



## Garuda Shakti

### Why in News?

**Indian Army Special Forces and Indonesian Special Forces** are participating in the eighth **edition of the bilateral military exercise 'Garuda Shakti'** at Karawang, Indonesia that commenced on 21 November 2022.



### What is Garuda Shakti?

- **Aim:**
  - It aims at enhancing **understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the Special Forces of both armies.**
- **Significance:**
  - The joint exercise will **facilitate both armies to know each other better, and share their wide experiences and combat experience** on countering terrorist operations, Regional Security Operations & Peace Keeping Operations in an international environment.
  - The exercise is yet another **significant milestone in ensuring cordial relations between the two countries** and another step forward towards **ensuring regional security.**

### What are the Other Bilateral Military Exercises?

- **MAITREE** (India and **Thailand**)
- **Ekuverin** (India and **Maldives**)

- **Hand-in-Hand** (India and **China**)
- **Mitra Shakti** (India and **Sri Lanka**)
- **Harimau Shakti** (India and **Malaysia**)
- **Kurukshetra** (India and **Singapore**)
- **Nomadic Elephant** (India and **Mongolia**)
- **Shakti** (India and **France**)
- **Surya Kiran** (India and **Nepal**)
- **Yudh Abhyas** (India and **US**)

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