



Indo-French Joint Exercise Shakti-2019

'Exercise SHAKTI' is a biennial exercise which is conducted alternately in India and France. The 2019 edition will be conducted from 31 October 2019 to 13 November 2019 in Rajasthan, India.



- The exercise will focus on counter terrorism operations in backdrop of semi-desert terrain. The training will focus primarily on high degree of physical fitness, sharing of drill at tactical level and learning of best practices from each other.
- The exercise aims at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the two Armies.
- Defence Exercises between India and France:
 - **Varuna - Naval exercise**
 - **Garuda - Air exercise**
 - **Shakti - Army exercise**

Note:

- **Gagan Shakti** is conducted by the **Indian Air Force** to showcase its air dominance over the entire extended area of the **Indian Ocean Region**. It includes all terrain operations - desert, high altitude, maritime scenarios and special operations - in real time with specific focus on key areas like aerial combat, air to surface combat, paratrooper assault and medical evacuation.
- **Garuda Shakti** is the [joint military exercise](#) between **India and Indonesia**.
- **Mitra Shakti** is the joint military exercise between **India and Sri Lanka**.

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