert Eagle	UAE	
Indra Dhanush	UK	
Red Flag	USA	
Shinyu Maitri	Japan	

#### Indian Navy Military Exercises

Exercise Name	Participating Country	
SLINEX	Sri Lanka	
Naseem Al Bahr	Oman	
Ind- Indo Corpat	Indonesia	
Indra Navy	Russia	
Sahyog HOPTAC	Vietnam	
Konkan	UK	
Simbex	Singapore	
Varuna	France	
IMCOR	Vietnam	
Zair Al Bahr	Qatar	
Bongosagar	Bangladesh	