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Why in News?

The [Indian Air Force \(IAF\)](#) is taking part in the **8th edition** of **Exercise Garuda-25**, a bilateral air combat drill conducted with the **French Air and Space Force (FASF)**.

Key Points

- **About Garuda Exercise:**
 - “Garuda” is a bilateral [air exercise](#) between the Indian and [French air forces](#), conducted periodically since 2003.
 - It is among the **highest-level air force exercises** India conducts with a foreign air force and is held alternately in India and France.
 - Its key objectives include [enhancing mutual operational capabilities](#), sharing tactics, building log-operational familiarity and forging strategic ties.
- **About 2025 Edition:**
 - The 8th edition of Garuda (Garuda-25) is being held from **16th to 27th November, 2025** at **Mont-de-Marsan Air Base in France**.
 - The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** contingent, featuring [Su-30MKI fighter aircraft](#) supported by **IL-78 refuellers** and **C-17 Globemaster III** air-lift assets, will operate alongside [French multirole fighters](#) in complex simulated missions involving **air-to-air combat**, **air defence**, and **joint strike operations**.

