

Exercise CYCLONE

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The 3rd edition of the India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise CYCLONE commenced at Rajasthan.

About Exercise CYCLONE:

- **Annual Exercise**: Conducted alternatively in India and Egypt, with the last edition held in Egypt (January 2024).
- Objectives:
 - Strengthening military-to-military relations between India and Egypt.
 - Enhancing interoperability, joint operational capabilities and exchange of special warfare operations tactics.
 - Counter-terrorism operations in desert/semi-desert terrain aligning with Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

India and Egypt:

- India is one of Egypt's key trading partners in Africa, with a Bilateral Trade Agreement (1978) based on the Most Favored Nation clause.
- India and Egypt established a Strategic Partnership in 2023 spanning political, security, defence, energy, and economic cooperation.

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Bangladesh	Sampriti
China	Hand in Hand
France	Shakti
Indonesia	Garuda Shakti
Kazakhstan	Prabal Dostykk
Kyrgyzstan	Khanjar
Maldives	Ekuverin
<u>Mong</u> olia	Nomadic Elephant
Myanmar	Imbex
Nepal	Surya Kiran
Oman	Al Nagah
Russia	Indra
Seychelles	Lamitiye
Sri Lanka	Mitra Shakti
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