



# Exercise Vayu Shakti

## Why in News?

Amid the [deepening crisis in Ukraine](#), the [Indian Air Force \(IAF\)](#) has decided to postpone its firepower demonstration, **Exercise Vayu Shakti**.

- The exercise was scheduled in the **Pokhran ranges in Rajasthan**. The last edition of Vayu Shakti was held in **February 2019**.

## What is Ex Vayu Shakti?

- It is a **triennial exercise once every three year. It is aimed at showcasing the capability of the IAF to conduct full spectrum operations** (Day and Night) , and to see the participation of aircraft and helicopters,transport aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles.
- The frontline aircraft in the IAF inventory includes:
  - [Russian SU-30MKI](#) and **MiG-29UPG fighters**,
  - [French Rafale](#) and **Mirage 2000**,
  - American **C-130 and C-17 transport aircraft**, [AH-64E Apache attack helicopters](#) and [CH-47F Chinook heavy-lift helicopters](#),
  - Indigenous [Light Combat Aircraft \(Tejas\)](#), [Advanced Light Helicopter \(Dhruv\)](#) and the [Light Combat Helicopter](#).

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