



Vostok Exercise 2022

Why in News?

Recently, India joined a multilateral strategic and command **Exercise Vostok - 2022** in Russia along with China among other countries.



What is Exercise Vostok?

- It will involve troops from several **ex-Soviet nations, China, India, Laos, Mongolia, Nicaragua and Syria**.
 - The **Indian Army** was represented by the contingent of troops from **7/8 Gorkha Rifles**.
- It is aimed at **interaction and coordination amongst other participating military contingents** and observers.
- The Vostok 2022 exercise will be held at seven firing ranges in **Russia's Far East and the Sea of Japan** and involve more than 50,000 troops and over 5,000 weapons units, including 140 aircraft and 60 warships.
- The Indian Army contingent will look forward to **sharing practical aspects** and putting into practice the validated drills, procedures and practice amalgamation of new technology through discussions and tactical exercises.

What are India's Exercises with China & Russia?

- **China:**
 - **Exercise Hand-in-Hand:**
 - The aim of the exercise is to practice joint planning and conduct of **counter terrorist operations in semi urban terrain**.

▪ **Russia:**

◦ **Exercise Indra:**

- The exercise will entail the conduct of counter terror operations under the **United Nations** mandate by a joint force against international terror groups.
- The INDRA series of exercises began in 2003 and was conducted as a bilateral naval exercise alternately between the two countries.
 - However, the first joint Tri-Services Exercise was conducted in 2017.

◦ **Exercise TSENTR:**

- Exercise TSENTR 2019 is part of the annual series of large-scale exercises that form part of the Russian Armed Forces' annual training cycle.

◦ **Exercise ZAPAD 2021:**

- It is a multinational exercise in which 17 countries including India, China, Russia and Pakistan are part of it.
 - It focuses **primarily on operations against terrorists.**

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