



ZAPAD 2021: Russia

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The **Indian Army contingent** will participate in a two-week **multinational military exercise** named '**ZAPAD 2021**' at Nizhny in Russia.

Key Points

- It is **one of the theatre level exercises of the Russian Armed Forces** and will focus primarily on **operations against terrorists**.
- Over a dozen countries from **Eurasian and South Asian Region** will participate in the exercise.
 - **Nine are Participating countries** which include Mongolia, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia, Russia, India and Belarus.
 - **Eight countries are Observers which** include Pakistan, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Uzbekistan and Sri Lanka.
- The **aim** is to enhance military and strategic ties amongst the participating nations.
- The **NAG Battalion group** (from **India**) will participate in the exercise.
The Naga Regiment is an **infantry regiment of the Indian Army**.
- India also participated in the **exercise TSENTR 2019**, which is part of the annual series of large scale exercises that form part of the Russian Armed Forces' annual training cycle.
- **Military Exercise between India and Russia:**
Indra 2021: Joint Tri-Services (Army, Navy, Air Force) Exercise.

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